

# Parish *of* the Holy Trinity, East Ham

# St Mary Magdalene

# St Bartholomew

## St Edmund

## 21 December

Year A

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 24/25 December

## Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

## 28 December

## Holy Innocents

**4 January 2026**

## Epiphany

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our Deanery:** East Ham, Holy Trinity: St Mary Magdalene: Paul Gurnham, John King

**In the Diocese:** Mistley w Manningtree (St Mary and St Michael) w Bradfield (St Lawrence Clergy: Vacancy (R), John Brien (AC), Sam Winney (AC), Nicky Young (A). LLM: Julie Titley.



**In the Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

**In the world:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** for those affected by the Bondi Beach attack and end to anti-Semitism

**Christmas Eve/Christmas Day:** those struggling with relationships and those experiencing loneliness

## Holy Innocents: young victims of violence and their families

**Epiphany:** for peace, reconciliation and justice for all nations this New Year

**With USPG:** we give thanks for Dr Chalinzee and his devoted service at Mvumi Hospital. Also, keep in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and Mildmay.

**In the Parish:** Marlborough Road, Marlow Road, Masfield Gardens

**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

**In the Year's Mind:** James Smith, John Fisher, John Wood, Doris Coker, Joyce Lock, Ethel Large, Alice Spurling, Allen Douglas, Simon Bonnici, Geoff Hayes, John Walker.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Hymns & Psalm 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

**St Bart's: 480, 350, 381, 631**

**St Mary's: 480, 182, 634, 370**

### Response to the Psalm:



Turn us a- gain, O God, show the light of your coun-te-nance, and we shall be saved.

## Hymns 24 December (Christmas Eve)

**St Mary's (5pm/11pm):** as printed in Christingle or Midnight Mass booklet.

## Hymns 25 December (Christmas Day)

St Mary's 479, 745, 588, 508, 266

## Hymns 28 December (Holy Innocents)

Joint Eucharist at St Bart's: 729, 326, 486, 776, 700

## Hymns & Psalm 4 January: Epiphany

St Bart's: 49, 552, 277, 729

St Mary's: 152, 724, 85, 49

Response to the Psalm:



**Morning Prayer and Eucharist:** See full list of services over the Christmas and New Year period on the back page

**Giving Envelopes** for 2026 are now available. Please collect from the co-ordinators in your church – Andrew, June or Penny.

**The parish office will be closed** from **Monday 22 December** and will reopen on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

Please note that there will be **no midweek services** on Tuesday 30 December, Wednesday 31 December and Thursday 1 January 2026

**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.

**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.

**NEWdawn winter night shelter** Our parish is teaming up with Bonny Downs Baptist church who will be hosting NEWdawn winter night shelter one night a week at St Mary's Hall starting 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. NEWdawn is Newham's church-led winter night shelter that operates during the coldest months of the year, safely giving shelter to up to 15 guests a night. NEWdawn is a partnership where professional staff teams manage referrals, organise the overall running of shelter and undertake case work with the guests, and churches in Newham surround guests with safety and opportunity from within a compassionate community. This is a great opportunity to volunteer with a well established and well organised project. If you would like to be involved please contact Ami Moulton ([ami@newwayproject.org](mailto:ami@newwayproject.org)) and cc Fr Paul ([paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk](mailto:paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk))

**Epiphany Sunday 2026** The Feast of the Epiphany is kept on Sunday 4 January across the parish. The Eucharist will be celebrated at St Mary's (8am and 10am), St Bart's (10am) and St Edmund's (10am). This is the day we celebrate the coming of Jesus to all the nations of the world.

**Youth events in 2026** (together with other young people in Newham churches) Save the dates: **Shrove Tuesday sleepover** 17-18 February 2026; **Youthscape Summer Camp 'Satellites'** 6-10 August 2026. If you are interested in being part of either or both of these: whether attending, as an adult helper or just curious, please do speak to Fr Paul.

**Confirmations by Bishop Guli in 2026** We are hoping to secure a visit from the Bishop of Chelmsford for a confirmation service in the parish on 26 April 2026. If you are interested in confirmation (for adults and young people approximately age 11 or over) or simply want to know more please contact Fr Paul or any of the clergy or pastoral assistants.

**St Bart's Intercessory Prayer** will follow the service Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**A message from the Eco Church group** - your Eco Church Group has been busy this year, and 2026 is looking to be just as interesting! We'll start with the Big Garden Birdwatch in January, but more of that later. From all of us, a heartfelt '**thank you**' for all your support this year, for us and for the environment. This season is a time to rest, to pray, to embrace your family and friends, and give thanks for all we have, here on our precious planet. We wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

#### Meetings.

Weds 14 Jan – Standing Committee at St Bart's at 3pm  
Sun 18 Jan – St Edmund's DCC at 11am  
Sun 25 Jan – St Bart's DCC at 11.15am  
Wed 28 Jan – St Mary's DCC at 7.15pm in the hall  
Tue 3 Feb – PCC meeting at St Bart's 7pm



**Acting Team Rector/  
Team Vicar:  
Associate Clergy:**

**Honorary Associate  
Clergy:**

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Rev. Sandra Eldridge

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Sunday 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's <b>6pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary Magdalene's</b>
Tuesday 23 December	9am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Edmund's
Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve	<b>5pm Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene's</b> 8pm First Eucharist of Christmas at St Bartholomew's <b>11pm Midnight Mass at St Mary Magdalene's</b>
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day	10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's
Friday 26 December St Stephen, Martyr	<b>11am Eucharist at St Edmund's</b>
Sunday 28 December The Holy Innocents	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's <b>10am Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bartholomew's</b> <i>*There is no 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's*</i> <i>*There is no 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's*</i>
29 Dec - 3 Jan	No weekday services
Sunday 4 January Epiphany	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's
Tuesday 6 January	9am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Edmund's
Wednesday 7 January	8.50am Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew's 6.30pm Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's
Thursday 8 January	8.50am Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 11 January Baptism of Christ	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's