



# NEWSLETTER

for the Three Saints Benefice of  
St Bartholomew and St Lawrence  
with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate, Winchester

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00am Benefice Holy Communion  
at St Lawrence \***

*Readings:* Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18;  
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16;  
Luke 14.1, 7-14  
*Hymns:* 223, 91, 321, 100

**6pm Evening Prayer at St Swithun \***

*Readings:* Psalm 121;  
Isaiah 43.14 - 44.5  
John 5.30-47  
*Hymns:* 120, 311, 644



*Shame at the wedding banquet -  
Luke 14:1,7-14  
Found at [www.rogerfarnworth.com](http://www.rogerfarnworth.com)*

\* These services are also live-streamed for worshipping at home, using YouTube from St Lawrence and Zoom from St Swithun. Please see [www.threesaints.org.uk/services](http://www.threesaints.org.uk/services) for the codes, or click these direct links for [YouTube](#) at 10am or [Zoom worship](#) at 6pm.

**PRAYER GROUPS** - new members always welcome:

**Morning Prayer:** every Friday at 9am at St Lawrence.

**Julian Group:** every Tuesday at 2.30pm. Contact Sue Tisdall 851621.

**Benefice prayer group:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 11am. Contact Sue.

Members of the former **West View** and **Alleyne House** prayer group continue to pray individually on Wednesdays at 11am.

**Help is Available** for any who are struggling at this time:

- **Listening Service at St Lawrence:** run by the City Centre Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm-1.30pm. The next one is on **2<sup>nd</sup> September**, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind, and to find information about support agencies (please note this is not a counselling service).

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### The World:

- For the people of Gaza, for access to aid, food and water, and for a solution in the conflict with Israel that leads to peace;
- for the peace talks for the future of Ukraine;
- for the welfare of all civilians in all war zones; for the safe delivery of humanitarian aid; for the work of hospitals and medical staff;
- for wisdom and respect in international relations;
- for the safety of refugees and migrants;

### The Church:

- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for the those working to appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury;
- for the Ven. Kelly Betteridge as she prepares to become the new Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for Jayne Tarry and the Diocesan Parish Support Team: Cathy Laird and the Finance Department;
- for the refurbishment works at St Bartholomew's, due to begin in September;

### Local concerns:

- all who are struggling with financial burdens;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for our Little Wrigglers;
- for all staff and pupils at St Bede School as the summer holidays come to an end, especially those preparing to start at a new school, and those preparing to join the school for the first time;
- for all who are preparing for college or university.

**The sick, housebound, those in care homes, and all carers;** John A, Debbie B, Justin B, Mary C, Maureen D, Sara G, Val H, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W, Hugh W.

### Those who mourn.

**Anniversary of death:** Brenda de la Mouette.

### More help available:

- “Renew Café” a wellbeing café, every Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Parchment Street.
- The Samaritans 24-hr free helpline from any phone, on 116 123
- Domestic Abuse 24-hr free helpline 0808 2000 247
- Winchester Citizens Advice: free phone 0808 278 7861
- Meals on Wheels: visit [hils-uk.org/support-at-home/meals/](https://hils-uk.org/support-at-home/meals/)

## NOTICES

**St Bartholomew's Refurbishment:** we are delighted to have at last received the final permission to proceed! A contractor is being appointed, and details of the timetable and impact will be made available as soon as we know them. In the meantime the stonemason is re-pointing the south wall for two to three weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**St Bartholomew Church cleaning** will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. Please join us to vacuum, sweep and dust the Church.

**Ride & Stride, 13<sup>th</sup> September:** This annual sponsored event raises much needed funds for our churches and also for Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust, which has given grants to all our churches. Please sponsor those who are taking part, and volunteers to welcome visitors on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Clare and Louise for St Lawrence with St Swithun, or Andy Wainewright for St Bartholomew's.

**Heritage Open Days:** Hyde900 are organising a range of activities in St Bartholomew's Church on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, including tile-making, seal-making, guided walks and trails, finds exhibition, and two illustrated talks: "Hidden Waterways of Winchester" by Erica Wheeler at lunchtime, and "The fall of a monastic city: Winchester's medieval monasteries and their Reformation" by James Clarke at 7pm. There are still places left for the latter talk, but for the other events it may be possible to join waiting lists at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hampshire-history-trust](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hampshire-history-trust). The King Alfred buses will once again run from the city centre to Hyde Street.

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, 2pm-3pm, the local poetry group Winchester Muse and guests will be at St Lawrence Church reading poems and offering "open mic". No booking needed, just turn up.

**Benefice 'At Home', 27<sup>th</sup> September:** you are invited to host or attend a bring & share lunch or supper, a lovely way to get to know others from the benefice over a convivial meal. Please sign up as soon as possible and by 14<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

**Organists needed:** Do you know an organist looking for paid Sunday work? We are searching for organists to play regularly or occasionally for Sunday services. If you know someone in the Winchester area that might be interested, please contact [office@threesaints.org.uk](mailto:office@threesaints.org.uk) or leave a message on the Parish Office phone number (01962 849434). Young organ students also welcome, with chaperone.

**Calligrapher needed:** The Memorial Book at St Bartholomew is due an update but our previous calligrapher has stepped down after many years' service. There are just four names to be added, so if you or anyone you know would be willing to do it, please contact Revd Karen.

## Please Continue to Support our Ministry and Care for our Buildings

**Online:** Please visit [www.threesaints.org.uk/support-us](http://www.threesaints.org.uk/support-us) to make one-off donations to either parish or to set up a regular gift.

**By phone:** Please phone the Parish Giving Scheme 0333 002 1271 (M - F 9am-5pm) with your bank account details, church/parish name and PGS parish code (416007201 for St B, or 416007241 for St L with St S).

**By cheque** (sent via the Parish Office): payable to 'The PCC of Hyde' for St Bartholomew's parish, or payable to 'St Lawrence with St Swithun PCC' for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish. Thank you very much.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

*12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity*

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

*Holy Cross Day*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.**

*St Matthew*

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

*First Sunday of  
Creationtide*

10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence

10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence

10am All Together at St Bartholomew

10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew

"Ride & Stride", and Heritage Open Days events

10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew

10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence

6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun

2pm HODs poetry recital at St Lawrence

10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew

10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

Benefice 'At Home' lunches or suppers

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We welcome contributions relevant to our parishes:

please send items to Sara **by noon on Wednesday** of each week, preferably by email to [office@threesaints.org.uk](mailto:office@threesaints.org.uk) (or phone 01962 849434).

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