



# Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

1 March

Year A

Second Sunday of 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 19, 232, 303, 252. Hymns at St Mary's 19, 249, 252.

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



## FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

**The Revd Merrin Playle**, who has been Vicar of St Paul's East Ham for the last 20 years, is retiring at the end of May. **Shirley Biro**, one of our

Ministry & Mission Partnership (MMP) council members writes:

*Our MMP, which includes St Paul's, St George's and St Martin's alongside the three churches in our own parish, has set up a 'Digital Collection Pot' so we can make a contribution to Rev Merrin's leaving gift and leave a message to be printed in her leaving card. Simply use this link and follow the instructions <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3454157>*



*Merrin initiated our Annual Prayer Walk between our Churches and this year we are planning this event to take place on Saturday 2 May. At the end of the walk (at St Bart's) we will hold a Farewell event from the MMP of which she has been such a loyal member. Even if you cannot make the walk, please do come to St Bart's for the Farewell (this will be around 6pm but more details will follow.)*

*During the upcoming vacancy at St Paul's, Merrin has asked the MMP churches, including St Bart's, St Mary's and St Edmund's, to do all we can to support the congregation.*

Merrin is a dear friend to the parish as well as a great servant of the Deanery. It would be wonderful if many of us could join in wishing her well and joining what will be a very special Prayer Walk. Please save the date (2<sup>nd</sup> May) !

Fr Paul

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

**Weekday 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 (8 March) Third Sunday of Lent** 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our Deanery:** Little Ilford St Barnabas: Eileen Rose

**In the Diocese:** The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Newham

**In the Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Tirunelveli – The Church of South India (United)

**In the world:** for those discerning lay and ordained vocations

**With USPG:** we pray for the people of Wales and the Church in Wales

**In the Parish:** Park Avenue, Park Road, Parr Road

**Those who have asked our prayers:**

**Particular need:** Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Bentley Mason, Mark Sone, 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:** Robert Akowuah, Leslie Dicks, Thomas Herbert, Ida Akinson

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



## NOTICES

**Confirmation preparation** for secondary-school age children begins on

**Tuesday 3rd March.** Please contact Fr Paul for more information or if you would like your child to be signed up. **Bishop Guli is due to visit us and confirm** our candidates on **26th April.** There's still time to sign up adults for baptism/confirmation as well, please do contact Fr Paul

[paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk)

**Lent Bible Study** on I Corinthians continues on Thursday at St Bart's Lady Chapel 11am-12noon: **Ethics & Conscience**, please read **chapters 5-10** in advance.

**World Day of Prayer** service at St Bart's on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 11am. Prepared by Christian Women of Nigeria. All are welcome.

**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. To volunteer please contact [rachel@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:rachel@faithinschools.co.uk) or on 07414 241948.

**Ministry & Mission Partnership (MMP) Lenten Retreat** at St Mary Magdalene's Saturday 21 March 10.30am to 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. To help with planning, please register your interest in attending with the parish office [info@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:info@easthamparish.org.uk) or by telephone.

**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 on 29 March.

**Is your child in Year 3 or above and would like to join the parish choir?**

Mthr Katherine, a very experienced Primary School music teacher and director of children's and adult choirs, is forming a group of junior choristers to join the parish choir and lead services, mainly at St Mary Magdalene's. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday afternoon during term time from 4.30pm to 5.45pm in St Mary Magdalene's church hall. This will eventually lead to the choristers joining the adult choir to lead Sunday worship. Please contact Mthr Katherine to register your interest and a pack of information will be available soon

[katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk).

**ECO CHURCH**

Do we all love The Repair Shop? People would rather repair a cherished item than buy new - which is great for the environment. The Carbon Fast challenge this week is to buy less, and be satisfied with what we have. Overconsumption is costing the Earth! 670,000 tonnes of furniture are discarded in the UK each year, yet making new furniture produces up to 1,000 times more CO2 than refurbishing old pieces. Remember the 5R's (yes, there's five now) - **Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle**. Fast from unnecessary buying.

**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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Revd. Canon Ann Easter

Revd. Sandra Eldridge

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

# What's on at St Bart's Café this week

## March

Tuesday 3 Mar	Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week) Sewing group @ 10.30
Wednesday 4 Mar	Line Dancing 10:30 – 11:30
Thursday 5 Mar	Knit & Natter @ 11am
Friday 6 Mar	Scrabble club 12:00 – 14:00



**Carbon Fast** for Lent **Climate Stewards**

FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH!



**WEEK 2: FAST FROM EXCESSIVE SHOPPING**

**THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE?  
FAST FROM BINGE BUYING - BE CONTENT!**

**WHY?  
OVERCONSUMPTION IS COSTING THE  
EARTH: RISING LANDFILL, POLLUTION AND  
REDUCING WILDLIFE AND HABITATS**

*REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REPAIR*



REPAIR  
RENEW  
REUSE



**CONTENTMENT IS  
ABOUT FINDING JOY  
IN WHAT WE  
ALREADY HAVE.**



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**CAN YOU BUY LESS? CHOOSE 1 CARBON FAST CHALLENGE THIS WEEK**

- DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO CHARITY SHOPS
- SELL ITEMS YOU NO LONGER USE ON VINTED, EBAY OR FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE
- ATTEND A CLOTHES SWAP PARTY OR LOCAL REPAIR CAFÉ
- LEARN BASIC REPAIRS – SEW ON A BUTTON, FIX A HEM, TIGHTEN FURNITURE JOINTS
- HOST OR VOLUNTEER AT A REPAIR CAFÉ IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- ZERO NEW SHOPPING THIS LENT (APART FROM FOOD AND MEDICAL ESSENTIALS)

**SIGN UP TO NEWSLETTER FOR CARBON FAST TIPS AND INSIGHTS**