

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



### The Second Sunday before Lent

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](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.80)

**10 am**      **All age service celebrating Baptism and Godparents**

Reading:      Romans 8:14-25

Anthem:      *Above the moon earth rises* - Irish melody  
arr. David Iliff

Voluntary:      *Trumpet Tune and Love Song* -  
Andrew Carter (1939-2026)

**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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## LENT

### ***Ash Wednesday Communion with St Andrew's***

7.30pm, 18<sup>th</sup> February at Christ Church

With Imposition of Ashes and the Rev'd Dr James Cook preaching

### ***Lent Lunches on Mondays***

12.30pm-1.45pm

Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church

Mondays 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 or sign the list at the back of church

### ***Lent Course on Wednesdays***

#### ***Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent***

7.30pm at the Vicarage, 161 Newmarket Road, NR4 6SY

Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April

Please let Patrick know if you are interested so that the course booklets can be ordered

## EVENTS

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** ***Patrick away at General Synod until Friday evening***

2.00 pm Special *Chat over a Cuppa* - see notices

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

7.30 pm PCC meeting

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** ***Ash Wednesday***

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion service with St Andrew's

(Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21)

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**The Sunday next before Lent - Quinquagesima**

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.82)

10 am Family Communion  
(Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9)

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and at the Vicarage

**Charity of the Month: *Hope into Action UK*** ([hopeintoaction.org.uk](http://hopeintoaction.org.uk)) - empowering churches to respond to the homelessness crisis. For more information see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

This course will involve eight self-contained sessions on different aspects of prayer which will help us grow and deepen our prayer life. Each session will involve watching a 20-minute video and a ~10-minute discussion

Sundays 11.30 am after the service at Christ Church

The first three sessions: 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Why pray?

8<sup>th</sup> March - Adoration

19<sup>th</sup> April - Petition

Contact Geraldine Verschoor for more details (verschog@aol.com)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Special *Chat Over a Cuppa***

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. A Special Winter Tea with sandwiches, cakes and plenty more. Please bring friends and come and join us.

### **Letters from the Treasurer**

At the back of church there are individually addressed letters thanking and commending the Parish Giving Scheme for regular members of Christ Church and those on our electoral roll. Please collect yours if you haven't already done so. *Thank you*

### **Eaton Concert Series**

St Andrew's Church, 3pm, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. *Seasons in Time* - Eleanor Grant and Gus McQuade perform a repertoire encompassing lute songs from the 16th century to arrangements of modern folk and jazz. Entrance £15, students £7.50, children free. Further information at [eatonconcertseries.co.uk/event-details/eleanor-gus-seasons-in-time](http://eatonconcertseries.co.uk/event-details/eleanor-gus-seasons-in-time)

### **Christmas Tree Thanks**

A big thank you to Ruth Vaughan, Alistair Bolt and Colin McLean for taking down the Christmas tree.

### **Jigsaw Sale Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who supported my jigsaw sale which raised £350 for the work of Save the Children. I hope to hold another jigsaw sale later in the year so please let me have any unwanted jigsaws.

*Thank you.* Marilyn Evans  
([vmevans@ntlworld.com](mailto:vmevans@ntlworld.com), 07776 144095)

### **Attendance Figures**

25<sup>th</sup> January:

8am:	17
10am:	54 adults, 4 U16s
6pm:	9

1<sup>st</sup> February:

8am:	13
10am:	68 adults, 2 U16s
6pm:	6

### **Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, [notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk)) by 10am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. *Thank you*

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## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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

### **Collect**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A Prayer for Godparents**

Lord, thank You for calling me to be a godparent. I renew my promise to love, pray for, and guide my godchild in faith. Help me to remain faithful to this calling. Strengthen my heart to honour this sacred trust with grace and dedication. May my words and actions always point them toward You. Keep me steadfast in love and truth as I fulfil my promise. ([prayerlit.com/prayers-for-godparents](http://prayerlit.com/prayers-for-godparents))

### **Prayer after Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

Heavenly Father, on the day of my baptism You made me Your beloved child and filled me with the Holy Spirit. Today I have renewed those sacred promises. Strengthen me with the gifts of the Spirit, keep me faithful to Your Church, and help me walk always as a child of the light. May the grace of my baptism shine in my words and actions. ([e-catholic.org/prayer/renewal-of-baptismal-promises](http://e-catholic.org/prayer/renewal-of-baptismal-promises))

### **A Prayer for the New Archbishop**

Almighty God, you call your Church in every age to proclaim the Gospel of Christ: look with mercy upon your servant Sarah, and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need, as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament, and as bishop, guard the faith and build up the body of Christ in holiness. Give her wisdom and kindness that as archbishop, she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace; through

Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen. ([churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org))

### **A Collect for Racial Justice Sunday**

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. ([churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org))

### **Mission Partners**

We pray for Caroline and Dick Seed in South Africa, giving thanks for the recent workshop in Uganda and for Nicola, their new assistant programme manager. We give thanks for the new online Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education, which starts this week. We pray for all the students, for Dick as he teaches and for reliable internet and electricity. We pray for Caroline's work with authors of Bible commentaries from Muslim contexts.

### **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, Phil Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Margaret Fraser, Penny Furze, Simon Girling, John Harrison, Trish Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James, Jessica, John Ladd, 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 June Bishop. Help us comfort those who mourn.