

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

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

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

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



Weekly News

8th February 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

Honor Page RIP - Honor's funeral will be at 11:00 am this Tuesday 10th February. Michael has requested no black but please wear colours as he would like the occasion to be a celebration.

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.

St Bart's Walking Group - you are welcome to join our walk on **Saturday 21st February**. Please contact pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Lent Lunches: The first of our four Lent lunches will be on Wednesday, 25th February with the proceeds going to the Sudan appeal. We are looking for volunteers to delight diners with their favourite soups and we also need donations of bread and cheese. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard in church. Many thanks, Dave Woollett

Palm Crosses: If you have last year's cross, could you please bring it in to church, so that it may be used to prepare ashes for the Ash Wednesday services. Thank you.

Croft Committee -Treasurer: We are looking for a new Treasurer for the Croft Committee. Responsibilities include reconciling daily takings, banking money, updating the on-line bank account and providing financial statements as required. Some IT literacy and on-line banking knowledge are therefore important. For more information and to register your interest please contact the Committee Chair, Barbara Gillman via the Parish Office at churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com

Sunday 8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1.1-2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

... (apologies, no space for the full creation reading) ...

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the

revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6.25-end

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'