

**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: Psalm 44; 1 Kings 12:25 – 13:10; Acts 19:8-20

Tuesday: Psalms 34, 150; Daniel 12:1-4; Acts 12:1-11

Wednesday: Psalm 119:57-80; 1 Kings 17; Acts 20:1-16

Thursday: Psalm 57; 1 Kings 18:1-20; Acts 20:17-end

Friday: Psalm 51; 1 Kings 18:21-end; Acts 21:1-16

Saturday: Psalm 68; 1 Kings 19; Acts 21:17-36

Sunday: Psalms 128, 129, 134; Isaiah 49:13-23; Luke 12:1-12

**Find out what we are up to at:**

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

# Weekly News

## 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### Holy Communion at St Bart's...

Current advice from the Church of England regarding 'the rule of six' and how it affects our services is as follows:

*Public worship can continue. There is an exemption that covers places of worship making it possible for more than six people to gather for acts of communal worship. However, it is not a blanket exemption. People must not be part of a group of more than six unless they are from the same household or support bubble.:*

- 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.

### Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting...

will this year be held **via Zoom** on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: *Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32*

<sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

## SECOND READING: *Philippians 2.1-13*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let

the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:23-32*

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup>He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'