

NEWSLETTER

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

16th November 2025 Safeguarding Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

at St Bartholomew

10.00am Morning Worship at St Lawrence *

Readings: Psalm 91; 1 John 3.16-24;

John 10.1-18

Hymns: 299, 724, sheet, 747

6pm Evensong at St Swithun *

Readings: Psalm 46; Isaiah 43.1-3a;

James 2.14-26

Hymns: 411, 63, 499

* These services are 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.



The Good Shepherd, by Kresimir Kargacin, available at www.saatchiart.com

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 18th November, 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 Jamaica and Cuba recovering from Hurricane Melissa;
- for the people of Gaza, for access to aid, food and water; for the consolidation and sustainability of the first phase peace agreement signed on 9th October; for the smooth release of all hostages;
- for the Jewish community in this country and an end to anti-semitism;
- for peace in Ukraine and the welfare of civilians in all war zones; for the safe delivery of humanitarian and medical aid;
- for the safety of refugees and migrants;

The Church:

- for survivors of abuse and for our churches to be known as places of kindness and safety;
- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for Bishop Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury designate;
- for Bishop Kelly Betteridge as she begins her ministry as Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for St Luke with St Mark, especially Marianne Foster, Richard Turner and Margaret Mouland;
- for Johan van Biljon training for ordination, and Judith Thomson on the BCM Children & Youth course;

Local concerns:

- for the City Centre Chaplains and those they serve;
- 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.

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

Those who mourn

Anniversary of death: Paul Bright and Joan Bessey.

Anniversary of baptism: Oliver Mitchell and Jack Lyle. 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 www.hils-uk.org/support-at-home/meals

NOTICES

Mouteira Unveiling ceremony: Thursday 20th November at 10.30am, in the presence of guests from Galicia and Winchester City Council. The blessing will be given by Bishop David Hamid on behalf of the Diocese.

The Christmas Quiz is back! Pick up your copy from Daphne or Denis Marlow at a St Bartholomew's church service or at Coffee Hour. £2 per quiz to benefit the building works at St Bartholomew.

Christmas Gift Fair at St Bartholomew's Church from 10am-3pm on Saturday 29th November. Details to follow.

Advent Sunday Lunch: from 12 noon on **Sunday 30**th **November** in St Lawrence Parish Room, Colebrook Street. All are welcome to this lunch of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, and donations will be welcome for the children we support at Ikona Hillside School, Uganda.

Dance & Sing the Christmas Story: this special service for adults with learning disabilities and their families and friends is at St Lawrence on Wednesday 17th December, 4pm-5pm.

Winchester Beacon needs volunteers: Under the Churches Together umbrella we have for years supplied a simple & nutritious cooked meal to feed 12 once a month at the Winchester Beacon (formerly The Night Shelter beside the library "The Arc"). To find out more about what is involved, contact Ros Nell on 07769 971299 or rosnell83@gmail.com

Winchester Christmas Project: the volunteers who help needy families to manage Christmas costs are funded upfront, so early donations are particularly welcome. Please give by bank transfer, to "Winchester Churches Christmas Project", sort code 62-28-74 (Newbury Building Society), Account number 000000000, Ref. 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". If you can, please Gift Aid your donation by letting us know and providing your name and address. Thank you to everyone for your prayerful and practical support in these difficult times. Further details from Helen McTiffin at deanacre@talktalk.net

St Bartholomew building works: Phase 1 is under way, to create a new level access path, a doorway in the north wall, a new internal lobby area and two extra toilets. Weekend use of the church will continue as normal except that the existing level access path and doorway will be unavailable, and entrance to the church is via the top of the drive only. Extra support will be provided for any who need help with the steps down from the main door. We hope to keep disruption down to a minimum, but apologise for any inconvenience this phase may cause.

Please Continue to Support our Ministry and Care for our Buildings

Online: Please visit <u>www.threesaints.org.uk/support-us</u> 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).

<u>By cheque</u> (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

Tues. 18th Nov. 12noon Listening Service at St Lawrence Thurs. 20th Nov. 10.30am Mouteira unveiling at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew Sunday 23rd Nov. Christ the King 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun Wed. 26th Nov. 2-4pm Taketime Meditation at St Lawrence Saturday, 29th Nov. 10am-3pm Christmas Gift Fair at St Bartholomew Sunday 30th Nov. 10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Bart's **Advent Sunday** 12noon Advent Sunday Lunch, St L Parish Room 6pm Advent Praise at St Swithun Wed. 3rd December 10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence 7.30pm Advent Carol Service with Kingsgate Voices at St Lawrence 10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence Fri. 5th December Sunday 7th December 10am All Together/Posada Launch at St Bart's 2nd of Advent 10am Holy Communion followed by Going Out with Questions at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun Saturday 13th Dec. 10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew Sunday 14th December 10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion 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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