



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene St Bartholomew St Edmund

16 August

Year A

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Welcome to church !

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

Hymns at St Mary's 759, 631, 381, 605. Hymns at St Bart's 21, 625, 88, 332.

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



FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Today we celebrate the main feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is something topsy-turvy about the imagery of the Assumption of Mary: stars, crowns and angels. Some might say this is not very fitting for a poor marginal woman from occupied land in the Middle East. Yet it is precisely the point. Mary's song proclaims the God who 'has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.' In celebrating Mary's Assumption the Church does not escape the realities of the world but celebrates God's reversal of its values: the kingdom of God turns our fallen world upside down.

Another date for your diary is 19 September, Open House Festival day in Newham, when St Mary Magdalene will be welcoming visitors throughout the day. Volunteers will be needed! Please see Notices below for more details.

God bless you

Fr Paul

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Weekday Eucharist: Thursday 12.15pm at St Bart's. *(Please note that in August this is the only weekday Eucharist)*

Eucharist next Sunday (23 August) Trinity 12 8am & 10am at St Mary's;
10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.

*Looking ahead: Please note that on Sunday 30 August there is no Mass at St Edmund's.
The congregation is encouraged to join with the congregation at St Bart's at 10am, or at St Mary's 8am/10am*

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: St Bartholomew, East Ham: Katherine Ward, Sandra Eldridge, Ann Easter

In the Diocese: The retired Clergy, Readers, and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Southend

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Badagry – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the world: farmers and farming

With USPG: that the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are heard and acted upon by those in power

In the Parish: Wolsey Avenue, Woodstock Road, Wortley Road

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Sophie Colville, Terrence Hill, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Patricia Larocque, Primrose, Bentley Mason, Andy Rozbicki, Pande Sukesh Babu, Andrew West, Mark Watan

Continuing need: Lorraine Ashton, June Bassenger, Zareen Choudary, Graham Davis, Doris Goodchild, Cassandra Gosai, Caroline Grisely, Paul Gillard, Terry Hooker, Emily Jones, Tony Kieran, Cassie Martin, Dennis Pridmore, Mary Skerritt, Eutal Spence, Inga Vosyliene

In the Year's Mind: Olive Pollard

Those who have died: Maggie Holder, Jabulani Sibanda

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



NOTICES

Maggie Holder's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 26 August at 12.30pm at Manor Park Cemetery Chapel** followed by burial. Maggie was a long standing member of St Edmund's and will be laid to rest with her late husband Alan in Manor Park Cemetery. Please pray for Maggie and for her family.

St Bart's Patronal. On **Sunday 6 September** we gather for a Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bart's. We will be joined by the Revd Mutuota Johnson, visiting from the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Open House Festival 2026. On **Saturday 19 September 10am-3pm** St Mary Magdalene will be welcoming visitors throughout the day. Volunteers will be needed for serving refreshments in the Hall. Please register your interest to volunteer with Claudette or via the parish office (info@easthamparish.org)

We are seeking to recruit a new organist and choir director following Chris's departure. Please see the advert on our website and share it with anyone who might be interested. easthamparish.org.uk/vacancies

ECO CHURCH

Browsing the BBC News Climate section on their website will lead you to headlines on food shortages in the UK due to the heatwaves, the River Danube at record low levels, Italian cities on their highest heat alert ever, and wildfires raging through Europe. All very worrying evidence of the climate crisis. But keep scrolling for stories of ordinary people taking action in their own area (Bradford), research that supports farming, and changes to working practice for many. And Chris Packham

calls on politicians to 'be very brave and bold, and confront this issue' -
www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cmj34zmwm1zt

MEETINGS

Wednesday 9 Sept – Standing Committee at St Bart's at 3pm

Wednesday 16 Sept – St Mary's DCC at 7.15pm in St Mary's Hall

Sunday 20 Sept – St Edmund's DCC Meeting at 11am

Weds 23 Sept – Deanery Synod

Sunday 27 Sept – St Bart's DCC at 11.15am

Tuesday 30 Sept – PCC at St Mary's Hall at 7.15pm



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NEWWAY SUMMER DONATION DRIVE

Summer can be just as dangerous as winter for people forced to sleep on the streets.

Long days in the heat increase the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, while access to drinking water, shade and basic essentials is often limited.

How can I help?

Donations of lightweight clothing, reusable water bottles, sun cream, hats and other vital items can protect health, prevent dehydration and make life a little safer during the hottest months.

WHAT TO DONATE:

- ✓ **Lightweight clothing (shorts and t-shirts)**
- ✓ **Reusable water bottles**
- ✓ **Sun cream**
- ✓ **Sun Hats/Caps**
- ✓ **Fresh underwear**
- ✓ **Sunglasses**

All donations can be sent to or dropped off at NEWway at The Bobby Moore Pavilion, 118 Napier Road, East Ham, E6 2SG. Monday to Friday 7:30am - 2:30pm