St Mary Magdalene

Windmill Hill, Enfield, Middlesex



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Dear friends,

This Sunday we keep the Feast of All Saints. Throughout the ages, the examples of the Saints' lives were the brightest and most fruitful testament to the limitless power of Christ. And in the present, in a world weary from so much suffering, tears, and images of death, the lives of the Saints have the power to comfort those broken by weaknesses or a multitude of worries, and to encourage us to continue on the narrow path of the Cross. This is a prayer that one of the saints prayed, a prayer that helped her to become a saint: "Come, O Lord, and do Yourself in me and with me what I have tried to do without You. Help me stop trying to make you into the servant of my desires. These desires have brought me suffering and bewilderment! Come, O Lord! I give myself into Your hands that created me, and I pray to You: teach me to do Your will! I am ready to listen to You! Help my helplessness!"

With love and my prayers,

James

Rekindling, Tuesdays from 3:30pm

Exploring the meaning of life and spirituality using the Bible as our road map.

Sunday and weekday Services

Our weekly service times are:

Sunday 10:00am Eucharist
Tuesday 10:00am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Thursday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Additional, Regular Services:
2nd Sunday of the month 6:30pm Choral Evensong (Not during August and December)
***NEW* 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00am** Little Church for 7's and under.
4th Sunday of the month 6:30pm Evening Praise! - an informal service

We also provide a livestream of our Sunday Morning Eucharist Service. The link for the livestream page is

https://stmarymagdalene.church/livestream-service/

Little Church



On the 3rd Sunday of every month, we are introducing Little Church, a family friendly service for babies, toddlers and children under 7. The service lasts 30 minutes and includes songs, Bible stories with puppets, and an activity. It is designed to be both fun and a time for families to worship together.

Community Café, Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm





Prayer Garden

We now have a dedicated area in our garden for prayer and quiet reflection. Ribbons are provided should you wish to tie one to the netting on the tree and say a quiet prayer.

YouTube Video Playlist

Something to dip in and out of or play while ironing or relaxing! Instead of a single video, this week we have a playlist on our YouTube channel containing more than fifty videos with lyrics. The latest addition can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9C40XS7H2c&list=PLOS511gUMPpV2F1Lk-vDW5x9_UE_t_bVG&index=1

Winter Fair 29 Nov 2025

I will be running a stall selling costume jewellery at the Winter Fayre and would be so grateful for any contributions of unwanted items you may wish to part with!

With thanks. Kath Jones

Bottle Stall

Please consider donating a bottle for this stall, it can be left with the church wardens. We are happy to accept wine, beer, spirits, fruit squash, mineral waters and any soft drinks

Many thanks, Joy and Alison Ludlam

Website Treasures - Stained Glass

This month we look at some of our stained glass windows: https://stmarymagdalene.church/about/history-art-and-heritage/stained-glass-windows/. The windows of the chancel (a separate page), the Ladychapel's 'Annunciation', and the West End are all William Butterfield designs. One, the War Memorial Window ~ 'The Dying Soldier' is by James Clark, also with its own page. The others in the Nave (the majority on this page) are by other Victorian artists.

Lunchtime Concerts & Organ Recitals

THE ELEANOR PRITCHARD CONCERT SERIES

CONCERTS 2025

Preceded at 11:30am by coffee and cake in the choir vestry

September 10th:	Keith Beniston, Director of Music, St John's, Boxmoor
October 8th:	Caroline Soresby with Roddy Elmer
November 12th:	Serafini Chamber Ensemble
December 10th:	Bush Hill Park Recorder Group

Autumn Organ Recitals during October and November 12:30pm in Church

OCTOBER

1st	Luke Jones, Organ Scholar, Chingford Parish Church.
15th	Joel Colyer, Director of Music, St Francis, Welwyn Garden City
22nd	Terence Atkins, Organist Emeritus, St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet
29th	Manav Paul, Director of Music, St Mary Magdalene, Enfield

NOVEMBER

5th	John Rippin, Organist Emeritus, Chingford Parish Church
19th	Davon Halim, (Organ)
26th	Michael Emerson, Director of Music, Chingford Parish Church.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS and CAROLS at St Mary Magdalene

NOVEMBER

30th 6.30pm: **Advent Service** of Carols and Readings.

DECEMBER

14th 6.00pm:	**Latymer Chamber Choir** Hosted by Chris Royall
21st 6.30pm:	**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**.
24th 11:15pm:	**Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion**

Opening the Church on Saturdays

Our church is a valuable resource for people in our community to take some time out of their daily lives to reflect and connect with God. Not everyone is available on Sunday mornings and some just want a few minutes to pause and be still. We are hoping to make our church available for private prayer on Saturdays and are looking for volunteers who can give a couple of hours of their time. A minimum of two people will need to be always present. Names will be added to a rota, so the more people who are available to help us, the less often you will be called upon. If you are able to help with this, please see Alison Reeve.

Prayer...

What exactly is it? How do we pray? Why pray?

If these questions echo your thoughts in any way and you would like to find our more, there is a really good website to visit that will begin to answer these, and more questions. Born out of an event that went viral during Lent 1999 (over 25 years ago!), 24-7 Prayer has become an international organisation that has encouraged people to pray.

Their website https://www.24-7prayer.com/ has teaching and resources available to aid understanding and help in building a prayer life centred upon teaching handed down throughout the ages. There is even a free app that can be downloaded for the iPhone or for Android called Lectio 365. This provides a series of up to three daily prayer times, morning, midday, and evening (you don't have to do all three) that last no more than 10 minutes each if you listen to the audio recordings.

I encourage you to have a look – and be encouraged to join in!

Dates for your diary

November 2025

Sun 2nd 4pm	All Souls' Service
Weds 5th 12:30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Sat 8th 7:00pm	Bingo evening
Sun 9th 10:00am	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 9th 6:30pm	Choral Evensong
Weds 12th 11:30am	Eleanor Pritchard Concert Series
Sun 16th 9:00am	Little Church
Weds 19th 12:30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Sun 23rd 6:30pm	Evening Praise!
Weds 26th 12:30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Sat 29th 10am	Winter Fair
Sun 30th 6:30pm	Advent Carols Service

December 2025

Sat 6th 7pm	Parish Quiz Night
Weds 10th 11:30am	Eleanor Pritchard Concert Series
Sat 13th 7pm	Enfield in Song Concert
Sun 14th 10:00am	Toy Service
Sun 14th 6:30pm	Chris Royall & Latymer School Concert
Sun 21st 9:00am	Little Church
Sun 21st 6:30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols Service
Weds 24th 4pm	Christingle
Weds 24th 11:15pm	Midnight Communion
Thurs 25th 10am	Christmas Morning Communion Service

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