



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene St Bartholomew St Edmund

22 March

Year A

Fifth 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 84, 662, 506, 666. Hymns at St Mary's 314, 511, 169.

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



FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Passiontide

The last two weeks of Lent from Passion Sunday (5th Sunday in Lent) until Holy Saturday are known as Passiontide. The readings and prayers of the liturgy invite us to turn our focus on the 'Passion of Christ'.

The 'Passion of Christ' in the Christian sense, refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death.

The word passion comes from the Latin *pati* which literally means to suffer' or 'to endure', as opposed to the more modern meaning of a strong emotion that can even be associated with love.

In church during this time, we traditionally veil our crosses and statues in reference to John 8:59

'So, they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple'.

It is through the 'Passion of Christ' that we come to know the breadth and depth of divine love, and it is through the 'Passion of Christ' we are made right with God.

Fr John

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.

Weekday Eucharist: Wednesday 6.30pm at St Mary's, Tuesday 12:15pm at St Edmund's, Thursday 12.15pm at St Bart's.

Eucharist next Sunday (29 March) Palm Sunday 8am at St Mary's; 10am Joint Service at St Bart's (no 10am service at both St Mary's and St Edmund's)

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Plaistow St Martin: Saulo de Barros

In the Diocese: The Deanery of Waltham Forest Area Dean: Tim Scott.
Lay Chair: Vevet Deer. All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Waltham Forest



In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Uruguay – The Anglican Church of South America

In the world: for those affected by the meningitis outbreak

With USPG: for church leaders and communities supporting the rebuilding of community buildings, churches, and schools

In the Parish: Pulleys Ave, Rancliffe Rd, Ranelagh Rd

For activities this week : PCC meeting at St Mary's on Wednesday

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: June Bassenger, Courtney, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Bentley Mason, 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: Susan Tomlin, Miriam Lee

In the Year's Mind: Stephen Sperden, George Farr, Marion Foote

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

NOTICES

Congratulations to Penny who has been recommended for training for ordained ministry. Penny's vocation has been forming at St Edmund's where she continues to serve as district warden. We thank God for blessing the parish through her developing ministry. Penny will be sharing something of her story in an upcoming piece for this newsletter.

Parish office is closed on Monday 23rd March – open as normal on Tuesday 24th.

Lent Bible Study on I Corinthians concludes this **Thursday 26 March** at St Bart's Lady Chapel 11am-12noon **The Resurrection:** please **read Chapters 15-16** in advance.

Youth event: Easter Encounter is a relaxed afternoon and evening together during the Easter holidays with games, food, worship, and prayer as we celebrate the hope of Easter. *Tuesday 7th April, 2pm–8pm, St Luke's Church, Ruscoe Road, Canning Town, London E16 1JB.* The afternoon will begin with welcome and team games before heading out for team challenges. We will then share food together before gathering for a youth service with worship, a short talk, and time for prayer. Young people can sign up using the link below:

<https://stlukescanningtown.churchsuite.com/events/qp7zswiw>

This year the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal is raising funds for Anglican Development Services of Mt Kenya East (ADSMKE) to support their work in response to climate change and in environmental conservation across our five linked partner dioceses in Kenya. Donations will be open until 1st July 2026. See *posters and fliers in church* to find out more and support, scan QR code or see www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026/



Holy Week & Easter Services are listed on our website, fliers and posters. We have a special leaflet too for our new Good Friday Children & Families' Service. Please grab some leaflets in church and share with friends and family. **Palm Sunday** (29 March) will be celebrated at a **joint service at St Bart's** at 10am.

Mthr Katherine is conducting a short Easter service with hymns and readings at **Manor Farm Care Home** on **Wednesday 1st April at 2pm**. It would be lovely if people could join her to help sing and read some of the Bible passages. Please let Mthr Katherine know if you are able to help.

Bishop Guli (Bishop of Chelmsford) will join us at a Joint Parish Eucharist (10am) at St Mary Magdalene's on **Sunday 26 April**. Please pray for our candidates for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Communion of the Church of England.

Christian Aid Concert on **16th May at 3-5.30 pm** at St Barts. Calling all performers for this annual concert. If you're interested in performing, please contact either Alison alisonmclucas@gmail.com or Philip philj.ktm@gmail.com by 2nd May 2026.

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.

ECO CHURCH

To drive or not to drive - that is our question this week. Carbon Fast for Lent is focusing on travel. In the UK, transport is the largest emitting sector at 29% of all UK CO2 emissions. Over half of that is from private cars and taxis. While you're thinking about that, how about a family excursion that is local and very eco-friendly? Yes, **Family Nature Club** is back! Springtime in the Nature Reserve as we approach Easter, what could be better. Book your family in for 30th March (morning or afternoon) by calling the Parish Office on 020 8470 0011. (Places are

limited and must be booked). For more information speak to one of the Eco Church Group.

MEETINGS

TODAY Sun 22 Mar – St Bart's DCC at 11.15am

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

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

Wed 22 April – Standing Committee at St Bart's at 3pm

Tue 28 April – Joint DCC's/PCC meeting at St Bart's at 7pm



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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 24 Mar

Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week)

Sewing group @ 10.30

Wednesday 25 Mar

Line Dancing 10:30 – 11:30

Thursday 26 Mar

Knit & Natter @ 11am

Friday 27 Mar

Scrabble club 12:00 – 14:00

Monday 30 Mar

Lunch Bunch – see poster in cafe