



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

Sunday 30 November

Year A

1st Sunday of Advent

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Area Dean: Amy Stott, Lay Chair: Janet Bone

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

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

In the world: for end and to kidnapping in Nigeria and the release of hostages

With USPG: for health workers and communities, especially in fragile regions, that they receive the care, support, and resources they need. Also, keep in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and Mildmay.

In the Parish: Lonsdale Avenue, Lucas Avenue, Lucas Road

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Adiba Haque, Rose Joynes, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Elsie Nicholson, Andrew West

Continuing need: 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, Canon Colin Westbrook

Those who have died: Carol

In the Year's Mind: Alice Neal, Eva Patterson, Veronica Sutton, John Henry King
May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Hymns & Psalm:

St Bart's: 405, 417, 67, 128

St Mary's: 480, 703, 128, 405

Response to the Psalm:



Morning Prayer Wednesday 8.50am at St Bart's; Thursday 8.50am at St Edmund's

Eucharist this week: Tuesday 12.15pm at St Edmund's, Wednesday 6.30pm at St Mary's, Thursday 12.15pm at St Bart's

Eucharist next Sunday (7th December) Advent 2 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.

Thank you and well done to those who organised **St Mary Magdalene's Christmas Market** and everyone who contributed to make this another very special occasion. It was great to see so many people volunteering for the first time running stalls and helping in other ways. This event continues to grow as an annual highlight in the parish and an important fundraiser for the Hall and our community life, this year raising a record £1,247.00.

This year's **Advent** course is a word study on key Advent themes in the Bible: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. You can join either online (*Tuesday evenings 2, 9 and 16 Dec*) or in person (*Thursdays at 11am at St Bart's 4, 11 and 18 Dec*). The Tuesday and Thursday sessions will cover the same material. This course is offered by and for the East Ham **Ministry and Mission Partnership**, with sessions led by Joan Dallas of St George's, East Ham, and by Fr Paul. More details to follow for signing up to the online sessions. Get ahead by watching the video for the first sessions, 'Hope' at <https://bibleproject.com/videos/collections/advent/>

Advent devotions booklet If you are interested in a daily devotional through Advent, do pick up a copy of *Praying with the Psalms: 3-Minute Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2025*. Copies available at each church. If you are in a position to do so, please make a voluntary donation to help cover the cost of the booklets.

Sherry and mince pies at the vicarage: members of all our congregations and St Bart's Centre staff and volunteers are cordially invited to seasonal refreshments next Sunday afternoon (*7th December, drop in any time between 3pm and 5.30pm, 9 Woodhouse Grove E12 6SR*).

Final Call for **Christmas Lunch** on **Monday 8 December** at **12:30** at **The Winsor House, Beckton** Cost is £19 for 2 courses or £22 for 3 courses. If you'd like to book a place, please let Linda in the Parish Office (020 8470 0011) or Jackie in the café know and pay £5 deposit by Friday 5 December. All are welcome!

St Mary Magdalene Advent Conversations A series of 'conversations in the Spirit' after the Wednesday evening Eucharist. This continues the work we have begun together looking to the future of St Mary's and our life together. This will be facilitated by Fr Paul and Ana Ferreira of Centre for Theology and Community. *Wed 26th Nov; 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec after the 6.30pm Eucharist. Held in the Church Hall.*

Church of South India Carol Service Sunday 14th December 3.30pm
Guest Preacher: The Rt Revd Lynne Cullens, Bishop of Barking. Our friends at CSI invite us to this annual service featuring the CSI London Choir.

Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's Sunday 21st December 6pm We will be welcoming visitors and readers from the wider East Ham Community for this annual festival of carols and readings, followed by mulled wine. We will be having a *special collection* to help fund our hosting of the NewDawn Nightshelter. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve 5pm Christingle at St Mary's; 8pm First Eucharist of Christmas at St Bart's; 11pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's. **Christmas Day** 10am at St Mary's, 10am at St Bart's and 10am at St Edmund's. *There are now **fliers available listing the main Christmas services** which are especially popular with visitors and newcomers. Please take a few and use them to invite friends and family.*

St Stephen's Day Eucharist at St Edmund's on Friday 26th December 11am. After all the excitement of Christmas Day, an opportunity for a simple service at which we commemorate the first martyr and co-patron of St Edmund's Church.

Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bartholomew's on Sunday 28th December 10am. Please note that on the first Sunday after Christmas there will be only one 10am Eucharist in the Parish which will be held at St Bart's. The 8am Eucharist at St Mary's is held as usual. *There will be no 10am services at St Mary's or St Edmund's that Sunday.*

St Bart's Intercessory Prayer will follow the service TODAY.

A message from the Eco Church group - a few weeks ago we circulated our annual lifestyle survey. Thank you to everyone who took part, although we had 19 responses, less than last year. The results seem to show how we are all affected by the cost of living - buying Fairtrade goods can be an expensive choice, for example, and 95% of us are reducing our use of electricity. In other areas, more people (89%) are using the 4Rs (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle), which has been a big focus in the last year. And twice as many people (42%) are taking part in a community activity, like litter picking. Overall, 74% feel they have made changes in the last 12 months to support the environment. There is a good response to seeing items in the newsletter, which the Eco Church Group really appreciates, so thank you for all your support!

Meetings.

Thursday 4th December – Deanery Synod, St Luke's Canning Town 7:15 for 7:45 pm
Dates for 2026 to be circulated shortly



**Acting Team Rector/
Team Vicar:
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What's on at St Bart's Café



Tuesday 2nd Dec	Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week)
	Sewing group @ 10.30
Wednesday 3rd Dec	Line Dancing 10:30 – 11:30
Thursday 4th Dec	Knit & Natter @ 11am
Friday 5th Dec	Scrabble club 12:00 – 14:00

Monday 8th Dec	Lunch Bunch Christmas Lunch – see poster
Tuesday 9th Dec	Newham Super Choir 10:45 – 12:15 (£6/week)
	Sewing group @ 10.30
	Newham Super Choir
	Christmas Concert 13:30-14:30
Wednesday 10th Dec	Line Dancing 10:30 – 11:30
Thursday 11th Dec	Knit & Natter @ 11am
Friday 12th Dec	Scrabble club 12:00 – 14:00

Tuesday 16th Dec	Jazanne Arts
	Festive Reflections at 1pm
	Followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Line Dancing 10:30 – 11:30
Thursday 18 th Dec	Knit & Natter @ 11am
Friday 19 th Dec	Scrabble club 12:00 – 14:00

The café is closed from 2.30pm on 19th December and will re-open at 10.30am on Tuesday 6th January 2026



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