

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026



Here for Christ – here for you

The First Sunday of Epiphany The Baptism of Christ

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.67)

10 am **Family Communion** with activities for the young
1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (Old Testament p.680)
2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (New Testament p.126)
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (New Testament p.3)
Anthem: *Like the murmur of the dove's song* - Alan Smith
Voluntary: *Two Preludes on 'Carlisle'* - David Blackwell & Paul Bryan

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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www.facebook.com/ChristChurchEaton

Charity of the Month: *Wycliffe Bible Translators* (wycliffe.org.uk) - helping everyone have access to a Bible in their own language. For more information see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Monday 12th

- 2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*
- 2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome
- 7.30 pm *No PCC meeting - please N.B. next PCC on 16th, not 9th, February*

Wednesday 14th

- 7.30 pm Worship Committee meet at 161 Newmarket Road

Friday 16th

- 2.30 pm Funeral of Neville Cooke

Monday 19th

- 2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

Wednesday 21st

- 10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union meet at St Andrew's Church. *Bring and Share refreshments and quiz. Come with friends! Ruth Vaughan (504849)*
- 7.30 pm Growth Group meet at 161 Newmarket Road

DIARY DATES: Please put these dates in your diary

- ❖ Wednesday February 18th, 7.30pm - Sung Ash Wednesday Communion
- ❖ Mondays February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 12.30 pm - Lent Lunch in Christ Church
- ❖ Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st April, 7.30pm - Lent Course: *Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent* at 161 Newmarket Road
- ❖ Saturday March 14th, 7 for 7.30pm - Quiz and Chips at Eaton Park Community Centre. Organised by *The Friends of Christ Church*
- ❖ Sunday March 15th, 10am - Mothering Sunday service for all ages
- ❖ Mondays March 16th, 23rd, 30th, 12.30 pm - Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Eaton Church Hall
- ❖ Sunday March 22nd, 7pm - Eaton Choral Society Concert, Fauré's *Requiem*
- ❖ Saturday March 28th, 9.45am - Easter Workshop for Children at St Andrew's Church Hall
- ❖ Sunday April 5th - Easter Day
- ❖ Sunday May 31st, 11.30am - Church Annual Meetings (election of wardens and APCM)

NEWS AND NOTICES

Sidespersons Needed

We are looking for three new people to help as sidespersons. If you would be interested to welcome people in to church for one Sunday a month, please have a word with Alistair MacDougall. *Thank you*

Creative workshop

10.30am-12.00pm, Saturday 31st January. Design and create your own prayer beads. Short introduction and discussion about prayer. Guidance and materials including beads and thread will be provided. You are welcome to bring along any beads you wish to use. Please book a place by contacting: Julie Bolt (ja.bolt@ntlworld.com), Bridget Archer (davidarcher66@btinternet.com) or adding your name to the list on the noticeboard at Christ Church. Places are limited. Additional workshops will be arranged as necessary.

Thank You

to everyone who supported the Original Norwich Christmas Charity Card Shop. The amount raised for the charities involved exceeded £48,000 - even more than last year.

Grand Jigsaw Sale

4 Elstead Close, Saturday 24th January, 10.30am - 3pm. In support of Save the Children. All jigsaws checked and complete. Minimum donation of £1 for any jigsaw. Free refreshments. If you don't like jigsaws and don't know anyone that does please feel free to just come for a chat and a cuppa. *Marilyn Evans*

Roadworks Access Alert

The junction of Christchurch Road and Unthank Road is being upgraded from Monday 12th January. The work is expected to take about 12 weeks and during that time there will be no access to Christchurch Road from Unthank Road.

Time for Parish Review Reports!

Please email reports for the Annual Review to office@eatonchurches.org.uk by 31st Jan. Thank you, *Ruth Thorp*

Norwich Community Advice

Connect Centre Needs Volunteers

A small group of city centre churches have set up a new charity to provide face to face debt advice, initially from The Chantry Hall Foodbank (behind The Assembly House). To grow the charity, we need more volunteers including Money Mentors, Client Support Mentors, Receptionists and Trustees. We provide unconditional, confidential, free, face to face advice, to individuals and families in Norwich. We are affiliated with the national charity Community Money Advice who provide the regulated debt advice. If you are interested please contact Cherri (cherri@ncmacc.org.uk) for an informal chat.

Attendance Figures

28th December:

8am:	13
10am:	44 adults, 0 U16s

4th January:

8am:	12
10am:	40 adults, 0 U16s
6pm:	6

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 18th JANUARY - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8 am	BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.69)
10 am	Family Communion (Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42)
6 pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Prayer for Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

We pray for the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, giving thanks for the recent launch of the New Testament for the Dobel people of Indonesia. We also give thanks for the Bible app and church liturgy that has been developed in Dobel alongside the New Testament.

The World

We pray for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to become Archbishop of Canterbury later this month. We pray for all affected by the cold weather, flooding, earthquakes and wildfires

and give thanks for charities and agencies supporting people who have to leave their homes.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for our financial giving, both to Christ Church and to the charities we support. We give thanks for the Parish Giving Scheme. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Spelman Road, Statham Close and The Mews.

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, Bobs, Sheila Bootman, Carrie, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Evangeline Fischer-Harrison, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, John Ladd, Caroline Richmond, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the family and friends of Neville Cooke. Help us comfort those who mourn.

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should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on
Tuesday 13th January. *Thank you*

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