



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene St Bartholomew St Edmund

10 May

Year A

6th Sunday of Easter

THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Welcome to church !

The words of the service (The Eucharist) are printed in the booklets.

Hymns at St Bart's 12, 144, 284, 249. Hymns at St Mary's 428, 131, 88, 492.

Psalm at St Mary's, verses sung by choir; response sung by all:



All the earth shall wor-ship you, O Lord.

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

This is a special week in the Christian calendar. At its heart is Ascension Day on Thursday, when Christ returns to the Father forty days after the Resurrection. In the Ascension, our human nature is taken into heaven itself. This reveals the destiny of every person: union with God, and a dignity that calls us to see each human life as infinitely precious.

That vision is lived out in Christian Aid Week. As Christian Aid reminds us, our support 'could help mothers [like Fridah] in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Many parents wake each day knowing that unless they earn something, their children will go hungry. Fridah knows this reality well, yet she is determined to protect her grandchildren. Through Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, she has received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small urban space—food to feed her family or sell for income.' We are raising funds for Christian Aid at our concert this Saturday 16 May at 3pm, with songs and other performances from our talented parishioners and a short talk from a guest speaker. Please come and support - see poster on the back of this sheet. Tickets available in all our churches, from the office, or on the door.

Also this week is the commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima, marked next Sunday afternoon at our neighbouring Anglican parish, St Martin's, Plaistow, remembering the call to repentance and prayer given in 1917 in the midst of world conflict.

Together, these moments invite us to turn afresh to God. As we rejoice in Christ's Ascension, may we recognise the dignity of every person and live it out through prayer, generosity, and loving service.

God bless you

Fr Paul

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

ASCENSION DAY is this 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.

Also this week: Wednesday (Eve of Ascension Day) 6.30pm Said Mass at St Mary's. Please note there is *no Tuesday Mass at St Edmund's* this week due to Clergy Chapter meeting. Morning Prayer as usual: Tuesday 9am at St Mary's, Wednesday 8.50am at St Bart's; Thursday 8.50am at St Edmund's.

Eucharist next Sunday (17 May) Seventh Sunday of Easter 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.

Also next Sunday: Our Lady of Fatima Festival at St Martin's Plaistow; 12.45pm Procession; 2pm Mass (tri-lingual!) at which Fr Paul is guest preacher: all welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: West Ham, St Matthew: Jamie Childs and Andrew Holt

In the Diocese: Boreham (St Andrew) Vacancy (PIC). Broomfield (St Mary w St Leonard) Vacancy (V)

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In the world: For local councillors recently elected to office in local elections

This week for the work of Christian Aid.

With USPG: for the Positive Parenting Programme and all its facilitators.

In the Parish: South Esk Road, Spencer Road, Stafford Road

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Ann, Tony Kieran, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Patricia Lorocque, Bentley Mason, Andy Rozbicki, Pande Sukesh Babu, 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: John Sentamu, Neila Butcher, Brother Thomas Anthony SSF

In the Year's Mind: Douglas Pead, Winifred Clarke, Mark Tellis, Joan Burdge

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



NOTICES

Invitation to church members to meet with new team vicar candidates.

Interviews for the new team vicar take place on Thursday 28th May at St Bart's. We are giving the candidates the opportunity to meet with church members between 10.45am and 12.15pm in the Luke Room at St Bart's Centre. This is an opportunity for the candidates to experience a little more of who we are and who they might be ministering with should they be appointed. If you are a member of one of our churches please do call in during this period if you are able and say hello.

Trinity Sunday and Annual Meetings. On **Sunday 31 May at 10am** there will be a **Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bart's**, followed by the Meeting of

Parishioners to elect our churchwardens, immediately followed by the longer Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which the Annual Report 2025 is presented, followed by a very short PCC to appoint PCC officers. Nomination forms for PCC and DCC members etc are available in all our churches. Please return them to Fr Paul via the parish office. *Please note there are no 10am services at St Mary's or St Edmund's on 31 May.*

The Charge: Youth Event 27 May, 1pm-6pm After the success of the deanery sleepover and the Easter Encounter, our neighbours at St Luke's, Canning Town, are hosting another event for churches across Newham, and would love you and your young people to attend. This one has a focus around equipping young people in evangelism and putting what they learn into practice and is aimed at those who are secondary school aged. Young people can sign up here



<https://stlukescanningtown.churchsuite.com/events/tukeypb0>

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

Sir David Attenborough is 100 years old! He has spent his long career bringing the natural world to our television screens, from all parts of the world - land, sea and air. He has spoken out about restoring biodiversity, mitigating climate change, switching to renewable energy, and more, and is probably our most influential advocate for environmental causes, someone we all recognise. The BBC is marking the occasion with an event from the Royal Albert Hall, as well as featuring an archive of his work on iPlayer - the latest of which is Secret Garden, and Wild London recently showcased the capital's animals. A national treasure indeed!

MEETINGS

Sunday 31 May – APCM & APM and PCC at St Bart's at 11am

Tuesday 23 Jun – Deanery Synod

Wednesday 1 July – Standing Committee at St Bart's at 3pm

Sunday 5 July – St Edmund's DCC Meeting at 11am

Wednesday 8 July – St Mary's DCC at 7.15pm in St Mary's Hall

Sunday 12 July – St Bart's DCC at 11.15am

Tuesday 14 July – PCC at St Edmund's at 7pm

Wednesday 22 July – Deanery Committee



CONTACTS:

Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

The Parish Office, St Bartholomew's Church and Centre
292b Barking Road, E6 3BA. Telephone: 020 8470 0011

email: info@easthamparish.org.uk

website: www.easthamparish.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 1127847

Team Rector:

Rev. Paul Gurnham

Associate Clergy:

Email: paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk

Rt Revd. Saulo Barros

Rev. John King

Rev. Katherine Ward - katherine.ward@easthamparish.org.uk

Honorary Associate Clergy:

Rev. Canon Ann Easter

Rev. Sandra Eldridge

ALL ARE INVITED!

CHRISTIAN AID CHARITY CONCERT

in benefit of

Venue:
St Bartholomew's Church and Centre
292b Barking Rd, London E6 3BA

**16th MAY 2026
3 PM – 5:30 PM**

Entry ticket: £7 (children under 12 go free)

For tickets, contact any of the following:
Linda: easthamparish@gmail.com, Philip: philj.ktm@gmail.com
(07949 266858) or Alison: alisonmclucas@gmail.com

The poster features a light grey background with decorative orange and brown circles at the top. It includes illustrations of musical instruments like a guitar and a cello, and a cassette tape at the bottom. The text is primarily in red and black, with the Christian Aid logo in its characteristic red arrow shape.