

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

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through 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.

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!

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

Telephone: 01793 853272

Email: churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com

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

Weekly News 19th October 2025



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Followed by Refreshments in the Croft

Church Children meet in the Croft for singing and music-making

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

A quadruple helping of thanks to all for your kind generosity – for **Ride & Stride** which raised £1860, double last year's amount, for the **Harvest Giving**, 22 cases of foodstuff and £190 to the foodbank **plus** £372 towards Sudan ! for **The Children's Society** Coffee Morning which raised a magnificent £432.22, and thanks for the **donations** of an office chair and vacuum cleaner for the Church.
Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you !

Our early Christmas Coffee morning – Saturday 1st November, 10am – 12 noon at the Croft. Start your Christmas shopping with a browse of our cards and gifts, plus a raffle, cakes and Lucky Stars. And if you're able to make a cake for this Janet Gilder would be delighted to receive, with thanks!

Katey's farewell: a reminder that Katey's last service with us will be the 10am Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 26th October**, after which there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Church Hall. And if you would like to contribute to a farewell present the churchwardens or the office would be very happy to accept them.

Annual Service of Commemoration of the Departed Sunday 2nd November at 3:00pm in Church. an opportunity for us all to remember with thanksgiving those who have died. During the service, which lasts about an hour, we read out the names of those who have died and light candles in their memory. We do include names of all who have had funerals in the last 2 years, and if you would like to add a loved one to be remembered in this way, please either email the Parish Office at churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com or let them have a written note with the details.

Response to Psalm 121



Sunday 19th October 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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: *Genesis 32.22-31*

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SECOND READING: *2 Timothy 3.14-4.5*

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 18.1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'