

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

A Blessing

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face towards you
and give you peace.”

Numbers 6.22-26

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

Please visit our website: www.stbartholomews-wb.com

for more information and links to Facebook & YouTube

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

Weekly News

11th January 2026



SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Worship @ 9 in The Church Hall

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Church Children meet in the Croft to learn more about God and have fun crafting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Holy Communion

The Bridge Youth Project are looking to appoint a new Chaplain to work part-time here in Royal Wootton Bassett at St Bartholomew's (Church of England) Primary Academy and in Calne at Marden Vale (Church of England) Primary Academy. Rob Jackson, who served as Chaplain for five years (amazingly) has now stepped down, and everyone, most especially the schools, would like to see the role continue. Alex Ewing, the Bridge Youth Project's Director, writes:

We are very glad to now be advertising for Rob's successor and to begin our search to find someone for this exciting part-time role across both schools. It would be a real bonus for us to find someone already connected into the churches within this area.

If you are interested, or want to know more, please chat with the vicar or see the website www.the-bridge.org.uk/jobs

The Friends of St Bartholomew's invite you to a Coffee Morning in The Croft on **Saturday 7th February** – Coffee, Cakes, Raffle and a chat ! Raising funds to help maintain our beautiful church for future generations

The Ladies Guild invite you to a Pancake and cuppa on **Shrove Tuesday, 17th February** in The Croft 10:00 am – 2:00pm. Just £2.50 and there'll be a raffle too.

Floodlighting the Church – to commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one, you may have the church floodlit. We record and publish details of the dedication on the church website. Please contact the office for more details.

Sunday 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: *Isaiah 42.1-9*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

SECOND READING: *Acts 10.34-43*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 3.13-end*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'