

Eucharist next Sunday (26 April) Fourth Sunday of Easter 8am Said Mass at St Mary's; 10am Joint Parish Eucharist with Baptisms & Confirmations at St Mary's; No 10am services at St Bart's or St Edmund's.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Victoria Docks Ascension: Oyin Oladipe, Becca Rogers

In the Diocese: Chipping Ongar (St Martin) w Shelley (St Peter); Greensted juxta Ongar (St Andrew); Stanford Rivers (St Margaret): Hazel Aucken (AC), Neil Taylor (AC).



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

In the world: for the King, members of parliament and the armed forces.

With USPG: for courage and creativity to all taking part in climate initiatives

In the Parish: Selby Close, Sewell Street, Shaftsbury Road

This week: for candidates being baptized on Saturday 25 April and baptized, confirmed and received on Sunday 26 April

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Bentley Mason, Andy Rozbicki, Inge Vosyliene, Andrew West

Continuing need: Lorraine Ashton, June Bassenger, 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: The Revd M C John

In the Year's Mind: Leslie Neal, Clarice McCarthy, Myra Gibson-Wallace, Rosetta Jones, Edith McGrane, Jack Patterson, Evelyn Dean, Joan Lacy, James Smith

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

NOTICES

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! **TODAY 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 www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026/



Bishop Guli (Bishop of Chelmsford) will join us at a Joint Parish Eucharist (10am) at St Mary Magdalene's **next 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 or Philip 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.

ECO CHURCH

A recent report from the RSPB revealed that using bird feeders in our gardens may be spreading a deadly disease, trichomonosis. Feeders should be cleaned regularly, and the new advice is to stop feeding seed and peanuts between 1st May and 31st October, as large groups of birds gathering may spread the illness. We can add plants to our garden for natural food - and the Family Nature Club children recently took home sunflower seeds to grow! To find out more about the new advice, go to the RSPB website - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds>

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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