



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene St Bartholomew St Edmund

26 April

Year A

4th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

A warm welcome to St Mary Magdalene's today for this special service of baptism, confirmation and reception into the Church of England. We are honoured to have with us Bishop Guli and her chaplain the Revd Dr Rachel Pennant, and also Bishop Saulo. And on behalf of all of us, an enormous thank you to the St Mary's home team for hosting this service and organizing refreshments.

This season of Easter is a time of new beginnings and so there is no better season to be welcoming new members and confirming those previously baptized. Whether we are receiving these sacraments today, did so in the past or may do in the future, let today assure each of us that we are precious in God's sight and Jesus the Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures and abundant life. Amen.

Fr Paul, Team Rector.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Tuesday 9am at St Mary's, Wednesday 8.50am at St Bart's; Thursday 8.50am at St Edmund's.

Weekday Eucharist: Tuesday 12.15pm at St Edmund's; Wednesday 6.30pm at St Mary's, Thursday 12.15pm at St Bart's.

Eucharist next Sunday (3 May) Fifth Sunday of Easter 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Victoria Dock St Luke: Amy Stott, Kat Bennett

In the Diocese: Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas): Julie Hardy (R), John Biddulph (AC).

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

In the world: for the Jewish communities in London following the recent attacks on synagogues

With USPG: for Pakistan and all who continue to recover from recent floods

In the Parish: Sherrard Road, Shrewsbury Road, Sidney Elson Way

This week: for candidates being 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, Inga 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: Fran Ward, Les Rowe, Dorothy Clarke, Wilfrid Temperley, Ted Morris *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

NOTICES

Prayer Walk this Saturday (2 May) with our Ministry and Mission Partnership (MMP) Please join our annual prayer walk around our parishes and those of our neighbours, **starting at St Paul's East Ham at 1.30pm**, but you can join at any time and location: see the schedule on the back page of this newsletter. This is a very special one because the walk was initiated by the Revd Merrin Playle, who has been the Vicar of St Paul's East Ham for the last 20 years, and she is retiring at the end of May. At the end of the walk, **at St Bart's at about 5.45pm**, we will say farewell to Merrin from all our churches and thank her for her commitment and leadership for the Prayer Walk and other events. Even if you cannot make the walk, please do join in at St Bart's at 5.45pm.

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday 14 May. This is one of the greatest feast days of the church when the risen Jesus was received into Heaven. All are encouraged to gather at the Eucharist.

Said Eucharist at St Bart's at 12.15pm

Sung Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's at 7pm*

*please note the new time and date of this service.

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/



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.

We are delighted that several young people have shown interest in becoming Junior Choristers in the Parish Church Choir. The details and forms will be available from Sunday, 3rd May. Please do speak to Mthr Katherine if your child has already shown interest or would like to find out more about the choir, so that she has your contact details and can send you the relevant information. However, it is vital that there is another adult with Mthr Katherine for the rehearsals in St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesdays in term time from 4.30-5.45pm. If you could offer a Wednesday afternoon a month or even once every two months, to help with refreshments and supervision, during the rehearsals, please contact Mthr Katherine - katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk. The chorister rehearsals cannot start until there are enough adults to act as chaperones. This can apply to anyone in the parish, not just those who attend St Mary's.

ECO CHURCH

It has often been said that war drives innovation, and the current crisis in the Middle East has focused minds on where our energy comes from. Reducing the dependency on fossil fuels can only be a good thing, but how to achieve that for ordinary homes? Soon, we will be able to buy plug-in solar panels from stores like Lidl, and just hang them on a balcony, a garden fence, a south-facing patio, and start making electricity. It won't replace all our power needs, but should reduce bills (a typical home could save up to £110 a year), pay for itself in 4 years, and have a lifespan of 15 years!

MEETINGS

THIS Tue 28 April – Joint DCC's/PCC meeting at St Bart's at 7pm



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Rev. Canon Ann Easter

Rev. Sandra Eldridge



MEN'S GROUP

Chaps & Chats

Starting Thursday 7th May 2026

1pm to 3pm

Luke Room St Bart's Centre

A promotional poster for 'Faith in Schools' featuring a group of diverse people smiling. The text is overlaid on a blue-tinted background.

FAITH IN SCHOOLS New Volunteer Training
27th April 2026

Join us to share your Christian faith with local schools!

School visitor induction
10 am-12 noon
Swift Centre, First Floor
387 Barking Rd, London E13 8AL

Booking essential 07414241948 | Email: rachel@faithinschools.co.uk

Prayer Walk with MMP
Saturday 2nd May 2026

	Route/provisions	Distance	Walk time	Arrive	Depart	Stop time
St. Paul's Burgess Road E6 2EU	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			1.30pm	1.50pm	20 mins
From St. Paul's to St. Edmunds	Burgess Road, High St. North, Plashet Grove, across Plashet Park, Rutland Road (past the Orthodox Church), Katherine Road	2.3km	34 mins			
St. Edmund's 464 Katherine Rd E7 8NP	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			2.25pm	2.50	25 mins
From St. Edmund's to St. Martin's	Katherine Road, Strone Road, Green Street, Boundary Road	1.9km	29 mins			
St. Martin's Boundary Road E13 9PN	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			3.20pm	3.50pm	30 mins
From St. Martin's to St. George's	Boundary Road, Clacton Road, Hatherley Gardens, Haldane Road, Burford Road.	1.2km	18 mins			
St. George's Burford Road E6	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			4.10pm	4.35pm	25 mins
From St. George's to St. Mary's	Burford Road, Masterman Road, Sandford Road, Melford Road, High St. South	1.2km	17 mins			
St. Mary's High St. South E6 3HN	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			4.55pm	5.20pm	25 mins
From St. Mary's to St. Bart's	High St. South, Central Park, Bartle Ave., Henry Road, Navarre Road, Barking Road	1.4km	21 mins			
St. Bart's 292B Barking Road E6 3BA	Toilet/drinks & biscuits			5.45pm	6.30pm	45 mins
	Total	8km/5miles	2 hours			