

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025



### 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 record 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 250844 or email Catherine Richmond on [services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Old Testament p.703)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (New Testament p.170)  
Gospel: John 2:1-11 (New Testament p.89)  
Voluntary: *Offertoire in C* - Caleb Simper

**6 pm**      **Evening Prayer on Zoom**

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

**Charity of the Month: *Bible Society* ([www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)) working to  
make the Bible available to all. Please donate at the back of church or  
online**

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Special Chat over a Cuppa**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January there will be a New Year's tea with sandwiches, sausage rolls and cakes. Everyone is welcome - please come and invite and bring friends.

### **Church Annual Meetings (APCM)**

will be on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am after the 10am service.

### **Glasses for Africa**

Thank you to all who donated their old and broken glasses. This year I have taken 91 pairs to Specsavers to be repaired and sent to the disadvantaged in Africa. Please continue to donate them. Thank you. *Jacky Sutcliffe*

### **Time for Parish Review Reports!**

Please email reports for the Annual Review to [office@eatonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@eatonchurches.org.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Thank you, *Ruth Thorp*

### **Stamps for Embrace the Middle East**

Thank to you all who donated their used postage stamps. This year I sent 425gms to be sold for this worthy cause. Please continue to donate them. Thank you. *Jacky Sutcliffe*

### **Charity of the Month Donations**

St Andrew's and Christ Church together raised £473 for the Daylight Christian Prison Trust - bringing the total for the year so far to £6,149. Thank you to all who have given so generously. *Donations Team*

### **Decorations for a Giraffe Wanted**

You may remember the card sale in November to raise money for a mini giraffe for the 2025 Break Sculpture trail. We now need your help to decorate it! The theme is books as we plan to donate the giraffe to Earlham library. Decorations need to be no larger than A5 (preferably smaller) and decorated with acrylic paint or just crayons/pencils. Examples could be drawing a favourite character from a book, decorating a book title, writing a sentence from a book etc. Please leave completed decorations in an envelope for me at the back of the church. Thank you. *Bridget Archer*

### **Eaton Choral Society Invite**

It is not too late to join our rehearsals for Handel's *Messiah*. Just come along on Wednesday evenings to St Andrew's, 7.15pm for the 7.30pm start. Scores can be borrowed. The concert is on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Christ Church. More information: [choralsocietyeaton@gmail.com](mailto:choralsocietyeaton@gmail.com)

### **Attendance Figures**

5<sup>th</sup> January:

8am:	13
10am:	58 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	6

12<sup>th</sup> January:

8am:	15 adults, 1U16
10am:	57 adults, 1 U16
6pm:	7

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8 am	BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.71)
10 am	Family Communion (Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21)
6 pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

## ***The Chosen***

Come and see *The Chosen* at Christ Church  
3pm on Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

The Chosen is a critically acclaimed TV series dramatising the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. We will watch one episode per session and you can come to one session or both.

Please note the episodes are rated 12 - there will be fun craft activities for younger children.

Refreshments provided.

This is a free event. All Welcome. No biblical knowledge necessary.

## **EVENTS**

***Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated***

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until 25<sup>th</sup>***

3.00 pm The Chosen (see information above)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa* - New Year Tea (see Notices)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union meet at St Andrew's. Bring and Share and a Quiz. *Jenny Holcombe (452429)*

7.30 pm Worship Committee meet at 161 Newmarket Road

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Choir Rehearsal

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

2.30 pm Holy Communion at The Hawthorns. All welcome

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

2.30 pm Youth and Children's Committee meet at 7 Coach House Court

7.30 pm Group Council meet at 161 Newmarket Road

## **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.

### **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 Bobs, Evangeline Fischer-Harrison, Penny Furze, Susan Gillard, Joyce Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris and Don Hobbs, Vivien Humber, Paul James, Don and Jean Ray, Dick and Val Rout, Neil Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Lucy, Simon, Catherine, Carl and Phil.

## **The Departed**

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

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

*The materials for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy, and commemorate the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ecumenical Council of Nicaea. The prayers are based on John 11:17-27 and Jesus' question to Martha "Do you believe this?" - the Nicene Creed answering what Christians believe. Here are some prayers taken from the resources for the week.*

*([www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk))*

We bless you, O Lord, Father of lights: from you descends every good thing and every perfect gift. You have made the world and all that it contains, you are the Lord of heaven and earth. You created all the peoples that dwell on the earth. For them you established the order of time and the boundaries of their space. In the heart of human beings, you have placed the depth of eternity. Rebirth in us that unity that our selfishness has fractured in your Church and in the one world around us. God of all consolation, call us to follow you and make firm for us the work of our hands. We praise you through Jesus Christ, your only-

begotten Son, in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Risen Jesus, Help me to grasp the good news that you have taken the sting out of death, and given us all glorious hope. Take my fears and worries and let me fully embrace the truth. Living as a witness to others. Speaking words of faith, hope and love. Amen.

God, Giver of Life, Light of the World, Breath of Heaven, the one God three times holy - Blessed are you past, present and future. We confess our common faith in you. Let us rejoice in the Spirit, who renews the face of the earth and draws us towards unity. Forgive us when our breath is distasteful. Enflame us with your Pentecost fire, to speak the truth of the gospel that brings freedom and life. Awaken our prayers and give them flesh as we work with you, to make well and full, the whole of creation.

God of our journeyings, Christ of our shorelines, Spirit of endless horizons, beckon us towards unity. Challenge us to step out of our upper rooms and safe spaces, to be bringers of light and peace. Imbue us with the light of your love, reconciling us to ourselves, to each other and to you when we confront the scandal of division. Graft peace, love and compassion into our mission and discipleship. Bind with peace any broken limb that we might go into the world and live the way of Jesus for the sake of all creation.

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. *Thank you*

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