

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026



Here for Christ – here for you

Candlemas

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

A very warm welcome if you are joining us today. Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service.

Our services are in Church and on Zoom. We usually video the 8am sermon and 10am service and upload them on Facebook later. If you would like to join any of our services on Zoom, please ring 01603 250844 or email Catherine Richmond on services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk for the details.

If you would like a visit from Patrick the Vicar, or more information, please fill in one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pews and hand it to Patrick, a warden or a sidesperson.

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.205)

10 am Family Communion with candles and procession

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-5 (Old Testament p.904)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (New Testament p.216)

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (New Testament p.56)

Anthem: *O nata lux* - Edmund Jolliffe

Voluntary: *Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'* -
John R Watkinson

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

Christ Church is usually open for Private Prayer from 10.30am to 4pm each day

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LENT

Ash Wednesday Communion with St Andrew's

7.30pm, 18th February at Christ Church

With Imposition of Ashes and *James Cook preaching*

Lent Lunches on Mondays

12.30pm-1.45pm

Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th March at Christ Church

Mondays 16th, 23rd, 30th March at St Andrew's Church Hall.

If you might be able to help one Monday from 12noon-1.45pm please talk to
Vivien Humber

Lent Course

Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent

7.30pm at the Vicarage, 161 Newmarket Road, NR4 6SY

Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st April

Please let Patrick know if you are interested

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 1st Foodbank collection

Monday 2nd

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.00 pm Mission Focus meet at St Andrew's to pray for our Mission Partners.
All welcome. (Please NB change of date for this month)

Wednesday 4th

12 noon Deadline for the March Parishes Magazine. Please send contributions
via email to magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk or leave in the Parishes'
Office

2.30 pm Meeting of Old Eatonians at St Andrew's Church Hall. *Tales from
recording a Burial Ground* - Marilyn Evans. Ann Copsey (259257)

Monday 9th Patrick away at General Synod until Friday evening

2.00 pm Special *Chat over a Cuppa* - see notices

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

The Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.80)

10 am All age service celebrating Baptism and Godparents
(Romans 8:14-25 (in service sheet))

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

This course will involve eight self-contained sessions on different aspects of prayer which will help us grow and deepen our prayer life. Each session will involve watching a 20-minute video and a ~10-minute discussion

Sundays 11.30 am after the service at Christ Church

The first three sessions:

- 22nd February - Why pray?
- 8th March - Adoration
- 19th April - Petition

Contact Geraldine Verschoor for more details (verschog@aol.com)

NEWS AND NOTICES

Special Chat Over a Cuppa

Monday 9th February at 2pm. A Special Winter Tea with sandwiches, cakes and plenty more. Please bring friends and come and join us.

Letters from the Treasurer

At the back of church there are individually addressed letters thanking and commending the Parish Giving Scheme for regular members of Christ Church and those on our electoral roll. Please collect yours if you haven't already done so. *Thank you*

Jigsaw Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported my jigsaw sale which raised £350 for the work of Save the Children. I hope to hold another jigsaw sale later in the year so please let me have any unwanted jigsaws.

Thank you. Marilyn Evans

(vmevans@ntlworld.com, 07776 144095)

Monthly Charity Collections,

November and December

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to the charities of the month. In November £330 was raised for Star Throwers, a local cancer support charity, and in December £442 for 4Cs, a counselling service for people living in Norfolk which is staffed by Christian volunteers.

Attendance Figures

18th January:

8am:	11
10am:	67 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	6

25th January:

8am:	17
10am:	54 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	9

Charity of the Month: *Hope into Action UK* (hopeintoaction.org.uk) - empowering churches to respond to the homelessness crisis. For more information see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am, Mondays-Fridays

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Charity of the Month

We give thanks for the work of Hope into Action, working with churches to provide homes, friendship and support to the homeless. We pray for the team and partner churches in Norwich and for those living in the homes in the city.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for preparations for special services and activities in Lent, giving thanks for those organising them. We pray that Lent will be a time of growth in discipleship, prayer and service. We give thanks for Steph Brookes and for her eight years of faithful leadership of *Chat over a Cuppa*, and for the friendship and welcome it offers. We pray for Steph as she steps back from leading, and ask that God would guide and provide the right person to lead this

ministry in the future. We pray for all in our parish, particularly those living in The Plantation, The Walnuts and Town Close Road.

The World

We pray for all affected by recent extreme weather events including flooding in the UK, snow in North America and a heatwave in Australia. We pray for just peace and an end to war and terrorism in the world, praying especially for Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan and Ukraine.

The Sick and Suffering

We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, including Amelia, Angela, June Bishop, Bobs, Sheila Bootman, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, Simon Girling, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, John Ladd, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Caroline Richmond has healed from her operation.

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should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Tuesday 2nd February. *Thank you*

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