

Our **Daily Bread**: these Bible study booklets for the next few months are now available. Please call the Parish Office on 01793 853272 if you would like a copy delivered.

**Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan:** pray for Kadugli Diocese, for ministry in the Nuba Mountains and among refugees. Pray for those working to re-establish church centres and schools destroyed in recent war years. Pray for managers and teachers at Peace Primary School and that they are able to continue re-opening classes. Pray for their plans to add two more rooms to provide kindergarten classes in this popular school.

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

Monday: Psalms 37:23-end, 148; Isaiah 62:6-10; Acts 12:25 – 13:13  
Tuesday: Psalm 139; Deuteronomy 9:23 – 10:5; Ephesians 4:17-end  
Wednesday: Psalm 135; Deuteronomy 10:12-end; Ephesians 5:1-14  
Thursday: Psalm 118; Deuteronomy 11:8-end; Ephesians 5:15-end  
Friday: Psalm 33; Deuteronomy 12:1-14; Ephesians 6:1-9  
Saturday: Psalms 139, 146; Proverbs 4:10-18; James 1:1-12  
Sunday: Psalm 44:16-end; Daniel 3:16-28; Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2

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

# Weekly News

## 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm ...**

Do please consider whether you would like to come on to the **Parochial Church Council** this time round: and do please enrol on the church **Electoral Roll** (the church's membership list) if you are not already so enrolled. Forms for both are available from the Parish Office. The necessary Zoom link and information/advice will be available in due course.

**Farewell and thank you to Ollie ...**

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please leave your donation in a suitably marked envelope at the Parish office. Or you can also make a donation labelled *Rev Blease Donation* via bank transfer to: Sort code: 40-47-16; Acct no: 91441310; Acct name: St Bartholomews PCC RE Charity Number 1130533. Thank you.

**Friends of St Bartholomew's Church ...**

It is now nearly 18 months since we held our annual Coffee Morning and AGM at which most members paid their subscriptions for 2019/2020. Because of the ongoing Covid restrictions we were unable to hold any social events last year and so many of our membership subscriptions have lapsed, which would have been paid in Oct 2020 for 2021. With Church services slowly resuming we would appreciate it if those who wish to show their support for The Friends by renewing their membership would put it in an envelope marked with their name and The Friends and post it through The Croft letter box on their visit to church or when passing by. Alternatively you could post it to me:- Helen Perry, 8 Hazel End, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7ET. If more convenient ring me on 01793 852648 and I will arrange with you to collect it. I have an answer phone.

There is no change in the current rates:- £7 50 single, £20 family, £120 Life Membership, which some of you might like to consider. Cheques made payable to The Friends of St. Bartholomew's Church.

The Friends are an important part of Church life and with our modest income we have been able to support various projects the church has undertaken.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### FIRST READING: Acts 4.5-12

<sup>5</sup>The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### SECOND READING: 1 John 3.16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### GOSPEL READING: John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: <sup>11</sup>'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'