

BOOK THE DATE! - Saturday 8 February in the Hall from 6.30 till 9 pm, a special come-and-share dinner is planned to celebrate the Chinese New Year! An excellent opportunity to invite friends along who do not normally attend church. All ages are welcome. Pick up a "Chinese New Year Dinner" leaflet from the back of church.

A DATE FOR YOUR NEW DIARY - we are planning an Away Day on Saturday 5th April, to be held at Harvest House, Mulbarton, when James will lead us in thinking and planning for the future. More details next month, but we do hope you will keep the day free and come along (transport will be arranged for those who need it).

TERM CARD - for January to April 2025 has been printed, and you will find copies at the back of church. Please take one, save it, note dates and events, keep it to hand, and take extra copies to invite friends along.

"ENCOUNTER" AND "DAILY BREAD" BIBLE NOTES - are here! The cost is £5.75 - a bargain for understanding God's Word each day! A few spare copies are available. Have a word with Margaret Smith at coffee time today.

A NEW VENTURE - ART CAFÉ - will be held monthly on Saturday afternoons in the Hall, so if you are of an artistic bent, or would like to learn how to watercolour or try your hand at origami, pick up an invitation card from the back of church today. Alternatively, go to www.standrewseaton.org.uk/artcafe for more information.

DID YOU KNOW? - that you can now give money to St Andrew's by using the cash machine, which is on the trolley as you come into church. Just put in the amount you want to give, tap your card on the machine -and it's done! The advantage? It's a very simple way of giving without cash.

EATON CHORAL SOCIETY - are starting to rehearse Handel's "Messiah" for their next concert and welcome singers to join them on Wednesdays, 7.15 pm in church. Scores can be borrowed. More information from: choralsocietyeston@gmail.com

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar- Revd Dr James Cook (01603 454940)
email: james@standrewseaton.org.uk (day off Friday)

Churchwarden: Chris Smith (01603 453010) email: christopher.g.smith@btinternet.com

Church Office: 41 Church Lane, Eaton, Norwich NR4 6NW (01603 473646)
The Office is open to visitors from 10 am to 12 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. At other times please email or leave answerphone messages.

Office Administrator: Ruth Thorp office@eatonchurches.org.uk
Finance Officer: Kyla Price finance@eatonchurches.org.uk

Website: www.standrewseaton.org.uk Charity Number: 1130712

News Sheet for 12 January 2025

Epiphany 1



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our service today:

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James; he is starting a new series of sermons from the first four chapters of I Corinthians - "Life together. 1: The Fellowship of the Son"
Readings 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (church Bibles p.162 NT)
John 10:11-18 (church Bibles p.100 NT)
Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Bible Society

Working in over 200 countries Bible Society is on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for everyone, believing that when people engage with the Bible their lives can change for the good. Millions still do not have the Bible in a language they can understand or at a price they can afford, so Bible Society helps in translating and distributing Bibles around the world - not only in print but also by virtual, audio and digital forms.

In this country, Open the Book is a project offering primary school children the chance to hear the major Bible stories presented at school assemblies by teams from local churches.

Do have a look at the display board in the Welcome Area for more information. Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks
Caroline Gibbs

PRAYER THIS WEEK

‘Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us’ (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God’s healing, especially for John W, Jackie B, Don and Jean R, Robin G (having monthly treatment for cancer), Neil R (currently at a rehabilitation unit) and George I (awaiting the results of tests). Pray for the bereaved including the family and friends of Maxwell D, Judith P and Valerie J.

MONDAY The horrific wildfires around the city of Los Angeles have devastated huge areas of land and reduced buildings to rubble. Pray for the firefighters battling against fierce winds fanning the blaze, for the homeless, the injured and the bereaved. Pray for urgent aid to reach the area.

TUESDAY A schoolboy has been stabbed to death in broad daylight, this time on a London bus. Pray that the increase in knife crime will be thwarted by the police, youth leaders, the courts and support agencies. Pray for young people caught up in gang violence and drugs, and for organisations such as British Youth For Christ seeking to present the gospel in relevant ways to a loveless generation.

WEDNESDAY The 321 course continues this evening at the Vicarage. Pray for James as he leads the sessions, for the technology to work, and for all those who have booked, that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide people into a greater understanding of God, the world and ourselves.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Buckland Rise, Burhill Close and Carnoustie, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.
Pray for local businesses in Eaton facing an uncertain future with the prospect of extra taxes and expenses during the winter months.

FRIDAY After the busy-ness of December, January can seem a dull, depressing month for many people, particularly those who find the cold weather a challenge with fewer opportunities for activities and outings. Pray for anyone you know who is feeling lonely and dispirited at the start of 2025.

SATURDAY Pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia’s hostilities, especially as the very cold weather takes hold. Pray for civilians in both countries living with restrictions and increasing poverty.

Remember the situation in Gaza, praying that relief aid will reach those most in need and for negotiations to continue for a peaceful settlement.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Those in residential homes: Alison H, Sonia T, Yolanda S and Margaret P

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Today

3.00 pm Eaton Concert Series - “Serendipity”, a local all-female chamber ensemble (playing early music to modern styles) and the Norwich Folk Ensemble, in church. Admission £10.

Mon. 13th

2.00 pm Mission Focus meets - all welcome to come and pray for our Mission Partners.

Tues. 14th

10.00 am Toddler group, Hall
10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets (refreshments from 10.15 am)
3.30 pm Westfield View Service led by Sheila Nunney

Wed. 15th

7.30 pm Wednesday Connect Group meets
7.30 pm 321 Course at the Vicarage

Thurs. 16th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James (Collection for Mothers’ Union Overseas)
10.30 am Community Café recommences, Church Hall - all welcome!

Fri. 17th

10.00 am Ladies’ Bible Study group meets
7.00 pm St Andrew’s Singers rehearse

Sun. 19th

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James who is also preaching, continuing a series of sermons on “Life Together” from 1 Corinthians chs. 1-4.
2. The Madness of Division.

A THANK YOU FROM THE VICARAGE - James and Stephanie would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and gifts they received at Christmas, which were much appreciated and helped to make their first Christmas in their new home one to remember!

DO YOU LIKE SINGING? Framingham Earl Singers are performing Haydn’s “The Creation” in our church on Saturday 15 March at 7.30 pm and would welcome singers to join them. More details from: info@framinghamearlsingers.co.uk