



# Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene    St Bartholomew    St Edmund

Sunday 26 January

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3rd Sunday of Epiphany

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our Deanery:** Stratford St John with Christ Church: Young Lee

**In the Diocese:** Rainham (St Helen & St Giles) w Wennington (St Mary & St Peter) Elise Peterson (V), David Stainer (AC)

**In the Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Liverpool – The Church of England

**In the world:** for peace in the Middle East

**With Christian Aid:** for end to the use of fossil fuels and for polluters to pay for the loss and damage they cause

**With USPG:** for the work of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Friendly Churches, especially the preparation and planning for a conference with the Diocese of Salisbury in the cathedral in May 2025

**With Mildmay:** for the centres in Kenya and Uganda

**In the Parish:** Tilbury Road, Truesdale Road, Tudor Road

**Those who have asked our prayers:**

**Particular need:** Adiba Haque, Laurine Griffith, Caroline Grisely

**Continuing need:** Zareen Choudary, Cassandra Gosai, Terry & Prim Hooker, Ethel King, Barbara Lonergan, Dennis Pridmore, Mary Skerritt, Vineta Thomas

**Those who have died:** Francis Brown

**In the Year's Mind:** Ronald Francis, Heny Holdsworth, Marco Lopes, George Bradford *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



Hymns at St Mary's: 259, 88, 67, 379

Response to the Psalm:



The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

**Lunch Bunch – TOMORROW** 27th January. Why not join us for the first lunch bunch get together of 2025 ? We meet at Brewers Fayre Winsor House, Beckton at 12:30pm – all are most welcome !

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are now available in the Churches – please see your coordinator to collect a supply for 2025.

**Farewell to Rev Sue:** Rev Sue's last service will be a Joint Parish Eucharist on **2nd February 2025** at **10.30am** (rather than 10am; no 10am services at St Mary's or St Ed's that day). We will be holding a celebration meal following that service, giving thanks for her ministry among us.

**Organising for Growth:** Fr Paul and Ana Ferreira are organising meet-ups with members of the St Mary's congregation as we build relationships and explore our various motivations and gifts as we seek to grow in number, depth and impact.

**A message from St Mary's Eco-Church group:** The more wildlife we see, the more determined to protect the environment we are likely to be. London has a lot to offer: red and fallow deer and ring-necked parakeets in Richmond Park; stag beetles on Wimbledon Common; peregrines on Tate Modern; cormorants, herons and swans on the Thames; water voles, bats and birdlife at the London Wetland Centre. Our own grounds have much to offer of course. An encouraging statistic: the number of robins in the UK increased by 49% between 1967 and 2022.

**Night shelter project:** In January we are teaming up with other churches in Newham and the NEWdawn Night Shelter. Please do contact the Night Shelter Manager Ami [ami@newwayproject.org](mailto:ami@newwayproject.org) if you are interested in volunteering, or ask Fr Paul or Chrissie (churchwarden at St Mary's) for more information.

**Easter Experience at St Mary's on 17 March** (organized by Faith in Schools). We are hosting children from our local primary schools again this year as they learn about Easter. Groups of children undertake various activities at St Mary's and in St Mary's Hall and we are recruiting volunteers again to make this happen. If you are interested, please contact [rachel@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:rachel@faithinschools.co.uk) or 07414241948 and sign up for volunteer training on 10 Feb (10am-12noon) or 26 Feb (1pm-3pm).

**Question time with Archdeacon Mike Power Wednesday 5 February at St Bart's Church & Centre at 7.30pm.** Refreshments from 6.45pm. An opportunity for the Laity to meet our new Archdeacon and ask those burning questions! Enjoy some light refreshments with a chance to talk to other lay leaders. For catering purposes please reply to [janet.bone17@virginmedia.com](mailto:janet.bone17@virginmedia.com) or [Shirleybiro@aol.com](mailto:Shirleybiro@aol.com) if you intend to come.

Please could you inform us of your Questions so that we can ensure that we get a wide range and cover as many topics as possible, and also state the name of your church.

**Confirmation:** Fr Paul invites those interested in Confirmation/Baptism to meet in St Mary's Hall TODAY, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January (11.30am-12noon). For those at St Bart's & St Ed's who cannot attend these, please email/phone Fr Paul to register your interest.

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

**Meetings:**

**Standing Committee** 12 February at 3pm at St Bart's

**St Mary's DCC** 19 February at 7.15pm in Parish Room

**St Ed's DCC** 9 March at 11:15

**St Bart's DCC** 16 March at 11.15am

**PCC** 18 March at St Ed's at 7pm

**Deanery Synod** 26 March at St Martin's Plaistow

**MMP** 31 March at St Martin's, Plaistow at 7pm



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Rt Revd. Saulo Barros

Rev. John King

Rev. Katherine Ward

#### Honorary Associate Clergy:

Rev. Canon Ann Easter

Rev. Sandra Eldridge



# Beckton Easter Experience



## SHARE RESURRECTION JOY

*With over 300 children coming to meet us...*

**Monday 17 March 2025**

8:15 am-12 pm/12-3:30 pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, 1 Norman Rd, London E6 6HN

Help needed to welcome pupils  
(aged 8-9), support a workshop, or  
provide lunch for volunteers

**Free training on 10 or 26 Feb**  
Ask your church leader or contact:

Alice 07507039502  
[alice@faithinschools.co.uk](mailto:alice@faithinschools.co.uk)



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### **News**

At our last Deanery Synod meeting, as we did not have any speakers, it was agreed that we could take over and ask some Questions relevant to the Role of the Laity. We were very encouraged by the energy and ideas generated around improving Synod meetings.

- To make them more Relational, Kingdom Building and less 'business'.
- Creating opportunities for conversations about supporting each other in various roles and how to encourage and support new people into these roles, which are often ill-defined.
- Making connections between lay folk in neighbouring Churches.

So we need ideas from YOU as to how we can forward this work.

This means making more contacts. We have a fair number of Church Wardens, alongside Deanery reps but very few Parish Safeguarding Officers and Treasurers, who are particularly isolated with complex responsibilities.

So could you please pass this email onto to anyone else who may be interested in attending this or future meetings. And encourage them to share their email address with us.

Thank you.

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