

# Welcome

Christmas Eve, 24 December, 2017

**EAST BARNET**   
**PARISH CHURCH**  
St Mary the Virgin  
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*Christmas (Christ's Mass) commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem, and the visit of the shepherds to his manger. In the Western Church calendar it falls on 25 December. The celebratory feast lasts for twelve days.*

10.00am	Parish Eucharist
4.00pm	Crib Service for young children and their carers
11.30pm	Midnight Mass

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## 24 December – Christmas Eve

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Purple

### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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#### ¶ Advent Prose

*The Advent Prose is sung at the beginning of the service. See the order of service for music and words.*

#### ¶ Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son; grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### ¶ First reading

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

#### ¶ Psalm 89 1-8

- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 **I will declare that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.**
- 3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 **“Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations.”**
- 5 The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- 6 **For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?**
- 7 A God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and terrible above all those round about him.

8 **Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.**

9 You rule the raging of the sea; you still its waves when they arise.

#### ¶ Gospel

Luke 1.26-38

The birth of Jesus foretold to Mary

#### ¶ Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn a collection will be taken*

358 O come, O come, Emmanuel

#### ¶ Hymn during Communion

471 The Angel Gabriel

#### ¶ Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour; fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### ¶ Final hymn

169a Long ago prophets knew

### 4.00pm Crib Service

Please see the order of service

### 11.30pm Midnight Mass (white)

Please see the order of service

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## Christmas Day Monday 25 December

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### 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Please see the order of service.

# Notices & Information

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## ¶ Sunday 31 December, 2018

The First Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Parish Eucharist

No evening service

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## ¶ Christmas Holidays

Please note that leaders of Toddler Praise, Monday Club, Guides, Brownies, and Little Tots are taking a well-earned break over Christmas. Toddler Praise resumes on 8 January. Monday Club resumes on 15 January, Guides on 4 January, Brownies on 11 January, and Little Tots on 11 January. Many thanks to all leaders and helpers of these groups.

Sunday Club resumes on 21 January (we will be at Brookside at 10.45am on 14 January for the Covenant service.) At all services at St Mary's there will be activity materials for all ages.

The Parish Office will be closed after Friday 22 December and reopen on Tuesday 2 January (Monday 1 January is a Bank Holiday). Any urgent administrative business should be referred to the clergy or wardens.

There will be no BCP Holy Communion on Wednesday 27 December.



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## ¶ This fortnight

### Daily Office

Morning Prayer 8.45am Tue—Fri

Evening Prayer 5.15pm Mon—Fri

There are no midweek Communion services next week.

### Tuesday 2 January

Parish office re-opens

9.15am Staff prayers and meeting

### Wednesday 3 January

10.30am BCP Holy Communion

### Thursday 4 January

10.45am Holy Communion at Brookside

7.30pm Guides at Brookside

### Friday 6 January

9.30pm School worship

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## ¶ A Christmas Carol Sunday 7 December 4.00pm and 6.30pm

To celebrate Epiphany Sunday we are holding a performance of Neil Bartlett's adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel. It will be suitable for all the family, so do come along! There will be seasonal refreshments after each performance. Admission free, with a retiring collection towards the costs.

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