



NEWSLETTER

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

15th February 2026
The Sunday Next before Lent

10.00am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew

10.00am Holy Communion at St Lawrence *

Readings: Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21;
Matthew 17.1-9

Hymns: 275, 309, 66, 349

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 84; 2 Kings 2.1-12;
Matthew 17.9-23

Hymns: 248, 62, 499

Ash Wednesday, 18th February

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12;
2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

10.30am Holy Communion at St Lawrence

(said service)

7.00pm Holy Communion at St Swithun*

Hymns: 202, 369, 65, 465



Icon of the Transfiguration found on Pinterest, unattributed.

* These services are live-streamed for worshipping at home, using **YouTube** from St Lawrence and **now also from St Swithun**, with better sound and picture quality. Click this direct link for [YouTube](#), which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time. For one more week, Zoom access will still be available for St Swithun services using this link: [Zoom worship](#) at 6pm (or see www.threesaints.org.uk/services for the codes).

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for international co-operation and respect for democracy;
- for the humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza and Ukraine, and the welfare of civilians in all war zones; for those who work for peace;
- for victims of gun and knife crime;
- for those whose homes, lives and livelihoods have been affected by flooding;

The Church:

- for Christians suffering persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- for survivors of abuse and for healthy cultures within the Church;
- for the meeting of General Synod in London 9th-13th February;
- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- for the Most Revd and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, newly confirmed in law as Archbishop of Canterbury;
- with the Deanery, for St Faith's and Hospital of St Cross, especially Dominik Chmielewski, Rector and Master, and Hilary Healy;
- for Johan van Biljon in his training for ordination;
- for the families of Iris, Edith and Hattie as they prepare for their baptisms next weekend;

Local concerns:

- for the City Centre Chaplaincy and the vision for its development;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for our Little Wrighlers; 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, Jonquil H, Ron J, Denis M, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the families and friends of Paula Whitmarsh and Joan Allen, and in their year's mind, Joan Mantell and Ann Coggan.

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

- **The Samaritans** 24-hr free helpline from any phone, on 116 123
- **"Renew Café"** a wellbeing café, every Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Parchment Street
- **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

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to:

safeguarding.stls@threesaints.org.uk for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish, or safeguarding.stbarts@threesaints.org.uk for St Bartholomew.

NOTICES

Ash Wednesday, 18th February: due to the building works at St Bartholomew's, it is not possible to hold an Ash Wednesday service there this year. All are welcome to the services at St Lawrence at 10.30am or St Swithun at 7pm.

Joan Allen R.I.P. We are sorry to announce the death of Joan, who arranged Remembrance flowers at St Bartholomew for many years. Her funeral is at Chesil House, 10.30am on Monday 23rd February.

Installation of the new Dean of Winchester Cathedral: Canon Chris Palmer will be installed as Dean at a 3pm service on 15th March. Public bookings open on 26th February. Friends of the Cathedral will have priority booking from 23rd February, including John Stanning, who is unable to go so is offering up two tickets for the service and reception. Please contact him if you would like to take these seats john.stanning@yahoo.co.uk

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 17th February, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

Could this be you? We are most grateful to the current postholders for their service in the following roles which will shortly become vacant:

- **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@gmail.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

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

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. 18th February

Ash Wednesday

Sat. 21st February

Sunday 22nd February

1st of Lent

Monday, 23rd February

Sat. 28th February

Sunday, 1st March

2nd of Lent

Wed. 4th March

Friday, 6th March

Sunday, 8th March

3rd of Lent

Sunday, 15th March

Mothering Sunday

4th of Lent

10.30am service with ashing at St Lawrence

7pm service with ashing at St Swithun

10.30am **Coffee Morning** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew

10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

10.30am **Funeral of Joan Allen** at Chesil House

11.30am **Baptism of Iris Innes** at St Swithun

10am **All Together** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

12pm **Baptism of Edith Stevens** at St Bartholomew

2pm **Baptism of Harriet Hallett** at St Bartholomew

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

10.30am **BCP Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

10am **Coffee Morning** at St Lawrence

10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew

10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence

6pm **Holy Communion** at St Swithun

10am **Mothering Sunday Svce** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** 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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