

Prayers for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: pray for patience among the many different groups throughout Sudan and for the government as they work to establish a just society during economic difficulties made worse by Covid 19 and other infections aggravated by the after-effects of some of the worst floods ever recorded.

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

Monday: Psalm 20; Daniel 4:19-end; Revelation 5

Tuesday: Psalm 21; Daniel 5:1-12; Revelation 6

Wednesday: Psalm 23; Daniel 5:13-end; Revelation 7:1-4, 9-end

Thursday: Psalm 26; Daniel 6; Revelation 8

Friday: Psalm 32; Daniel 7:1-14; Revelation 9:1-12

Saturday: Psalm 33; Daniel 7:15-end; Revelation 9:13-end

Sunday: Psalm 98; Daniel 10:19-end; Revelation 4

Find out what we are up to at:

Website: www.stbartholomews-wb.com

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

Weekly News

8th November 2020



Prayer for the Nation – during the lockdown...

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are encouraging daily prayer for the nation throughout this month of lockdown. We are encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern (including the NHS and frontline workers, the bereaved, and those struggling with physical and mental ill-health, and for children and young people) culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening, with cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time.

More information and prayer resources may be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation> - or on social media with the hashtag #PrayerForTheNation.

Preparing for Advent and Christmas 2020: Comfort and Joy...

The Church of England is also working on a range of resources to accompany us through the festive season – recognising the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year along with an acknowledgement that, for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones, not everyone will be ready to join in jubilation. Resources include a booklet of short reflections exploring the theme and mirroring the structure of a traditional carol service, exploring both biblical texts and the words of much-loved Christmas Carols. And hopefully we'll be able to get these to you!

The Bible Course – we've started but you're still welcome to join in ...

To sign up and get the link, or to find out more, contact the Parish Office on 01793 853272 or at churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com

Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: *Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16*

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
¹³She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
¹⁵To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'