

Morning Prayer with St Bart's, 9.10am Monday-Saturday via Zoom... To find out how to join us please contact the Parish Office on 01793 853272. The order of service can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalms 2, 8, 146; Genesis 3:1-15; John 12:27-36a

Tuesday: Psalm 5; 1 Kings 1:32 – 2:4; 2:10-12; Acts 13:44 – 14:7

Wednesday: Psalm 119:1-32; 1 Kings 3; Acts 14:8-end

Thursday: Psalm 15; 1 Kings 4:29 – 5:12; Acts 15:1-21

Friday: Psalm 19; 1 Kings 6:1, 11-28; Acts 15:22-35

Saturday: Psalm 23; 1 Kings 8:1-30; Acts 15:36 – 16:5

Sunday: Psalm 119:153-end; Isaiah 45:9-22; Revelation 14:1-5

Find out what we are up to at:

Website: www.stbartholomews-wb.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StBartholomewsChurchRWB

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2mwesD4RZxknsWth-Qb0vg>

SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-173253054>

Instagram: @st_barts_rwb

Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News

13th September 2020



Holy Communion at St Bart's...

This week the Government announced new regulations relating to the 'rule of six' which will come into effect on Monday, 14th September.

The Church of England is currently working with the Government regarding the implications of these for our services. And new advice to churches is expected early next week. For the time being however our pattern of services remains as below:

- To book a place at the **10.30am Wednesday service** please phone the Parish Office on 01793 853272 by midday on the preceding Sunday leaving the names and telephone numbers of those who wish to attend.
- To book a place at the **10am Sunday service** please phone the Parish Office on 01793 853272 by midday on the preceding Wednesday leaving the names and telephone numbers of those who wish to attend.

We will do our best to keep you posted. Changes however may be very last minute!

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting...

will this year be held **via Zoom on Monday 28th September at 7pm.**

This is your chance to come and find out what we've been up to over the last 12 months, and a chance to look ahead and see what we might like to do in the future. Our churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod reps are all elected too.

All are welcome to attend this meeting – so why not zoom in and have a say in what St Bart's should be doing for our town.

For the necessary Zoom link and information/advice please contact the Parish Office on 01793 853272.

Sunday 13th September 2020

14th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 50:15-21*

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

SECOND READING: *Romans 14:1-12*

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour

of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18.21-35*

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'