



Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham

St Mary Magdalene

St Bartholomew

St Edmund

Sunday 14 December

Year A

3rd Sunday of Advent

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Deanery: Canning Town St Matthias – Racquel Moreira, Amy Stott

In the Diocese: The Deanery of Harwich Area Dean: John Saxon. Lay Chair: David Druitt

In the Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

In the world: that our communities are places of welcome and inclusion.

With USPG: for all those seeking retreat at Tetete Ni Kolivuti. May they find rest, guidance, and renewal of spirit as they reflect and draw closer to God. Also, keep in your prayers the work of Christian Aid and Mildmay.

In the Parish: Malvern Road, Manbrough Avenue, Market Street

Those who have asked our prayers:

Particular need: Adiba Haque, Rose Joynes, Ethel King, Laurine & Ancil Griffith, Elsie Nicholson, 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: Cyril Hedges, Amelia Lipman, Christine Fisher, Terence Dean, Walter King, Kathleen Lawrence. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



Hymns & Psalm:

St Bart's: 63, 664, 45, 438

St Mary's: 527, 263, 655, 405

Response to the Psalm:



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

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 (21 December) Advent 4: see full list of services from next Sunday into the New Year on the back page.

Giving Envelopes for 2026 are now available. Please collect from the co-ordinators in your church – Andrew, June or Penny.

The parish office will be closed from **Monday 22 December** and will reopen on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

Please note that there will be **no midweek services** on Tuesday 30 December, Wednesday 31 December and Thursday 1 January 2026

This year's **Advent** course **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** concludes with the last session this week. You can join either online (*16 Dec*) or in person (*18 Dec at 11am at St Bart's*). Both sessions cover the same material. Contact info@easthamparish.org.uk to sign up to the online sessions.

St Mary Magdalene Advent Conversations Our series of 'conversations in the Spirit' on Wednesday evenings concludes as we reflect on scripture and see what God is doing in our own lives and in the life of the St Mary Magdalene community. This is facilitated by Fr Paul and Ana Ferreira of Centre for Theology and Community. Final session on *17th Dec at 7.15pm (following the 6.30pm Eucharist)*. *Held in the Church Hall.*

Church of South India Carol Service this afternoon at 3.30pm Guest Preacher: The Rt Revd Lynne Cullens, Bishop of Barking. Our friends at CSI invite us to this annual service featuring the CSI London Choir.

Care Home Carol Services Mthr Katherine is leading Carol Services in Hedgerow Court, Nelson Street, on **Monday 15th December at 2.30 pm** and at Manor Farm Care Home, High Street South, on **Wednesday 17th December at 2pm**. It would be lovely if lots of people could join her to help sing carols and read out passages of the Christmas story for the residents. Santa hats and Christmas jumpers are encouraged but are not compulsory. Please contact Mthr Katherine or let the parish office know if you are able to support these services

Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's Sunday 21st December 6pm We will be welcoming visitors and readers from the wider East Ham Community for this annual festival of carols and readings, followed by mulled wine. We will be having a *special collection* to help fund our hosting of the NewDawn Nightshelter. All are welcome.

Christian Art: subscribe, free of charge to this very helpful programme at <https://christian.art/>. Every day, you get an e mail with a picture, a Bible reading and a short reflection.

Daily Service: Message from Canon Ann - You may not be aware that, every weekday, the Daily Service is broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra (that's next to BBC Radio4 on your DAB radio) at 9.45am for 15 minutes. There are two or three hymns, anthems or pieces of music, a Bible reading, reflection and prayers - and I present it sometimes!! If you miss it, you can always listen on BBC Sounds. My next one, about St Joseph, is on December 23rd.

Christmas Services see full list on back page.

St Stephen's Day Eucharist at St Edmund's on Friday 26th December 11am. After all the excitement of Christmas Day, an opportunity for a simple service at which we commemorate the first martyr and co-patron of St Edmund's Church.

NEWdawn winter night shelter Our parish is teaming up with Bonny Downs Baptist church who will be hosting NEWdawn winter night shelter one night a week at St Mary's Hall starting in January. NEWdawn is Newham's church-led winter night shelter that operates during the coldest months of the year, safely giving shelter to up to 15 guests a night. NEWdawn is a partnership where professional staff teams manage referrals, organise the overall running of shelter and undertake case work with the guests, and churches in Newham surround guests with safety and opportunity from within a compassionate community. This is a great opportunity to volunteer with a well established and well organised project. *If you would like to be involved please contact Ami Moulton (ami@newwayproject.org) and cc Fr Paul (paul.gurnham@easthamparish.org.uk)*

St Bart's Intercessory Prayer will follow the service Sunday 28th December.

A message from the Eco Church group - do you have an Advent calendar this year? And is it full of chocolate?! Our own Rev Sandra Eldridge, Diocesan Environmental Officer, has circulated the Environment Advent Calendar from Chelmsford Diocese. Our Eco Church Group contributed to the photo shown on 11th December. You can see the whole calendar as a pdf file, or subscribe by going to - <https://mailchi.mp/chelmsford/environment-advent-calendar>
Climate Action New bulletin available here:
<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications>

Meetings.

Weds 14 Jan – Standing Committee at St Bart's at 3pm
Sun 18 Jan – St Edmund's DCC at 11am
Sun 25 Jan – St Bart's DCC at 11.15am
Wed 28 Jan – St Mary's DCC at 7.15pm in the hall
Tue 3 Feb – PCC meeting at St Bart's 7pm



**Acting Team Rector/
Team Vicar:
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**Honorary Associate
Clergy:**

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Sunday 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary Magdalene's
Tuesday 23 December	9am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Edmund's
Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve	5pm Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene's 8pm First Eucharist of Christmas at St Bartholomew's 11pm Midnight Mass at St Mary Magdalene's
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day	10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's
Friday 26 December St Stephen, Martyr	11am Eucharist at St Edmund's
Sunday 28 December The Holy Innocents	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Joint Parish Eucharist at St Bartholomew's <i>*There is no 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's*</i> <i>*There is no 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's*</i>
29 Dec - 3 Jan	No weekday services
Sunday 4 January Epiphany	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Morning Worship or Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's
Tuesday 6 January	9am Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Edmund's
Wednesday 7 January	8.50am Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew's 6.30pm Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's
Thursday 8 January	8.50am Morning Prayer at St Edmund's 12.15pm Eucharist at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 11 January Baptism of Christ	8am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene's 10am Eucharist at St Bartholomew's 10am Eucharist at St Edmund's