

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025



The Second Sunday of Advent

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 & readings p.49)
- 10 am** **All-age Communion with Christening of Margot Jones, Albert Driscoll and Lucy Driscoll**
Reading: Matthew 3:1-6 (Old Testament p.641)
Voluntary: *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (BWV 599)* - J S Bach
- 3.30 pm** **Memorial Service for the Departed** in Church and on Zoom
- 6 pm** **NO Evening Prayer**

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

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Charity of the Month: 4Cs - *Centre for Christian Care and Counselling*
(fourcs.org.uk) - face to face and online counselling to people in Norfolk. 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

Sunday 7th *Last Foodbank Collection before Christmas*

Monday 8th

2.00 pm Mission Focus meeting at 8 Camberley Road.

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

7.30 pm PCC meeting

Tuesday 9th

7.30 pm Group Council meet at 28 Bluebell Road

Wednesday 10th

3.00 pm Christmas Memorial Service at Earlham Crematorium. *See notices*

7.30 pm 321 Course for Advent at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Thursday 11th

2.30 pm Funeral of Pamela Tibbenham at Earlham Crematorium

7.30 pm Charity BBQ & Carol-singing at the Beehive, with Christ Church Choir & Friends. BBQ from 6pm

Friday 12th

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday 14th

3.00 pm Christmas with *The Chosen* - *see notices*

Monday 15th

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Carol Singing at Chiswick House. All welcome

Wednesday 17th

2.00 pm Funeral of Garry Wheatley

7.30 pm 321 Course for Advent at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

Thursday 18th

1.00 pm Norwich High School for Girls carol service. Time tbc

Friday 19th

12noon Feeling Chipper - *see notices*

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 20th

1.45 pm Christingle Workshop for Children at St Andrew's, Eaton

NEWS AND NOTICES

Mission Focus Meeting

The meeting on 8th December will be at 8 Camberley Road. Please come along to pray for our Mission Partners, Dick and Caroline Seed and Mirna Paulo. All welcome.

Please Help Decorate for Christmas

We shall be decorating Christ Church from 9.30am on Saturday 20th December. Seasonal foliage and flowers welcome and can be delivered to church on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received. *Thank you*

Christmas Hostel Gifts

Gifts for those living in our local hostels (Leeway, YMCA My Place, and St Martin's Housing Trust) may be left in the boxes at the back of church today. Gifts must be **UNWRAPPED**. For gift suggestions and more information please see the December parishes magazine.
Pastoral Care Team

Christmas with *The Chosen*

3pm, Sunday 14th December at Christ Church. Come and watch the Christmas episode of *The Chosen*, a critically acclaimed film series dramatizing the life of Christ. Refreshments provided. Free event. More details from Geraldine Verschoor (verschog@aol.com)

Office Closing

The parishes office will close at 12noon on Tuesday 23rd December, and reopen at 10am on Monday 5th January 2026.

Carol Singers Wanted

For services at Chiswick House, 2.30pm on Monday 15th and at the Hawthorns Care Home, Unthank Road on Monday 22nd December at 2.30pm. No exceptional skills needed! Please see Patrick for more information

Thank you!

Thank you very much for your support, care and prayers over the last few weeks. I have been so touched by how lovely people have been. *Ruth Thorp, our Administrator*

Feeling Chipper Fish and Chips

12pm, 19th December. It will have a Christmas theme and live music. Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church if you'd like to come. Cost £7. Numbers need to be known in advance, payment in cash on the day please.

Calling Musicians and Singers

Instrumentalists and singers are needed to help lead the music at the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm. If you can help, please contact Matt Wright. *Thank you*

Christmas Memorial Service

Patrick will be helping to lead this service at Earlham Crematorium Chapel at 3pm on Wednesday 12th December, followed by refreshments. All welcome

Attendance Figures

30th November:

8am:	17
10am:	60 adults, 6 U16s
6pm:	78 adults, 6 U16s

Christmas and New Year Notices

There will be one notice sheet covering Sundays 21st, 28th December and 4th January. Items for this notice sheet should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Monday 15th December. *Thank you*

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER - The Third Sunday of Advent

8 am	BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.51)
10 am	Family Communion (Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)
6 pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Church and Local Concerns

We pray for Albert, Lucy and Margot as they are christened. We ask for God's blessing on them, their families and friends. We pray for the schools in our parish and for those holding Christmas services in church this month. We pray for all in our parishes, particularly those living in Portersfield Road, Portland Street and Queens Close.

Charity of the Month: 4Cs

We give thanks for the work of 4Cs, praying for their volunteers and all who they support.

The World

God of eternity shaper of stars and planets creator of all that is you are the beginning and the end. All time and all of creation are made by you and you hold our lives in your hands. Teach us to trust your call to us; to watch for the signs of the times; to hear the rumours of your coming glory amongst the realities of our

daily lives. When our social fabric is torn and we are overshadowed by fear for the future may we stand in solidarity with all who dare to dream of a world where no one goes hungry and in our communities, may we live out the upside down priorities of your kingdom where a little child shall lead us. Amen (*from chooselife: Worship and Action for Creation*)

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, John Ladd, Caroline Richmond, Dick and Val Rout, Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley, Roger, Rory, Dennis Wright and Ros Wright.

The Departed

We remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us. We pray particularly for the families and friends of Maureen Allison, Moira, Paul, Pamela Tibbenham and Garry Wheatley. Help us comfort those who mourn.

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