



# Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

12 April

Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Welcome to church !

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

Hymns at St Bart's 716, 727, 411, 137. Hymns at St Mary's 580, 103, 3, 433.

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



## FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

We had the pleasure of announcing the news recently that Penny, district warden at St Edmund's, has been selected for training for ordained ministry. This week Penny shares with us something of her story...

*My journey to becoming an ordinand began at a retreat centre in the mountains of Mwanza, Tanzania, where I was working as a communications officer for a charity Mark and I had set up. I often drove the winding, potholed, red-earth road up the mountain to pray there, and in 2019, during one of those quiet times, I felt God call me to ordained ministry. At first it seemed like a random, lightning-flash thought—but as it settled, I realised it was where my whole life had been leading.*

*Since then, the journey has been full of prayer—less about striving, more about surrender. It is an interesting posture to adopt - one of 'holy indifference', where you acknowledge your desire for something but at the same time you give it up to God and pray, "Lord, not my will but yours be done".*

*Throughout this journey I've been supported by wise people, walked through discernment, conversations, interviews, and challenges that definitely aren't for the faint-hearted. But at the centre of it all is my love for Jesus and what He has done for me through the cross. The Easter story reminds me that surrender comes before resurrection, and that trusting God's will leads to new life, hope, and purpose. This has certainly been true for me as I have journeyed towards becoming an ordinand.*

*I would appreciate your continued prayers as I consider the college and various placements in which I should receive training.*

*May the Lord bless you and Happy Easter!*

*Penny*

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer:** Wednesday 8.50am at St Bart'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 (19 April) Third Sunday of Easter 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**In our Deanery:** Stratford St Pul & St James : Ivo Anderson

**In the Diocese:** Loughton (St John the Baptist, St Nicholas, Trinity Church): Chris Davies (R), Will Rose-Moore (A). Loughton (St Mary Vn): Malcolm Macdonald (AAD, V), Ruth How (A). LLM: Brenda Miller.



**In the Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wandi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**In the world:** for a complete end to the conflicts of the world, that we may celebrate Easter with joy as people of hope.

**With USPG:** for USPG and its partnership with the Church of North India (CNI)

**In the Parish:** Sandford Road, Sandringham Road, Saxon Road

**This week:** for Vishnu and Sham as they travel to India for their wedding.

**Those who have asked our prayers:**

**Particular need:** June Bassenger, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Bentley Mason, Inge Vosyliene, Andrew West

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

**Those who have died:** Miriam Lee

**In the Year's Mind:** Sarah Hill, William Owens, Doris Gurden, Eileen Bright

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## **NOTICES**

**Fr Paul is away** on holiday 14-19 April. Please still contact the parish office as usual for pastoral matters and you will be connected with one of our clergy or pastoral team.

**Miriam Lee's funeral and burial** will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at City of London Cemetery, Burial Chapel. Miriam was a long standing and very committed member of St Edmund's and we give thanks for her life.

**Eco Church at St Barts** Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK to support churches to systematically think about how to best care for Creation. In recent years St Mary Magdalene has registered with the scheme and been awarded a bronze award and silver award and are now working towards gold! **On 19th April at 11.15am** some of us are meeting in the cafe at St Barts to start thinking about how St Barts can get involved in Eco Church. Please join us if you are interested in finding out more.

**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



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**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](mailto:alisonmclucas@gmail.com) or Philip [philj.ktm@gmail.com](mailto:philj.ktm@gmail.com) by 2nd May 2026.

**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

April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. In the Eco Church Garden, we will be sowing beetroot, lettuce, radish and peas - all frost-resistant so can be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine. For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: [arocha.org.uk/wild-christian](mailto:arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)

## MEETINGS

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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Revd. John King

Revd. Katherine Ward - [katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk)

**Honorary Associate Clergy:**

Revd. Canon Ann Easter

Revd. Sandra Eldridge

# What's on at St Bart's Café



Tuesday 14 Apr      Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week)  
Sewing group @ 10.30  
Wednesday 15 Apr      Line Dancing 10.30 – 11:30am  
Keep Fit 12 – 2pm  
Thursday 16 Apr      Knit & Natter @ 11am  
Friday 17 Apr      Scrabble club 12 – 2pm  
Keep Fit 1 – 3pm

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Sewing group @ 10.30  
Wednesday 22 Apr      Line Dancing 10.30 – 11.30am  
Keep Fit 12 – 2pm  
Thursday 23 Apr      Knit & Natter @ 11am  
Friday 24 Apr      Scrabble club 12 – 2pm  
Keep Fit Classes 1pm – 3pm

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Tuesday 28 Apr      Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week)  
Sewing group @ 10.30  
Wednesday 29 Apr      Line Dancing 10.30 – 11.30am  
Keep Fit 12 – 2pm  
Thursday 30 Apr      Knit & Natter @ 11am  
Friday 1 May      Scrabble club 12 – 2pm  
Keep Fit Classes 1pm – 3pm

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