

### **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

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.  
Amen

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**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.

Or here's a QR code, which will  
take you straight to our donations page –



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!

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

Telephone: 01793 853272

Email: [churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com](mailto:churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com)

**Please visit our website:** [www.stbartholomews-wb.com](http://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**

## **10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**



### **SUNDAY**

**8:00 am Holy Communion**

**9:00 am Worship @ 9 in The Church Hall**

**10:00 am Parish Eucharist**

Church Children taking a Summer Break

### **WEDNESDAY**

**10:30 am Holy Communion**

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**Coffee Morning for GWH Brighter Futures:** Many thanks to and from Janet and her helpers for all donations and support. A very helpful sum of £356 was raised for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal providing gift boxes for patients in hospital over Christmas. Thank you !

**Summer Breaks: Little Stars**, our baby/toddler parent/carer group and **Church Children** are taking well deserved rests in line with the school holidays.

Little Stars meet Monday morning in the Church Hall from 0930 – 1130 in term time. Church Children meet either in the Croft or in Church at 1000 on Sundays for various activities also in term time.

**A Family-Focused Christian Festival at Bremhill, Wilts, SN11 9LQ** on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025. There's more details on our website or here's a link to the festival's website - <https://edenbridge.love/>

Please do have a look at our own website **[www.stbartholomews-wb.com](http://www.stbartholomews-wb.com)** which has lots of information including upcoming services and events, and even a link in case you'd like to get in touch.

**Floodlighting the Church:** to mark a special occasion or commemorate a loved one, you may sponsor floodlighting the church. There are forms available by the door, and we publish your dedication on the website.

# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## 8th Sunday after Trinity

### COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING: *Genesis 15:1-6*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### SECOND READING: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he

stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### GOSPEL READING: *Luke 12:32-40*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'