



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

6 September

Year A

St Bartholomew's Patronal Festival

THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Welcome to church!

8am at St Mary's: At this quiet reflective Eucharist we use the readings and prayers for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

10am at St Bart's: Today we celebrate the patronal festival of our patron saint, St Bartholomew the Apostle. The words of the service including the hymns are printed in the service booklet. Large print versions are available. Please stay afterwards for some refreshment and do introduce yourself if you are visiting or new to St Bart's.

FROM THE CLERGY

Throughout the year our Church life is shaped by a calendar of feast days, from major festivals like Christmas and Easter to days when we commemorate individual saints. Today we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Bartholomew, which is shared this year with a new feast recently established in the Church of England: the Festival of Creation in Christ, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. The feast recognises Christ's role in the act of Creation. As it says in John's gospel: "All things came into being through him." The truly remarkable thing about this new feast is the agreement between all the major denominations to adopt it. Its origins date back a long way, however, to the 8th century when the Eastern Orthodox Church first celebrated September 1st as the day marking God's creation of the world. In 1989, in view of the ecological crisis, the Eastern Orthodox Church invited "the entire Christian world" to celebrate this observance together, and many churches have been doing this informally. This new feast day now promotes the opportunity to thank God for His gift of Creation and to recognise our responsibility to cherish it.

Sandra Eldridge

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Weekday Eucharist: Tue 12.15pm St Ed's; Wed 6.30pm St Mary's; Thur 12.15pm St Bart's.

Morning Prayer: Tue 9am St Mary's; Wed 8.50am St Bart's; Thur 8.50am St Ed's.

Eucharist next Sunday (13 September) 15th Sunday after Trinity 8am & 10am at St Mary's; 10am at St Bart's; 10am at St Edmund's.

IN OUR PRAYERS



In our Deanery: East Ham St Paul: Vacancy

In the Diocese: Harlow (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Bermuda (Extra Provincial)

In the world: those affected by floods in Nepal and Tibet and for the rescue effort

With USPG: the refugee women and children supported by the Magnificat group

In the Parish: Barking Road, Barry Road, Bartle Ave

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Patricia Larocque, Bentley Mason, Pande Sukesh Babu, Rosetta Thorne, Andrew West

Continuing need: Lorraine Ashton, June Bassenger, Zareen Choudary, Sophie Colville, Graham Davis, Doris Goodchild, Cassandra Gosai, Caroline Grisely, Paul Gillard, Terry Hooker, Terrence Hill, Emily Jones, Tony Kieran, Brendan Mann, Cassie Martin, Dennis Pridmore, Mary Skerritt, Eutal Spence, Inga Vosyliene, Mark Watan

In the Year's Mind: Christine Lewanika, Rose Gwynn, Emma Herbert

NOTICES

Going forward the **Parish Office** will be open **Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm** and will be closed on a Friday. The café continues to open Tuesday to Friday; if visiting the Parish Office on a Monday please telephone first to arrange access.

Picnic! We get together with members of our neighbouring churches for the Ministry and Mission Partnership Picnic on **Sat 12 Sept 2pm at Thames Barrier Park**. Meet on the Green area in front of the Café. For more details please contact Shirley shirleybiro@gmail.com If you cannot find the group on the day please call Shirley on 07815 306971.

Climate change: an 'in the round' discussion with the Ven Johnson Gachoki Mutuota at St Mary Magdalene's on **Tue 15 Sept 6.30pm-8pm**: sharing experiences of climate change and responses. There will be another opportunity to hear from and talk to Rev Johnson and two other clergy from Kenya on-line **Mon 14 Sept 6.30pm-8pm**. Contact Sandra to join online: seldridge@chelmsford.anglican.org

Open House Festival 2026. On **Sat 19 Sept 10am-3pm** St Mary Magdalene will be welcoming visitors throughout the day. Volunteers will be needed for serving refreshments in the Hall. Please register your interest to volunteer with Claudette or via the parish office (info@easthamparish.org)

St Bart's Intercessory Prayer will follow the service **Sun 27 Sept**.

East Ham Parish Junior Choristers Mthr Katherine will soon start training the Junior Choristers to help lead Sunday services, mainly with the choir at St Mary Magdalene. Rehearsal will be Wednesday afternoons, starting on **Wed 30 Sep, 4.30-6pm**, in St Mary's Hall. There will be a **meeting for interested children and their parents/carers** on **Sun 20 Sept 11.15am** in St Mary Magdalene's Church, after the service. Mthr Katherine will outline how the choir will work and answer any questions. This choir will be for children and teenagers 7+, but if your child is 6 and is keen to join, please speak to Mthr Katherine personally. Please encourage any children you know who would like to join a church choir and improve their singing and music knowledge. Katherine.ward@easthamparish.org

One Day. Many Voices. One Mission: concert in aid of **Whitechapel Mission**, serving the homeless in East London for 150 years. **Sat 3 Oct 5pm-7pm**, St Giles Cripplegate EC2Y 8DA.
Scan QR code for more details and tickets (£5).



ECO CHURCH

Zero Waste Week is here - from 7th September, the challenge is to “do one thing to reduce landfill waste”. One thing? Doesn’t sound difficult! Did you know that while 9 in 10 adults recycle kitchen waste, 4 in 10 don’t always recycle bathroom items. So, there’s one thing! Or let us help you recycle your jam jars - yes, it’s that time of year again. We’re preparing for the Christmas Market already, jams and chutneys on the way. And, if you grow your own and have surplus tomatoes, fruit, or anything, really, we can use it all - the heatwaves have not been kind to the Eco Church Garden. So, there’s another thing!

MEETINGS

Wednesday 9 Sept – Standing Committee at St Bart’s at 3pm

Wednesday 16 Sept – St Mary’s DCC at 7.15pm in St Mary’s Hall

Sunday 20 Sept – St Edmund’s DCC Meeting at 11am

Weds 23 Sept – Deanery Synod

Sunday 27 Sept – St Bart’s DCC at 11.15am

Wednesday 30 Sept – PCC at St Mary’s Hall at 7.15pm



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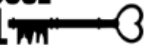
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**OPEN HOUSE
FESTIVAL** 

**Saturday 19th September
from 10 am to 3 pm**

St Mary Magdalene Church & Nature Reserve



***All are welcome to
this Grade I listed
Norman church - a
jewel in Newham***

Guided tours of the church & tower
Refreshments in the church hall
Exhibition of the development
of this Norman church

10 am to 1 pm *Tudor East Ham*
Family activities - learn who lived here -
discover Tudor recipes and herbs -
learn how to joust - experience a pillory

2 pm *Reflective Walk in the 9.5 acre
Nature Reserve*