

Please Pray for Peace in our troubled world

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease.
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Supporting St Bartholomew's – There is a donations plate by the door at every service, and if you can Gift Aid your donation, please use & complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope with your details.
There's also a "Contactless Collection Plate" if you prefer, also by the south door.

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If you would like to find out how to support St Bartholomew's on a regular basis, then please go to our website for more information, or phone the Parish Office on 01793 853272. And thank you!

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

Telephone: 01793 853272

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

Weekly News

31st August 2025



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist followed by coffee

Church Children on a Summer Break

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

Resources Committee: Last week we handed out a leaflet produced on behalf of the PCC outlining the challenges currently facing our parish finances. Whilst recognising that the present economic situation is far from straightforward for all of us, the Committee would encourage you please to read it. Hopefully it will help explain our situation and encourage reflection on how we might all do our bit.

Christian Aid: A very big thank you for the £126.50 raised this year towards Christian Aid Week 2025. Your donation will help people like Aurelia in Guatemala, as increasingly intense conditions kill her crops, her ability to safeguard the family slips away. Aurelia's observed many impacts of the climate crisis, but with help from Christian Aid and Congcoop, she's gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds better suited to the changing climate.

Christian Thinkers Thursday 4th September 7.30pm in the Croft: Leo Tolstoy's *My Confession* (1882): Christian history is full of great thinkers and writers wrestling with the human condition and their understanding of God. Leo Tolstoy might be the greatest novelist in the world but, at the age of 50, when he suffers his existential crisis, nothing means anything to him until he finds his own kind of Christian Faith. Everyone welcome!

Tuesday 9th September 7.15pm in the Croft: Worship – and a Word about the goodness of God and the power in Prayer Ministry.

Ride and Stride -Saturday 13th September. Sponsorships forms are available from me or online or I can email. Bus trip and walking this year, so hope for a good turnout. Michael Page R&S Czar.

Saturday 13th September 10-12noon in the Croft: Coffee morning raising funds for MARIE CURIE nursing services. Tea, coffee, cakes, books and a raffle. If you can help in any way, please contact Alison Meek on 01793 851516.

Sunday 31st August 2025

11th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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: *Proverbs 25:6-7*

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

So, we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'