

Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan

Political leaders in both Sudans, that they will place peace and the welfare of their people above other interests.

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

Monday: Psalm 126; Proverbs 25.1-14; Mark 8.11-21
Tuesday: Psalm 132.; Proverbs 25.15-end; Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday: Psalm 119.153-end.; Proverbs 26.12-end; Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday: Psalm 143; Proverbs 27.1-22; Mark 9.2-13
Friday: Psalm 144; Proverbs 30.1-9,24-31; Mark 9.14-29
Saturday: Psalm 147; Proverbs 31.10-end; Mark 9.30-37
Sunday: Psalm 119.57-72; Jonah 3.10-4.11; Revelation 8.1-5

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

Weekly News

29th August 2021



Services of Holy Communion
Wednesdays at 1030 am & Sundays at 10:00 am

Our **8am service of Holy Communion** returns next Sunday, 5th September, on a trial basis. If successful we will hold another on Sunday 3rd October and will then review its frequency. Good news for the early risers!

On **Climate Sunday** - also next Sunday, 5th September, our 10am service will be climate-focused. We will be thinking about why we should be caring for creation and taking action on climate, we will pray, and we will commit to action. Join us!

Ride and Stride – Saturday 11th September. Interested in joining us on a 5-mile walk to raise funds for St Bart's and other churches? Happy to sponsor the walkers? Please contact Michael Page at bindonbear@live.co.uk or 07946475987. Or if you would be happy to help welcome riders and striders to St Bart's during the day, please contact Rev Jane at jane@chelmsworth.com or 01793 977395.

Daniel Harland – PCC member, Deanery Synod rep, and much-loved member of our congregation - will soon be leaving us to start ministerial training up in Cranmer Hall, St John's College in Durham. Hopefully we will have a chance to say goodbye to him and Abi properly before he disappears.

Weekly News (Pew Sheet): As well as the printed copy of this sheet, there is a copy posted to our website -

<https://stbartholomews-wb.com/weeklysheets.html>

We also email a copy to the Church Family, and post or deliver printed copies too.

If you are not receiving our weekly email, or would like us to post a copy of the sheet, please let us know, so that we can add you to the list. If you are receiving the sheet by any of these means, but would prefer not to, again, please let us know and again we can adjust the list. Please contact the Parish Office 01793 853272 email: churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com Thank you.

Sunday 29th August 2021

13th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9*

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 1So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. 6You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' 7For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? 8And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children

SECOND READING: *James 1.17 - end*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. 26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' 21For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'