

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 71; 1 Kings 21; Acts 21:37 – 22:21

Tuesday: Psalms 73; 1 Kings 22:1-28 Acts 22:22 – 23:11

Wednesday: Psalm 77; 1 Kings 22:29-45; Acts 23:12-end

Thursday: Psalm 78:1-39; 2 Kings 1:2-17; Acts 24:1-23

Friday: Psalm 55; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Acts 24:24 – 25:12

Saturday: Psalm 76; 2 Kings 4:1-37; Acts 25:13-end

Sunday: Psalms 138, 141; Isaiah 50:4-10; Luke 13:22-30

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

4th October 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.

Please dress up warm for church!

As the days turn colder please don't forget to pile on the layers if you are coming to any of our church services. Whilst we will do our best to heat the building, we still need to leave a door open for the purposes of good ventilation.

Where are the clergy?

Also, you might have noticed that only one of the clergy team is now in church on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please be assured we are not malingering! Rather, Ollie and I are alternating in order to leave space for more congregation, and so as to be able to respond to emergency call-outs and hospital visits whilst keeping everyone in church healthy and safe.

Sunday 4th October 2020

Harvest Sunday

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous* snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may

confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:16-30

¹⁶Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.