

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

NOTICE SHEET FOR  
SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER,  
SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 and  
SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



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***WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8 am      **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect and Readings p.52)
- 10 am     **Family Communion**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:    Isaiah 7:10-16 (Old Testament p.646)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:    Romans 1:1-7 (New Testament p.147)  
Gospel:          Matthew 1:18-25 (New Testament p.1)  
Anthem:         *The Angel Gabriel* - traditional  
Voluntary:      *Dance on 'Gabriel's Message'* -  
                         Michael Bedford
- 6 pm      **Candlelit Christmas Carol Service**  
Preceded by seasonal music from 5.45pm  
Followed by wine, soft drinks and seasonal refreshments  
Organist:        Nora Rechel

## SERVICES FOR WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER Christmas Eve

- 3.30 pm   **Nativity Service** with blessing of the Crib
- 11.30 pm **Candlelit Midnight Communion**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:    Isaiah 52:7-10 (Old Testament p.693)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:    Hebrews 1:1-4 (New Testament p.215)  
Gospel:          John 1:1-14 (New Testament p.88)  
Voluntary:      *Postlude on 'Adeste Fideles'* - Eric Thiman

## SERVICES FOR THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

### Christmas Day

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion with the Rev'd Andrew Parsons  
(Collect and readings p.54)
- 10 am Christmas Day Communion for all ages  
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (New Testament p.55)  
Voluntary: *Christmas Fantasia* - Alan Bullard

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

### The First Sunday of Christmas - Holy Innocents

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion with the Rev'd Alastair Gledhill  
(Collect and readings p.60)
- 10 am Sung Matins  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18  
Voluntary: *Under the Christmas Mistletoe* -  
Richard Leibert
- 6 pm **NO Evening Prayer**

## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### Celebrating the Epiphany

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and Readings p.65)
- 10 am Family Communion with activities for the young  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Old Testament p.700)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (New Testament p.190)  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament p.1)  
Voluntary: *Declamation on 'Dix'* - Craig Phillip
- 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 for December: **4Cs - Centre for Christian Care and Counselling** ([fourcs.org.uk](http://fourcs.org.uk)) - face to face and online counselling to people in Norfolk

Collections from our Christmas Services will be split equally between Church Homeless Charity ([churchhomelesscharity.org.uk](http://churchhomelesscharity.org.uk)) and Friends of the Holy Land ([friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk](http://friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk))

Charity of the Month for January: **Wycliffe Bible Translators** ([wycliffe.org.uk](http://wycliffe.org.uk)) - helping everyone have access to a Bible in their own language

## EVENTS

Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Carols and Communion at the Hawthorns, Unthank Road. All welcome

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

12noon Parishes office closes for Christmas. Reopens 10am, 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

2.00 pm NO *Chat over a Cuppa*

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January *Foodbank Collection*

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January *Office re-opens at 10am*

11.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union Coffee and Wave of Prayer. *Ruth Vaughan*  
(07785 396418)

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

12 noon Deadline for February 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. *Royal Police Protection* - David Reeve MVO MBE. *Ann Copsey* (259257)

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Holy Communion at Chiswick House. All welcome

7.30 pm *No PCC meeting - please N.B. next PCC on 16<sup>th</sup>, not 9<sup>th</sup>, February*

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

7.30 pm Worship Committee meet at 161 Newmarket Road

## SERVICES for SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

### The Baptism of Christ - The First Sunday of Epiphany

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.67)

10 am Family Communion  
(Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17)

6 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in the Vicarage

### Notices for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

should be with Catherine Richmond (250844,  
[notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk)) by 10am on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. *Thank you*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Christmas Thanks

A huge 'thank you' to

- \* All who delivered Christmas cards
- \* Everyone who helped decorate the Church for Christmas
- \* Those who donated and delivered gifts to St Martin's Housing Trust, YMCA My Place and Leeway
- \* All who prepared and distributed the pastoral gifts to the ill and bereaved ahead of Christmas
- \* All who supported *The Chosen* showing
- \* The Rev'd Alastair Gledhill, the Rev'd Andrew Parsons and Robin Quine for taking services

### Office Christmas Closing

The office will close at 12noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-open at 10am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Chat over a Cuppa

There will be NO *Chat over a Cuppa* on 29<sup>th</sup> December.

### Stamps

Don't forget to save the stamps from your Christmas Card envelopes for the charity *Embrace the Middle East*. The collection box is at the back of the Church next to the Food Bank Box. *Thank you*

### Carols at *The Beehive*

Thank you to the choir and all who joined them for carol singing at The Beehive on 11<sup>th</sup> December. £255 was raised for St Martins Housing Trust.

### 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*

### Foodbank - Thanks

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Christmas collection. We donated 20 bags of food and toiletries, which will go into the much-needed parcels for Christmas. Many thanks for supporting Foodbank through the year. The next collection will be on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Attendance Figures

7<sup>th</sup> December:

8am: 16  
10am: 107 adults, 13 U16s  
Memorial service:  
47 adults, 2 U16s

14<sup>th</sup> December:

8am: 14  
10am: 55 adults, 2 U16s  
6pm: 7

**Vicar:** Patrick Richmond

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# PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025 - SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



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**Collect for Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord

**Collect for Christmas Night**  
Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ

**Collect for Christmas Day**  
Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God

**Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas**  
God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ

**Collect for Epiphany**  
Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord

**The Church and Local Concerns**  
We give thanks for all who worship at Christ Church and pray for all who will be worshipping here over Christmas. We pray for everyone in

our parishes, especially those who are homeless or lonely this Christmastime. We pray for the work of the two charities we are supporting over Christmas: Church Homeless Charity, helping homeless people across England, and Friends of the Holy Land, for their work in Palestine, Israel and Jordan.

**The World**  
We pray for all affected by the Bondi shooting. We pray for peace in the world, asking for wisdom and guidance for world leaders as they seek to bring an end to conflicts, especially those in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We pray for all affected by war and for those persecuted for their beliefs

**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, Jessica, John Ladd, Caroline Richmond, 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 families and friends of Garry Wheatley and Dennis Wright. Help us comfort those who mourn.