



NEWSLETTER

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

7th September 2025
12th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am All Together
at St Bartholomew

Reading: Jonah

Hymns: 454, 27, 170, 595

10.00am Holy Communion
at St Lawrence *

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-2;
Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14.25-33

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



Christ Carrying the Cross
by Sir Stanley Spencer (1891-1959)
(Tate Britain)

* 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 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: 3rd 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 **16th 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;
- for the victims and aid effort in the earthquake in Afghanistan;

The Church:

- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for the those working to appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury and Dean of the Cathedral;
- for the Ven. Kelly Betteridge as she prepares to become the new Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for East Winchester Benefice, with Christopher Curry, Christine Smith and Jen Holder;
- for the refurbishment works at St Bartholomew's, due to begin soon;

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 autumn term gets under way;
- for all who are embarking on a new chapter in their lives.

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: HM Queen Elizabeth II; Paul Bray; Elsie Wicks.

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/

NOTICES

St Bartholomew's Refurbishment: it's business as usual for the coffee morning and Little Wrigglers while we wait to find out when work can begin. In the meantime the stonemason has finished re-pointing the south wall and will soon be taking delivery of the Camino waymarker.

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

Ride & Stride, 13th 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 by signing the forms in church or donating online: Richard Stead, or Caroline St Leger-Davey <https://app.goodhub.com/stlawrenceandstswithun>; Andy Wainewright <https://goodhub.com/go/hampshire-and-the-islands-historic-churches-trust-201058>

Heritage Open Days:

Saturday 13th September, a range of activities in St Bartholomew's Church organised by Hyde900 www.hyde900.org.uk/events/upcoming-events. The King Alfred buses will once again run from the city centre to Hyde Street. At St Lawrence, 3pm-3.30pm, the Barton Stacey Chamber Choir will be singing - no booking needed.

Saturday 20th 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', 27th 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 14th September** at the latest.

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.

Winchester Churches Christmas Project: planning has begun for this year's project and volunteers are warmly welcomed to sign up (before 2nd November). If you would prefer to help fund the purchases for families in need, please note that the new Bank account is "**Winchester Churches Christmas Project**". Sort code **62-28-74**. Account number **00000000**. Reference **7210056868**. Alternatively, cheques may be sent to the Christmas Project Treasurer, c/o The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ, made payable to "Winchester Churches Christmas Project". Further details from Helen McTiffin at deanacre@talktalk.net

Please Continue to Support our Ministry and Care for our Buildings

Online: Please visit 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

Tuesday, 9 th Sept.	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew
Saturday, 13 th Sept.	" Ride & Stride ", and Heritage Open Days events
Sunday, 14th Sept. <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun
Saturday, 20 th Sept.	2pm HODs poetry recital at St Lawrence
Sunday, 21st Sept. <i>St Matthew</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Saturday, 27th Sept.	Benefice 'At Home' lunches or suppers
Sunday, 28th Sept. <i>First Sunday of Creationtide</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Wednesday, 1 st Oct.	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 3 rd October	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 5th October <i>Harvest</i>	10am Harvest Service at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Harvest Praise at St Swithun

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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 (or phone 01962 849434).

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