



## NEWSLETTER

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

### 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10.00am Morning Worship  
at St Bartholomew**

**10.00am Holy Communion  
at St Lawrence \***

*Readings:* Isaiah 7.10-16;  
Romans 1.1-7;  
Matthew 1.18-25

*Hymns:* 194, 205, 438, 700



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**6pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew**

**6pm Carol Service at St Lawrence \***

**There is no evening service at St Swithun today.**

\* These services are also live-streamed for worshipping at home. Please see [www.threesaints.org.uk/services](http://www.threesaints.org.uk/services) or use this direct [YouTube](#) link.

**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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Do you need to talk?**

**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 **6<sup>th</sup> January**, 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).

## Christmas Eve - Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>

3.30pm Christingle & Crib Service at St Bartholomew

3.30pm Crib Service at St Lawrence \*

6pm Christmas Communion  
at St Swithun\*

Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

Carols: 700, 658, 357, 588

## Christmas Day

10am Family Communion  
at St Bartholomew

Readings: Isaiah 9.2,6,7; Luke 2.1-14

Carols: 13, 2, 3, 18

10am Christmas Communion  
at St Lawrence \*

Readings: Isaiah 9.2,6,7; Luke 2.1-14

Carols: 534 (omit vss. 3,4,5), 559,  
649, 409



*Madonna and Child by Marianne Stokes (1855-1927)*  
Wolverhampton Art Gallery  
<https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/madonna-and-child-18976>

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December - The Holy Innocents

10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Lawrence \*

Readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17; 1 Corinthians 1.26-29; Matthew 2.13-18

Hymns: 490, Coventry Carol (sheet), 782, 39

No service at St Bartholomew

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

Readings: Psalm 123; Isaiah 49.14-25; Mark 10.13-16

Hymns: 812, 246 (omit vss 2 & 4), 75

**We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year**

**Help is Available** for any who are struggling at this time:

**The Samaritans** 24-hr free helpline from any phone, on 116 123

**Domestic Abuse** 24-hr free helpline 0808 2000 247 Winchester

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

**For peace on earth, and goodwill towards all humankind**

**For all who need...** the joy of the angels... the eagerness of the shepherds... the perseverance of the wise men... the obedience of Joseph and Mary... the peace of the Christ-child

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

**Anniversary of baptism:** Sebastian Williams

**Those who mourn,** especially the family and friends of Bryan Alexander-Cooper and Eileen Waterer

**Anniversary of death:** Gee Goulding, John Balfour, Stella Freeston

## NOTICES

**Share the Christmas story** with your young family members with this lovely animation from the Church of England [The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas](#)

**A Huge Thank You** to all who cleaned and decorated our churches so beautifully for the Christmas services. Your care and skill make a wonderful welcome for all who come in.

**Christmas break:** please note that the Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, reopening on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The clergy will also be taking a break during this time, but in the event of an urgent pastoral need, please leave a message on 01962 850956.

**The Christmas Quiz is still available!** Pick up your copy from Daphne or Denis Marlow at a St Bartholomew's church service. £2 per quiz, to benefit the building works at St Bartholomew. **Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**St Bartholomew building works:** Phase 1 is under way and will continue until March. **Weekend use of the church will continue as normal, except that entrance to the church is by the main door only.** It is not possible for vehicles to travel along the drive. Extra support will be provided for any who need help with the steps down from the main door. We hope to keep disruption 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 [www.threesaints.org.uk/support-us](http://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

Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	11am <b>Funeral</b> of Eileen Waterer at St Bartholomew
<i>Christmas Services</i>	Please see times and dates on page 2.
<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b> <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10am <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> at St Lawrence 6pm <b>Evensong</b> at St Swithun
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Lawrence with talk by Prof Jerry LaSala on 'The Christmas Star'
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	10am <b>All Together</b> at St Bartholomew 10am <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Lawrence followed by <i>Going out With Questions</i> 6pm <b>Evensong</b> at St Swithun
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am <b>BCP Holy Communion</b> at St Lawrence
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am Joint PCCs Safeguarding Workshop
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Bartholomew 10am <b>Morning Worship</b> at St Lawrence 6pm <b>Holy Communion</b> at St Swithun
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Bartholomew

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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](mailto:office@threesaints.org.uk) (or phone 01962 849434).

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