

## **Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan**

and not only for the church and Christians but for all the peoples of both countries - for political stability and peace, an end to turbulent times.

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

Monday: Psalm 2; Isaiah 1.1-20; Matthew 1.18-end

Tuesday: Psalm 5; Isaiah 1. 21-end; Matthew 2.1-15

Wednesday: Psalm 9; Isaiah 2.1-11; Matthew 2.16-end

Thursday: Psalm 15; Isaiah 2.12-end; Matthew 3

Friday: Psalm 16; Isaiah 3.1-15; Matthew 4.1-11

Saturday: Psalm 18.31-end; Isaiah 4.2-5.7; Matthew 4.12-22

Sunday: Psalm 136; Micah 4.1-5; Philippians 4.6-9

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

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

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## **Can you help? Volunteers needed now!**

We are hoping to re-introduce serving coffee and tea after the 10am Sunday Service. But to do so we need volunteers happy to come onto a rota. And the more volunteers we have, the greater number of Sunday mornings we can cover. Training given and materials provided! Please let folks in the Parish Office know (01793 853272 or [churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com](mailto:churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com)) if happy to help. And thank you!

## **Can you help? Volunteers needed now – part two!**

Our baby/toddler and parent/carer group **Little Stars** also needs your help. Meeting on Monday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am in the Church Hall, the team would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining them. To find out more please contact the Vicar, Jane, on 01793 977395. And thank you again!

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

# **Weekly News**

## **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**



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### **Services of Holy Communion**

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am & Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8:00 am**

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**British Summer Time ended at 2:00 am this morning - clocks back !**

### **Annual Service of Commemoration on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 3pm**

You are invited to join us for this service – an opportunity for us all to remember with thanksgiving those who have died. During the service, which lasts no more than an hour, we read out the names of those who have died and light candles in their memory.

### **St Bart's Discussion Group in church Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm - 8pm**

This week's topic is Pontius Pilate. Please come along, as you'd be very welcome

**Flower Guild:** Would all Flower Guild Members please attend a short meeting to discuss our way forward on Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in The Croft. Thank you, Janet Gilder, Chairperson

**The Friends of St Bartholomew's** are holding a **Coffee Morning** in The Croft on **Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon** and are looking for help on the day, and donations such as cakes or raffle prizes. Please contact Andrew Meek if you may be able to help. It will be lovely to see you all again at this event after 2 years of non-events. Please support us.

**The Friends of St Bartholomew's** will be holding their **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021** in the Church as soon as possible after the 10.00 am Service.

**St Barts Walking Group:** Ten walkers met at Ramleaze for 4.5 mile circular walk on paths and tracks skirting the lagoon at Peatmoor, Shaw Country Park and returning via the edge of Lydiard Park. No stiles or mud! And the weather was kind. Date and place of the next walk to be arranged, but hopefully the Malmesbury walk which was cancelled due to road works, watch this space! Roger.

# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## All Saints Sunday

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

### FIRST READING: *Isaiah 25.6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### SECOND READING: *Revelation 21.1-6a*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had  
passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new  
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully

dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now  
the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his  
people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every  
tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,  
for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he  
said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the  
End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the  
water of life."

### GOSPEL READING: *John 11.32-44*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to  
him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus  
saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly  
disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They  
said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See  
how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of  
the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone  
was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead  
man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four  
days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the  
glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,  
'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I  
have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe  
that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus,  
come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth,  
and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'