

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026



Here for Christ – here for you

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

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](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.94)

**10 am**      **Family Communion** with activities for children

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Old Testament p.820)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:6-11 (New Testament p.153)

Gospel: John 11:1-45 (New Testament p.101)

Anthem: *Drop, drop slow tears* - Gibbons arr. Greening

Voluntary: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BWV 727)* -  
J S Bach

**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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## EVENTS

*Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated*

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**      *Foodbank Collection*

7.00 pm    Eaton Choral Society Concert. Fauré's *Requiem* and *Sea Requiem* by Susanna Self, the choir's director. Tickets: £10 on the door.

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

10.30 am    Town Close School visit

12.30 pm    Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome

2.00 pm    *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

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

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30 pm    Lent Course: *Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent* at 161 Newmarket Road

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

9.45 am - 12noon    Easter Workshop for children aged 5-11 at St Andrew's Church Hall

10.00 am    Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**      *Foodbank Collection*

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**      *Holy Week*

12.30 pm    Lent Lunch at St Andrew's Church Hall

2.00 pm    *Chat over a Cuppa*. All welcome

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

10.00 am    Holy Week Communion (Isaiah 49:1-7; John 12:20-36)

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10.00 am    Holy Week Communion (Isaiah 50:4-9a; John 13:21-32)

12 noon    Deadline for the May Parishes Magazine. Please send contributions via email to [magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk](mailto:magazine@eatonchurches.org.uk) or leave in the Parishes' Office

2.30 pm    Meeting of Old Eatonians at St Andrew's Church Hall. *Dragons and Dreams* - Frances Middleton. *Ann Copsey (259257)*

7.30 pm    Lent Course: *Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent* at 161 Newmarket Road

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**      *Maundy Thursday*

12 noon    Office closes for Easter - re-opens 10am, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 pm    Sung Holy Communion with Foot Washing. Followed by the Stripping of the Altars and a short vigil

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**      *Good Friday*

10.00 am    Good Friday Service with choir, dramatised Passion reading, hymns and an Act of Penitence at the Cross

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**      *Holy Saturday*

9.30 am    Decorating the church for Easter (see notices)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Decorating Christ Church for Easter**

We shall be decorating Christ Church from 9.30am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please speak to Carrie Phoenix (455413) if you can help. Donations of flowers and greenery welcome - please leave outside on the north side of Church, through the gate. There is a bowl at the back of Church for donations towards the cost of flowers. Extra Flower Arrangers are especially welcome

### **Thank You!**

Huge thanks to

- The *Friends of Christ Church Eaton* for organising the Quiz and Chips which raised £626
- all who organised the Lent Lunches
- all who prepared and participated in our Mothering Sunday service

### **Double Easter Notice Sheet**

Notices for Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

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

Christ Church and St Andrew's raised £280 for Wycliffe Bible Translators (January's charity) and £383 for Hope into Action (February). Thank you to all who have given so generously. *Donations Team*

### **Office Closure for Easter**

The office will close at noon on Maundy Thursday, and re-open at 10am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Feet Needed!**

If you might be willing to have your feet washed at the Maundy Thursday evening service, please speak to Patrick.

### **Readers Needed**

Please speak to Richard Rivett if you might be interested in taking part in the dramatised reading on Palm Sunday or on Good Friday

### **Easter Workshop for 5-11s**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.45am-12noon, at St Andrew's Eaton. Fun, games, crafts, Bible stories and refreshments. Free event. Please email [eatonchildren@gmail.com](mailto:eatonchildren@gmail.com) to book a place.

### **Another Toilet Twinning!**

Thanks to the generosity of the 10am Congregation we have raised £240 and twinned our toilet with 4 in Umzingwane, Zimbabwe. We are now twinned with 4 school or community blocks and 25 toilets in 11 countries.

### **Children's Work Prayer Cards**

Please take a prayer card from the back of church and pray for our work with children and their families.

*Thank you*

### **Attendance Figures**

8<sup>th</sup> March:

8am:	16
10am:	69 adults, 3 U16s
6pm:	5

15<sup>th</sup> March:

8am:	14
10am:	77 adults, 5 U16s
6pm:	5

### **Charity of the Month: Norwich Diocese Mothers' Union Refugee**

**Resettlement Project** - buying bedding for vulnerable families coming to Norfolk through the Home Office resettlement scheme. For more information, please see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes.

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### Palm Sunday

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion with the Rev'd Alastair Gledhill  
(Collect and readings p.95)
- 10 am Family Communion with Palm Procession and dramatised  
Passion Reading  
(Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11;  
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66)
- 6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage



***Please NB From Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, Evening Prayer on Zoom ceases and there will be a service of BCP Evensong in Church and on Zoom at 6pm instead***

### PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

#### **Collect**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Church and Local Concerns**

We pray for preparations for Holy Week, Easter and the Children's Workshop and for growth in discipleship, service, invitation and welcome. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Branksome Close, Branksome Road and Buckingham Road.

#### **The World**

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for Iranian Christians at this time. We pray for peace throughout the world, for leaders and peace makers. We pray for those living in war zones, including Iran, the Middle

East, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Sudan.

#### **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, Caroline, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Elbro, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, Joanna, Muriel Jones, John Ladd, Nigel, Paul, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, and Ros Wright. We give thanks that Simon Girling and David Uden are recovering well.

#### **The Departed**

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

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