



NEWSLETTER

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

Happy New Year!

4th January 2026: The Feast of the Epiphany

10.00am All Together at St Bartholomew

Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Hymns: 705, 805, 207, 233

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

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Hymns: 89, 46, 353, 307

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalms 98 & 100

Baruch 4.36-5.9

John 2.1-11

Hymns: 251, 280, 669



The Three Kings Christmas by Jane Tattersfield

www.fineartamerica.com

* 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 **6th 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).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for 2026 to be a year of peace and tolerance;
- for the victims of the Swiss ski resort fire and their families;
- for the humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza, Ukraine and all places where there is armed conflict;
- for international co-operation and respect, and for those who work for peace and reconciliation;
- for 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 The Deanery, especially Liz Stuart (Area Dean), Ruth Guy (Lay Chair), Marianne Foster (Asst. Area Dean), Andrew Holder (Finance Chair) and Hilary Healey (Deanery Office);
- for Johan van Biljon in his training for ordination, and Judith Thomson following completion of the BCM Children & Youth course;
- for Harriet and Sam (at St Bartholomew's) on the birth of their son Dominic, a brother for Arabella;

Local concerns:

- for those worried by the Government's budget announcements;
- 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, Sarah G, Ann G, Jonquil H, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the friends and family of Mary Wright, and in our year's mind, Angela Sexton.

Anniversary of baptism: Charlie Sheppard.

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

St Bartholomew building works: Phase 1 is progressing well and will continue until the end of March. Weekend use of the church will continue as normal, except that the existing level access path and doorway are now unavailable, so 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.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, 10th January at 8.30am: Do join us and bring a friend! Please inform Richard Stead if you plan to attend: richard@regchem.com or call 07850 596172. Held every second Saturday of the month. Kavi Coffee Bar, Jewry Street (next to United Church).

Your time is needed! These roles will become vacant in the spring:

- **Electoral Roll Officer at St Bartholomew:** the purpose of this post is to make the formal annual review of the electoral roll in time for the Annual Church Meetings, and to maintain the list of members through the rest of the year. Please contact Jeannette Archdeacon to find out more, by emailing jeannette.archdeacon@googlemail.com
- **Safeguarding Officer at St Bartholomew:** are you organised and computer-literate? This role uses an online safeguarding dashboard to enable our volunteers to keep up-to-date with their safeguarding training and ensure that the PCC is carrying out its responsibilities in line with safeguarding policy. Full training will be provided by the Diocese and support will be available during the handover from Rosie Duffy (the current postholder). To find out more please contact Rosie by emailing safeguarding.stbarts@threesaints.org.uk
- **Benefice Director of Music:** we are very sad that Ian Parker will be moving away in March because his wife Theresa will be taking up a new post in the Church in Wales: we wish them well as they prepare for their move. This is a paid post for an experienced musician able to commit to playing the organ and piano on a regular basis: if you know anyone who might be interested in more details, please put them in touch with the Rector as soon as possible (karen@threesaints.org.uk).

Are you part of an organisation, group or club looking for meeting space? Consider the St Lawrence Parish Room on Colebrook Street, with a full kitchen (including china, cutlery, glassware, oven, hob, microwave, & dishwasher), accessible entry & toilets, and tables & chairs. The carpeted room accommodates 50 people and there is parking for up to 9 cars. Reasonable rates right in the city centre. Contact Sara in the Parish Office for more information: office@threesaints.org.uk or call 01962 849434.

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

Wed. 7 th January	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Sat., 10 th January	10am joint PCCs Safeguarding Workshop
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
Saturday, 17 th January	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 18th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Sunday, 25th January <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Sunday, 1st February <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	10am All Together at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Candlemas Evening Service at St Swithun
Wed., 4 th February	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 6 th February	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence

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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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