



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

Sunday 2 November

Year C

All Saints Day

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Retired clergy and clergy with PTO in the Newham Deanery

In the Diocese: The Deanery of Colchester Area Dean: Erwin Lammens
Lay Chair: Lynne Gettings

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Portsmouth – The Church of England

In the world: people of Caribbean affected by the hurricane

With USPG: for places of welcome like Next Step Hungary and the volunteers who give up time to run creative spaces. Also, keep in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and Mildmay

In the Parish: Langdon Road, Langdon Avenue, Lansdown Road

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Adiba Haque, Rose Joynes, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Andrew West

Continuing need: 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, Canon Colin Westbrook

In the Year's Mind: Edith Bell, Phyllis Hobbs, Percy Strange

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Hymns & Psalm:

Hymns at St Mary's: 131, 178, 74, 758

Response to the Psalm:



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

Eucharist next Sunday (9th November) Remembrance Sunday: 8am at St Mary's; 9am at St Bart's (joint service for the congregations of St Bart's and St Edmund's) followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in Central Park; 10am at St Mary's followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard. *No Eucharist at St Edmund's on Remembrance Sunday.*

This evening (Sunday 2nd November): **Annual Memorial Service** at 5pm at **St Mary's:** at this service of reflection and thanksgiving we gather to remember our loved ones who have died.

Thank you to all who organised and performed in the Christian Aid Concert and provided interval hospitality. We raised £400 for Christian Aid. We hope to hold a concert again during Christian Aid Week 2026 (10 - 16 May 2026) at St Bart's.

Fr Paul is away on holiday 3-10 November. Please contact the Parish Office as usual and pastoral matters will be referred to one of the clergy team members or a pastoral assistant.

To mark **Black History Month** please find enclosed piece written by Hazel Thomas about the life of **Steve Biko**.

St Mary's Christmas Market Saturday 22nd November in St Mary's Hall; we are looking for donations of bric-a-brac, raffle prizes and homemade cakes for the Christmas Market. Please speak to Claudette for further details.

Christmas Journey 2025. Might you be able to help with this year's Christmas Journey experience for pupils aged 5-6, with our partners **Faith in Schools**? Last year we had over 3000 children attending who learnt what about the true meaning of Christmas. There is a job for everyone whether you want to dress up as a shepherd or help behind the scenes. Find out more at <https://www.faithinschools.co.uk/christmas-journey> There is a training session for anyone who is new to Christmas Journey on *Monday 10th November at Faith in Schools at the Swift Centre, First Floor, 387 Barking Road, London E13 8AL. There are two sessions to choose from: 10am or 1pm. Please book with Rachel Emerson, Operational Manager, Faith in Schools 07414 241948 or rachel@faithinschools.co.uk*

People Powered Places' Big Vote is launching on 1st November and runs until 30 November. Be part of deciding how £200,000 is spent in our neighbourhood by voting for the 10 of your favourite projects that matter most to you. Ways you can vote are:

- St Bart's Café on 6 November between 1pm and 3pm
- East Ham Library on 15 November between 10am and 12.30pm
- Online on Newham CoCreate website which is not open until 1 Nov
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/pages/people-powered-places>

The Parish has applied for two projects: Bike Stand Facility at St Mary's and St Bart's Café and would welcome your support.

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St Edmund's Patronal Festival will be held on **Sunday 16th November**. There will be a Joint Parish Eucharist at St Edmund's at 10am with prayers of thanksgiving for the life of the late John Turnpenny, a long standing and much loved member of St Edmund's. We look forward to welcoming the Revd Dr **Rachel Pennant, Chaplain to the Bishop of Chelmsford**. *Please note that this will be the only 10am service in the parish that Sunday. There will be no 10am at St Mary's or St Edmund's. The 8am at St Mary's will be held as usual.*

This year's **Advent** course is a word study on key Advent themes in the Bible: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. You can join either online (*Tuesday evenings 25 Nov, then 2, 9 and 16 Dec*) or in person (*Thursdays at 11am at St Bart's 27 Nov then 4, 11 and 18 Dec*). The Tuesday and Thursday sessions will cover the same material. This course is offered by and for the East Ham **Ministry and Mission Partnership**, with sessions led by Joan Dallas of St George's, East Ham, and by Fr Paul. More details to follow for signing up to the online sessions. Get ahead by watching the video for the first sessions, 'Hope' at

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/collections/advent/>

St Mary Magdalene Advent Conversations A series of 'conversations in the Spirit' after the Wednesday evening Eucharist. This continues the work we have begun together looking to the future of St Mary's and our life together. This will be facilitated by Fr Paul and Ana Ferreira of Centre for Theology and Community. *Wed 26th Nov; 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec after the 6.30pm Eucharist. Held in the Church Hall.*

Save the dates Church of South India Carol Service Sunday 14th December 3.30pm at St Bart's; Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 21st December 6pm at St Mary's; Christmas Eve 5pm Christingle at St Mary's, 8pm Eucharist at St Bart's, 11pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's; Christmas Day 10am at St Mary's, 10am at St Bart's and 10am at St Edmund's. St Stephen's Day (Fri 26 Dec) 11am Eucharist at St Edmund's, Sunday 28 December 10am Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bart's.

St Angela's Ursuline School – Exam Invigilator Vacancies - Seeking to appoint casual exam invigilators for both public and internal exam periods. Full training is available. Please email Miss Frances Murphy at the school on vacancies@stangelas-ursuline.co.uk for an application pack. Deadline 14th November.

St Bart's Intercessory Prayer will follow the service 30th November.

Sunday Services in November. Please note that in this season of remembrance there are some special services and joint services. Please see below for a handy summary:

	St Mary's	St Bart's	St Edmund's
9th Nov Remembrance Sunday	8am Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance	9am Eucharist followed by Civic Act of Remembrance	<i>No Eucharist (Joint at St Bart's)</i>
16th Nov St Edmund King & Martyr	8am Eucharist <i>No 10am Eucharist (Joint at St Edmund's)</i>	<i>No Eucharist (Joint at St Edmund's)</i>	10am Patronal Festival: Joint Parish Eucharist
23rd Nov Christ the King	8am Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist	10am Eucharist	10am Eucharist

A message from the Eco Church group - we all value our green spaces in the borough, but did you know that Newham is not as well-equipped as other boroughs - only 13% of the borough is green space, where the average for London is 39%. Of course, comparing boroughs is difficult, but what doesn't get counted so well is all the efforts volunteers make - until now. There is a new map showing community-run spaces - Newham Hidden Gems - and it includes our own Nature Reserve. Look out for the poster, find the link in the St Mary's WhatsApp group, or download the interactive pdf from <https://www.growsie.net/map/>. It will soon be on the parish website, too!

Meetings.

Wednesday 12th November – St Mary's DCC 7.15pm St Mary's Hall

Sunday 23rd November – St Bart's DCC at 11am

Tuesday 25th November – PCC Meeting at St Edmund's 7pm

Thursday 4th December – Deanery Synod, St Luke's Canning Town 7:15 for 7:45 pm



**Acting Team Rector/
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A poster for St Mary's Christmas Market. The background is a black and white photograph of a church building, likely St Mary's Church Hall, with bare trees in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts. At the top, in red, is 'St Mary Magdalene East Ham'. Below that, in large blue letters, is 'St Mary's'. To the left of 'St Mary's' is the word 'Food' in green, and to the right is 'Hot drinks' in green. Below 'St Mary's' is 'Christmas Market' in large blue letters. To the left of 'Christmas Market' is 'Raffle' in green, and to the right is 'Tombola' in green. Below 'Christmas Market' is 'Saturday' in large black letters. Below 'Saturday' is '22nd November' in large black letters. Below '22nd November' is '11am to 3pm' in large red letters. Below '11am to 3pm' is 'Craft' in green, 'St Mary's Church Hall' in black, and 'Books' in green. Below 'Craft' is 'Bric-a-brac' in green, and below 'Books' is 'And much more....' in green. Below 'St Mary's Church Hall' is 'Norman Road' in black, and below 'Books' is 'E6 6HN' in black. At the bottom, in large, multi-colored letters, is 'ALL WELCOME'. Below 'ALL WELCOME' is 'The Parish of Holy Trinity East Ham' in red, and below that is 'Website: www.easthamparish.org.uk' in red.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER 2025

STEVE BIKO 1946 -1977



Bantu Stephen Biko (Steve Biko) was born December 18, 1946, King William's Town [now Qonce], South Africa. He died September 12, 1977, Pretoria, whilst in police custody. He was married and had two children with his wife. He was a South African anti-apartheid activist. Ideologically an African nationalist.

Steve Biko is regarded as the father of the Black Consciousness movement in South Africa and a key figure in bringing about the end of apartheid.

Why was Steve Biko so important?

Steve Biko pioneered the philosophy of Black Consciousness in the late 1960s. He later founded the South African Students Organisation (SASO) in 1968, in an effort to represent the interests of black students in the then University of Natal (later KwaZulu-Natal).

In 1972, he was involved in founding the Black People's Convention (BPC) as an umbrella organisation for the Black Consciousness Movement, which had begun sweeping through universities across the nation to promote black consciousness ideas among the wider population.

One year later, he and eight other leaders of the movement were banned by the South African government, which limited Biko to his home of King William's Town. He continued to defy the banning order, however, by supporting the Convention, leading to several arrests in the following years.

The Black Consciousness Movement pioneered by Steve Biko played a crucial role in the resistance to apartheid in South Africa.

On 21 August 1977, Biko was detained by the police and held at the eastern city of Port Elizabeth, where he was violently tortured and interrogated and beaten into a coma. By 11 September, he was found naked and chained to a prison cell door. He died while in police detention in 1977, aged just 30.

Steve Biko Legacy

Biko is viewed as the "father" of the Black Consciousness Movement and the anti-apartheid movement's first icon. Nelson Mandela called him "the spark that lit a veld fire across South Africa". His legacy continues to be honored through annual lectures, artistic works, and public commemorations, as well as serving as a call to action against ongoing injustice and inequality.

As a political martyr and hero

Biko's death in police custody after being detained and tortured, turned him into an international symbol of the anti-apartheid struggle. He is revered as a hero for his bravery and sacrifice, and his death brought global attention to the cruelty of the apartheid.

Steve Biko is remembered today as the "Father of Black Consciousness," a martyr of the anti-apartheid movement, and a symbol of resistance against oppression. His name is invoked today to critique post-apartheid South Africa's persistent inequalities, and his spirit is used to call for continued action against injustice worldwide. His legacy reminds people of the power of self-awareness, unity, and determination in challenging systemic oppression.

Through ongoing commemoration and legacy he is remembered annually through events like the Steve Biko Memorial Lecture, which is delivered by influential thinkers and through ongoing commemoration and legacy. His life and struggle were the subject of the 1987 film *Cry Freedom*.

Places named after Steve Biko

Steve Biko Academic Hospital: A major tertiary teaching hospital in Pretoria, South Africa.

Steve Bikoplein: A square in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, that was renamed in his honor in 1978.

Steve Biko Road, Islington, North London.

Steve Biko Students' Union: The student union building at Rhodes University in South Africa.

Steve Biko Foundation: A foundation based in Johannesburg that has been commemorating his life since 2000.

The Steve Biko Housing Association (SBHA) is still in operation and active in Liverpool.

Researched and written by Hazel Thomas