



# Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

8 February

Year A

Second Sunday before Lent

## THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

A warm welcome to church! Why not stay for refreshments after the service?

The words of the service (The Eucharist) are printed in the booklets.

Hymns at St Bart's 314, 18, 88, 108. Hymns at St Mary's 6, 573, 622, 565

Psalm at St Mary's, verses sung by choir; response sung by all:



## FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

I was incredibly moved by the support and kind words of our wonderful parish community at my Induction and Installation at Team Rector last Thursday. Thank you! And a special thank you to the team at St Bart's for hosting on behalf of the whole parish, along with the lovely reception. We had guests from far and wide and they have told me how they felt so welcome. That is a great testimony to each parishioner who was there and indeed those who could not be there but I know have been praying. Thank you too for the gifts and cards: I was so touched reading your messages.

We step into another new chapter as a parish. We will soon, God-willing, be recruiting a new Team Vicar, returning us to 'full strength' in terms of clergy. Please continue to pray for me, for our clergy team and pastoral assistants as we fulfil our calls to serve the people of God in this place. Pray for yourselves and for one another, as we each seek afresh what God is doing through us at this time here in East Ham and Forest Gate.

God bless you

Fr Paul

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer:** Tuesday 9am at St Mary's; Wednesday 8.50am at St Bart's; Thursday 8.50am at St Edmund's.

**Midweek Eucharist:** Tuesday 12.15pm at St Edmund's, Wednesday 6.30pm at St Mary's, Thursday 12.15pm at St Bart's.

**Eucharist next Sunday (15th February)** Sunday Next Before Lent 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our Deanery:** Forest Gate All Saints: Jeremy Frazer, Sarian Pyne-Bailey

**In the Diocese:** The Deanery of Newham Area Dean: Amy Stott. Lay Chair: Janet Bone. Assistant Area Deans: Cornelius Henry, Merrin Playle.

**In the Anglican Communion:** Pray for: The Diocese of South West Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania



**In the world:** for married and partnered couples; may they strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their commitments, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

**With USPG:** all volunteers serving refugees. Strengthen each heart and mind with courage and compassion, guide every action with wisdom, and protect from harm and exhaustion while offering care to the most vulnerable. Also, keep in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and Mildmay.

**In the Parish:** Neascourt Road, Nelson Street, Newling Close

**Those who have asked our prayers:**

**Particular need:** Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Andrew West

**Continuing need:** Lorraine Ashton, Zareen Choudary, Graham Davis, Cassandra Gosai, Caroline Grisely, Emily Jones, Paul Gillard, Maggie Holder, Terry Hooker, Cassie Martin, Dennis Pridmore, Mary Skerritt, Eutal Spence.

**Those who have died:** Nanette Johnson-Reid, Canon Colin Westbrook, Steve Duffy

**In the Year's Mind:** Arthur Bamford, Robert Pead, Sir James Roll (Priest)

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## NOTICES

**Ash Wednesday** is on 18th February. All are encouraged to begin Lent together at one of our Ash Wednesday services: Eucharist with imposition of ashes at St Bart's at 12.15pm and St Edmund's at 12:15pm; Solemn Eucharist with imposition of ashes at St Mary Magdalene's at 6.30pm. If you have a palm cross from last year please bring it to church to be burnt and made into ash for Ash Wednesday.

**Youth Sleepover** for secondary school aged young people from our Newham churches, free of charge. We have plenty of fun, food and activities planned, as well as an opportunity to think about Lent and how we can bless others. Tuesday 17th February until 2pm on Wednesday 18th February at St Luke's, Canning Town. Please contact Fr Paul if you are interested

**Lent Bible Study:** 1 Corinthians at St Bart's, Thursdays in Lent starting 19th February, 11am-12noon. We take a deep dive into one of St Paul's most important letters in the Bible. Please read Chapter 1 in advance and bring your Bible.

**Easter Experience** at St Mary's on Tuesday 17th March (organized by Faith in Schools). Help us host children from our local primary schools as they learn about Easter. The children undertake various activities at St Mary's and in St Mary's Hall and we are recruiting volunteers again to make this happen. See back page.

**Ministry & Mission Partnership (MMP) Lent Day** at St Mary Magdalene's Saturday 21st March 11am-3pm. Members of our congregations gather with those from St George's East Ham, St Paul's East Ham and St Martin's Plaistow, in this special time for prayer, reflection and fellowship. We will share the fruits of Lent so far brought from our churches.

**Confirmations by Bishop Guli** in the parish on 26 April. If you are interested in confirmation (for adults and young people approximately age 11 or over) or simply want to know more please contact Fr Paul or any of the clergy or pastoral assistants.

**Youthscape Summer Camp** ‘Satellites’ 6-10 August 2026 Bath & West Showground, Somerset. If you are interested whether attending, as an adult helper or just curious, please contact Fr Paul.

**St Bart’s Intercessory Prayer** will follow the service Sunday 22nd February.

## ECO CHURCH

Did you know that St Valentine is the Patron Saint of beekeeping, epilepsy, fainting, travelling and plague as well as that of lovers. He is a bit of a mysterious figure, although there is a legend of his martyrdom, but how lovely that he is associated with bee-keeping. So many out-of-season flowers will be given next weekend for Valentine’s Day - how about adding a packet of bee-friendly wildflower seeds to your gift? Our red roses are likely to have come from Kenya, where workers are poorly paid for gruelling work. Think about buying flowers from British growers - or grow your own!

P.S. Have you booked for the Family Nature Club?

## MEETINGS

Tues 10 Mar – Standing Committee at St Bart’s at 3pm

Sun 15 Mar – St Edmund’s DCC at 11am

Wed 18 Mar – St Mary’s DCC at 7.15pm in the Parish Room

Sun 22 Mar – St Bart’s DCC at 11.15am

Tue 24 Mar – Deanery Synod at St Matthias at 7.15 for 7.45pm

Wed 25 Mar – PCC meeting at St Mary at 7.15pm in the Hall



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Rev. Sandra Eldridge

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*Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Please send to the Parish Office by noon Wednesday for inclusion.*



ST MARY MAGDALENE  
ECO CHURCH GROUP

# FAMILY NATURE CLUB

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
AT EAST HAM NATURE  
RESERVE

MORNING  
SESSION  
10AM-12PM

OR

AFTERNOON  
SESSION  
1:30PM-3:30PM

EXPLORE OUR NATURE RESERVE AND FIND  
OUT ABOUT HOW WILDLIFE COPE IN  
WINTER.



EAST HAM NATURE RESERVE  
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH HALL,  
NORMAN ROAD, E6 6HN



PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

**BOOK YOUR PLACE BY CALLING  
020 8470 0011.**



Beckton & East Ham South Easter Experience



## SHARE RESURRECTION JOY

*With over 300 children coming to meet us...*

**Tuesday 17 March 2026**

8:15 am - 3:30 pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, 1 Norman Rd, E6 6HN

Help needed to welcome pupils  
(aged 8-9), support a workshop, or  
provide lunch for volunteers

In-person training on 9 Feb 10-  
11:30 am or 13 Feb by arrangement

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