

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAYS 26th OCTOBER and 2nd NOVEMBER 2025



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 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.

SERVICES for SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER

The Last Sunday after Trinity

- 8 am** **BCP Holy Communion** with the Rev'd Mike Marshall
(Collect & readings for the 19th Sunday after Trinity p.186)
- 10 am** **Family Communion** with Archdeacon Keith James
1st Reading: Joel 2:23-32 (Old Testament p.862)
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 (New Testament p.211)
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (New Testament p.78)
Anthem: *O God, you search me* - Bernadette Farrell
Voluntary: *Voluntary in D* - S. S. Wesley
- 6 pm** **NO Evening Prayer**

SERVICES for SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

The Fourth Sunday before Advent, celebrating All Saints

- 8am** **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and readings p.233)
- 10 am** **Family Communion** with Procession for All Saints
1st Reading: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 (New Testament p.842)
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23 (New Testament p.189)
Gospel: Luke 6:20-31 (New Testament p.61)
Anthem: *O Thou, whose all-redeeming might* -
 Plainsong arr. Blackwell
Voluntary: *Variations sur 'Sine Nomine'* - Denis Bédard
- 6 pm** **Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Our thanks to the Rev'd Mike Marshall and Archdeacon Keith James for leading our services on 26th October

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

NEWS AND NOTICES

Office Closure

Please pray for Ruth Thorp, our office administrator, and her family following the death of her mum, Sheila Short. Whilst Ruth is on compassionate leave, please bear with us if parish administration takes a little longer than usual. As Kyla is on holiday, the office will be closed until 3rd November. *Thank you*

Friday Fish and Chip Lunch

12pm and 14th November and 19th December. If you would like to join others for a fish and chip lunch, please sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church. Numbers need to be known in advance, payment in cash on the day please. *Bridget Archer (07756937656)*

Lay Intercessions Rota 2026

Thank you to all those who have led our prayers at the 10 am services this year. It is much appreciated. I will soon be compiling the rota for people to lead our intercessions in 2026. It would be good to have some more volunteers so if you would like to join the rota for this important ministry or to know a bit more about the role, then please come and talk with me. Many thanks, *Jeff Arden*

Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who provided and prepared food, helped in any way and most importantly attended. We had a lovely evening socially and thanks to people's generosity raised £350 for Tearfund, our harvest charity. *Ruth Vaughan*

Foodbank - Christmas Collection

We will be collecting every Sunday from now until Sunday, 7th December. Please can you give Christmas treats, along with the most needed items: long life milk and juice, tinned meat/fish, tinned vegetables and fruit, pasta sauce, soup, custard and rice pudding. *Many thanks*

Card Deliverers Needed

Might you be able to help deliver the Parish Christmas and Easter Cards? If you can help, please speak to Jeff Arden. *Thank you!*

Norfolk Churches Trust annual cycle ride

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me. I had a lovely day visiting 54 places of worship, raising £1063 of which £678 was gift aided. Half of the total sum will come back to Christ Church. *Ruth Vaughan*

The Original Norwich Charity Card Shop

Is open at St Peter Mancroft Church until 13th December, Monday to Saturday 10.45am - 3pm

Attendance Figures

12th October:

8am:	15
10am:	62 adults, 12 U16s
6pm:	27

19th October:

8am:	9
10am:	65 adults, 2 U16s
6pm:	6 on Zoom

EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

Monday 27th October *Parishes Office closed until 10am, 3rd November*

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa* - free drinks and refreshments. All welcome

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

Wednesday 29th October *Patrick on retreat until Friday evening*

Saturday 1st November

9.45 am-12noon Autumn Workshop for Children (aged 5-11) at St Andrew's
Eaton

10.00 am Choir rehearsal

Sunday 2nd November *Foodbank Collection*

Monday 3rd November

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa* - free drinks and refreshments. All welcome

Wednesday 5th November

12 noon Deadline for December/January 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. *Remember, remember the 5th November et al* - Richard Dromey. *Ann Copsey* (259257)

Sunday 9th November *Foodbank Collection*

Monday 10th November

2.00 pm Mission Focus at St Andrew's Church. All welcome

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

7.30 pm PCC meeting

Tuesday 11th November

10.45 am Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Newmarket Road. Lasts half an hour. All welcome

Wednesday 12th November

7.30 m Worship Committee meet at 161 Newmarket Road

Saturday 15th November

10am-12.30pm Autumn Fair in aid of our Mission Partners at St Andrew's Church Hall, Eaton

Notices for Sunday 9th November

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,
notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on
Tuesday 4th November. *Thank you*

**Donate to
Christ Church**



GROUP FOCUS

Various groups meet regularly at Christ Church. Here are details of some of them. Might you like to join one of them?

- ❖ *Chat over a Cuppa* is a chance to meet over a cup of tea or coffee on Monday afternoons, 2pm to 3.30pm at Church
- ❖ The Christ Church Chosen Group watches episodes of *The Chosen* (an award-winning series dramatizing the life of Christ) at home and then meets regularly after the 10 am service in the Sunday School room to discuss the previous episodes. Contact Geraldine Verschoor (Verschog@aol.com) for more information.
- ❖ The Friday afternoon Bible Study Group meets on Zoom, fortnightly during school term time, from 1.30pm to 3pm. For more information contact Tanya Page (fieldingtanya@hotmail.com)
- ❖ Praying for Growth. If you might be interested in joining the prayer group to pray for growth at Christ Church, please contact Geraldine Verschoor (VerschoG@aol.com). There is also Morning Prayer on Zoom on weekdays.
- ❖ The Men's Group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at 10am for discourse on theology, politics and any other topic that interests us, from the light-hearted to the serious. For more information contact John Ladd (john.ladd@ntlworld.com)
- ❖ The Eaton Branch of the Mothers' Union meets regularly throughout the year. Contact Ruth Vaughan (504849) for more information
- ❖ Mission Focus meets on the second Monday of the month, from 2-3pm, to pray for our Mission Partners, Dick and Caroline Seed and Mirna Paulo. For more information telephone 455031

SUPPORTING CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church depends on the help, donations and prayers of many people. Please prayerfully consider how you support Christ Church.

Volunteering: There are many different things that need doing at Christ Church, with varying levels of time commitment. How are you helping now? Would you like to try something different? Would you like to help more? Or less? Please speak to Colin or Simon, our wardens, if you would like to know more about volunteering at church.

Financial Giving: Planned Giving to the church makes a big difference in terms of our regular income, budgeting and planning. Is your giving at the right level for you? Is it regular? Are you able to Gift Aid? Please give via the **Parish Giving Scheme** as this helps our administration and efficiency. Speak to Tony Grubb or visit christchurch-eaton.org.uk/about-us/giving/ for more information about these and other ways to give.

Praying: Not everyone is able to give of their time or money. Please pray regularly for Christ Church, for Patrick, the congregation and parish, and all the different activities. Please pray that we may grow in our relationship with God and our community, and in numbers.

Thank you so very much to all who help, donate and pray!

PRAYING FOR CHRIST CHURCH

Below is a list of things you may like to consider when praying for Christ Church. It includes volunteer roles, groups and activities as well as upcoming events and services. It is not exhaustive!

Church wardens
PCC and Group Council members
PCC secretary and treasurer
Group Council chair and secretary
Donations Committee
Worship Committee
Deanery Synod
Fabric Officer
Safeguarding Officer
Electoral Roll Officer
Cleaner
Readers
Intercessors
Sacristans
Communion Assistants
Flower arrangers
Brass cleaners
Church gardeners and hedge cutters
Refreshment helpers (on Sundays and for special events)
Parish Administrator and Finance Officer
The Choir
Organist and deputy organists
All who lead our services and those at Chiswick House and The Hawthorns
Parishes magazine team and deliverers
Chat over a Cuppa
Eaton Mothers' Union
The Chosen Group
Friday Bible Study Group
The Men's Group
Sunday School and Youth Group
Children's Workshop organisers and helpers
Mission Focus and our Mission Partners
Talks@2
Facebook page editors
Website editor
Notice sheet preparation
Christmas and Easter Card preparation and delivery
Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day
Advent Carol Service
Memorial Service
Christmas Carol Service
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services
Town Close Advent Service and Norwich High School for Girls' Carol Service

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

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)

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Christ of transformation, sow deep into the soil of our hearts and parishes, your seeds of prayerful listening, conversation and discernment: then nurture their growth, we pray, with the gentle rains of your Spirit that they may flower and fruit into new ways of revealing the abundant life you offer and long for us to share. 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, Penny Furze, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Vivien Humber, Paul James, John Ladd, Caroline Richmond, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan and Garry Wheatley, Roger, Rory, Ros Wright, Charlotte and Angus. We give thanks that Claire and Jessica have recovered.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the families and friends of Sheila Short, Ruth Thorp's mum, and Freda Tann. Help us comfort those who mourn.

PRAYERS for SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for Ros and Peter Gorringer as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and for Grace Livingstone on her 90th birthday. We give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Charlie and pray for him, his mum Tatiane and his family. We give thanks for the ministry of Archdeacon Keith and the Rev'd Mike Marshall. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Mile End Close, Mile End Road and Mornington Road.

The World

We pray for all who work in our emergency services. We pray for our Prime Minister, Government, members of the House of Commons and of the House of Lords. We pray that they will act with wisdom, integrity and honesty.

Youth and Children

Please pray for:

Youth and children's work in our two parishes

The Autumn Workshop on 1st November and the Christingle Workshop on 20th December

The children, their families, and Sunday School, Youth Group and Workshop leaders

The weekly children and youth activities

The year-round cycle of Workshops and All-Age Services

Mission Partners

We pray for Mirna Paulo in Argentina, especially for her work in representing the Wichí indigenous culture and in supporting indigenous people studying for the ministry.

PRAYERS for SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Collect for All Saints'

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Advent

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for Mission Focus group and for preparations for the Autumn Fair. We pray for Bishop Graham, Bishop Jane and Bishop Ian and for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to be Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Mount Pleasant, Muriel Road and Newmarket Road.

Charity of Month

We give thanks for the work of Star Throwers, for their staff and all who fundraise for them. We pray for all those they are currently supporting.

The World

We pray for all those in authority, especially those seeking to provide justice, law and order. We continue to pray for peace and justice, praying particularly for Ukraine, Sudan, Israel, Gaza, and for all areas lacking government and rule.

Climate Change

Dear Lord, we pray for progress in renewable energy initiatives. Help us to adopt and promote clean energy solutions that protect the environment and reduce our reliance on harmful resources. May our choices reflect Your care for the Earth. Amen. (prayerlit.com/prayers-for-climate-change)



AUTUMN FAIR



Saturday 15th November, 10am-12.30pm
In support of Church Mission Society (CMS)
St Andrew's Church Hall

Admission: £2 (including tea/coffee and biscuits, U16s FREE)

Please come and bring your friends and family too!

Homemade cakes & preserves,
jigsaws, handicrafts, books & gifts,
children's stall & lucky dip, raffle

More information or to offer help, please contact Jane Scott (453750)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday - The Third Sunday before Advent

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion
(Collect and readings p.190)
- 10 am Family Communion for Remembrance Sunday with two-minute silence
(Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38)
- 6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Charity of the Month for October: LAST CHANCE - *Tearfund*

(www.tearfund.org) - working with churches across the world to tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development. Please donate at the back of church or online

Charity of the Month for November: *Star Throwers* (starthrowers.org.uk) - a local cancer support charity supporting people affected by cancer, whether patients or carers, from diagnosis through to life after cancer.

Thank you to all who donated to the August charity, Leprosy Mission. Christ Church and St Andrew's raised £403

Vicar: Patrick Richmond

Day off Friday, 01603 250844,
vicar@christchurch-eaton.org.uk

Organist and Choirmaster:

Matthew Wright, 01508 492535
organist@christchurch-eaton.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Caroline Gibbs, 01603 501681
cbsgibbs@gmail.com

Churchwardens:

Colin McLean 07894738431
Simon Girling 07970989566

Parishes Office:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 10am - noon
41 Church Lane, NR4 6NW
01603 473646
office@eatonchurches.org.uk

Charity No: 1130553

CCLI No: 494086

Website: www.christchurch-eaton.org.uk

Wi-Fi Password: Welcome2CC!

Find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/ChristChurchEaton