

Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan

Heavy rains last month led once again to serious flooding. More than half the Sudanese states were affected with thousands of homes damaged and farmland ruined. Pray for all those affected as they struggle to rebuild and for the families of those who have died.

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

Monday: Psalm 4; I Chronicles 10.1-11; Mark 9.38-end

Tuesday: Psalm 5; I Chronicles 13; Mark 10.1-16

Wednesday: Psalm 119.1-32.; I Chronicles 15.1-16.3; Mark 10.17-31

Thursday: Psalm 15; I Chronicles 17; Mark 10.32-34

Friday: Psalm 19; I Chronicles 21.1-22.1; Mark 10.35-45

Saturday: Psalm 23; I Chronicles 22.2-end; Mark 10.46-end

Sunday: Psalm 119.105-120; Isaiah 44.24-45.8; Revelation 12.1-12

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>

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

Weekly News

5th September 2021



Services of Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 1030 am & Sundays at 10:00 am

Sundays 5th September & 3rd October 8:00 am

Climate Sunday – 5th September 2021

This year the UK is hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference – COP26. This is a significant opportunity for the UK and other countries to step up their ambitions to take action on the climate crisis as a society. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are therefore encouraging all churches to...

- hold a climate-focused service – which we're doing today!
- commit to taking long term action to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions.
- add its name to a common call (*The Time is Now* declaration) for the UK government to take much bolder action on climate change in this country in advance of COP26.

The culmination of the campaign will be a national Climate Sunday event this Sunday held in Glasgow, to share church commitments and pray for bold action and courageous leadership at COP26 – available on-line here at 4pm

<https://www.climatesunday.org/nationsclimatesundayservice>

But we are also being encouraged to read and sign [the Climate Coalition's *The Time is Now* declaration](#) both as a church and an individual, found here <https://www.climatesunday.org/>

Swindon Food Collective: Thank you so much for the excellent response to our last request for donations. We have been advised that the warehouse is short of bottles of squash, long-life fruit juice, tinned meats and shampoo. So, donations of any of these would be much appreciated. Thank you !

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.

Sunday 5th September 2021

Climate Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

FIRST READING: *Psalm 146*

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 22.32-42*

Jesus said,

³²‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ He is God not of the dead, but of the living.” ³³And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”