

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026



The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Here for Christ – here for you

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.69)

10 am Family Communion with activities for the young

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Old Testament p.689)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (New Testament p.162)

Gospel: John 1:29-42 (New Testament p.88)

Voluntary: *Grand Choeur in D* - William Augustus Montgomery

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

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.

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LENT

Lent Course

Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent
Wednesdays 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st April, 7.30pm at the Vicarage, 161 Newmarket Road, NR4 6SY. Please let Patrick know if you are interested

Joint Ash Wednesday Communion

7.30pm, 18th February at Christ Church

Lent Lunches on Mondays

12.30pm-1.45pm on Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th March at Christ Church and on 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

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Monday 19th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

Tuesday 20th

7.30 pm Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Luke's, Aylsham Road

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

Monday 26th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at The Hawthorns, Unthank Road. All welcome

Tuesday 27th

2.30pm Youth and children's committee meet (venue TBC)

Saturday 31st

10.00 am Choir rehearsal

10.30 am Creative workshop (booking required - see notices)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 25th JANUARY - The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.71)

10 am Family Communion
(Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23)

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

Notices for Sunday 25th January

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on
Tuesday 20th January. *Thank you*

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NEWS AND NOTICES

Help Nominate 2026 Charities!

The Parishes' Donations Team would like nominations for the *Charities of the Month* for the second half of this year, one for each month. We are looking for a mixture of international, national and local charities, all Christian-based. Could you set out your reasons for suggesting a charity and email it to vivienaldred@norwich.cloud or hand it into the Parishes' Office, marked *Donations, 2026*. The Donations Team will then consider the nominations and the PCC will approve the final list.

Roadworks Access Alert

The junction of Christchurch Road and Unthank Road is currently being upgraded and there is no access to Christchurch Road from Unthank Road.

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.

Time for Parish Review Reports!

If you usually write a report for the Parish Review, please email it to office@eatonchurches.org.uk by 31st Jan. Thank you, Ruth Thorp

Sidespersons Needed

We are looking for new sidespersons. Thank you to those who've already volunteered. If you might welcome people into church for one Sunday a month, please have a word with Alistair MacDougall. *Thank you*

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 come just for a chat and a cuppa. *Marilyn Evans*

Norwich Community Advice

Connect Centre Needs Volunteers

This new charity provides face to face debt advice, from The Chantry Hall Foodbank. 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

4th January:

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

11th January:

8am:	13
10am:	65 adults, 6 U16s
6pm:	7

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th Jan)

The materials for the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. The prayers are based on Ephesians 4v4: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope of your calling. Here are some prayers taken from the resources for the week. (www.ctbi.org.uk)

Lord Jesus Christ, show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness. May the light You shine on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world. Disturb the hearts of all who would make war; touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war. We pray especially for the people of Armenia and Artsakh, and their kindred throughout the world. Let the light of Your love shine in all the dark places of our world, and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace with justice. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you bring us together in all our diversity, as family and church. In the face of so many situations on earth, where hope has given way to despair and

hearts are wounded and emptied by disappointment, renew our strength and unify us. Help us to share Your hope wherever we find ourselves. You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin, despair and brokenness, who shines into our hearts, releasing the joy and the true hope of Your eternal love for all. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have bestowed wonderful graces and multiple gifts upon us for the sake of building up Your Body, the Church. Help us to embrace and recognise our individuality, so that we may be caught up in the childlike wonder of Your diverse making and creating. Breathe in us with Your creative Spirit, that we may respond and spread Your word, Your dream, Your grace and Your beauty, to every place that we can reach, as we play and pray in Your name. Amen.

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.