



NEWSLETTER

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

7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am All Together and Launch of the Posada at St Bartholomew

Reading: Matthew 3.1-6,11

Hymns: 99, 589, 785, 479

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Going Out with Questions at St Lawrence *

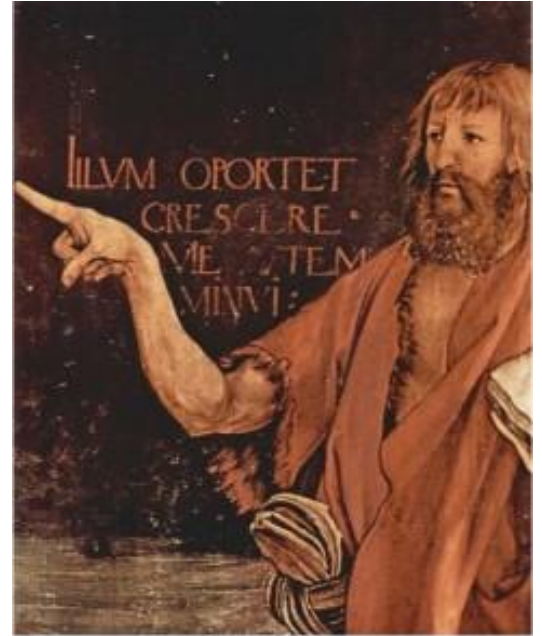
Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13;
Matthew 3.1-12

Hymns: 355, 589, 399, 246

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 8; 1 Kings 18.17-39; John 1.19-28

Hymns: 104, 700, 481



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* 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.

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 **2nd December**, 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 those affected by the apartment block fires in Hong Kong;
- for those caught up in the catastrophic flooding in Thailand and neighbouring countries;
- for the humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza; for the consolidation and sustainability of the first phase peace agreement;
- for a just and lasting peace agreement for Ukraine and the welfare of civilians in all war zones;

The Church:

- for survivors of abuse and for our churches to be known as places of kindness and safety;
- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- for Bishop Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury-elect;
- for Bishop Kelly Betteridge in her ministry as Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for East Winchester, especially Christopher Curry, Christine Smith and Jen Holder;
- for Johan van Biljon in his training for ordination, and Judith Thomson on the BCM Children & Youth course;

Local concerns:

- for those worried by the Government's budget announcements;
- for the City Centre Chaplains and those they serve; for plans to pilot a TakeTime meditation session on Zoom;
- 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, Sarah G, Ann G, Chris H, Jonquil H, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W.

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

Anniversary of death: Donald Wicks, Margaret Humphrys and the victims of the Clapham Rail disaster.

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

TakeTime Meditation: Instead of an in-person session at St Lawrence in December, there will be a pilot Zoom session on **Wednesday 10th December** at 7.30pm. Places are limited so if you would like to take part please email asap to chaplain@winccc.org.uk

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.

St Bartholomew building works: Phase 1 is under way and will last until March. 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 recommended via the top of the drive. 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.

A Big Thank You to all who donated to the Kisiizi Sponsor-a-Child programme at the Advent Lunch, which raised £1666.25 with gift aid included! And £110.25 was raised for the Salisbury/Sudan medical fund from the sale of recycled/reconditioned cards.

Christmas across the Benefice

16th December

7.30pm **Beer & Carols** at Hyde Tavern

17th December

4pm **Dance & Sing The Christmas Story** at St Lawrence

Sunday 21st December

6pm **Carol Service** at St Bartholomew

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Christmas Eve

3.30pm **Crib service** at St Lawrence

3.30pm **Christingle** at St Bartholomew

6pm **Christmas Communion** at St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate

Christmas Day

10am **Family Communion** at St Bartholomew

10am **Christmas Communion** at St Lawrence

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

Saturday 13 th Dec.	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew
Sunday 14th December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun
Wed. 17 th December	11am Funeral of Bryan Alexander-Cooper at St Lawrence
Tues. 23 rd December	11am Funeral of Eileen Waterer at St Bartholomew

Christmas Services

Please see times and dates on the previous page.

Sunday, 28th Dec. <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Friday, 2 nd January	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 4th January <i>Epiphany</i>	10am All Together at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Wed. 7 th January	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Sunday, 11th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	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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