



NEWSLETTER

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

1st March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am All Together

at St Bartholomew

Reading: John 3.1-17

Hymns: 34, 715, 499, 306

10.00am Holy Communion

at St Lawrence *

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a;
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17;
John 3.1-17

Hymns: 349, 706, 182, 574

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 135; Numbers 21.4-9;
Luke 14.27-33

Hymns: 334, 689, 506



*Jesus Talking With Nicodemus at Night,
Crijn Hendricksz Volmijn, 1601 - 1645*

found at <https://stmarysvancouver.ca/the-gospel-according-to-art/>

* These services are live-streamed for worshipping at home, using YouTube. Click this direct link for [YouTube](#), which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time.

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.

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 **3rd March**, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

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 are affected by flooding;

The Church:

- for a holy Lent, and a recommitment to life-giving Christian practices;
- for Christians suffering persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- for survivors of abuse and for healthy cultures within the Church;
- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- for the Most Revd and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, as she prepares for her installation and public ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury;
- with the Deanery, for the Diocese, especially Bishops Philip, Rhiannon and Kelly; Archdeacons Richard Brand and Howard Jameson, COO Colin Harbidge and all Diocesan Synod members;
- for Johan van Biljon in preparation for the national selection panel in April, so that he may complete his training for ordination;
- for Iris, Edith and Hattie, baptised this weekend, and their families;

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 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, Barrie D, Maureen D, Sarah G, Jonquil H, Ron J, Denis M, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Meriel W, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Joan Allen, and in her year's mind, Marjorie Patient.

Anniversary of baptism: Dottie Purvis, Ned Giblin and Rafferty Freeland.

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

- **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

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.

During Lent we seek to draw nearer to God and recommit ourselves to following the Christian Way:

As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God calls us to SHARE IN WORSHIP:

*Jesus said, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.'*

God calls us to SHARE IN PRAYER:

Jesus said, 'Remain in me, and I will remain in you.'

God calls us to SHARE THE SCRIPTURES:

Jesus met his disciples on the road and opened the Scriptures to them.

God calls us to SHARE IN COMMUNION:

Jesus said, 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

God calls us to SHARE IN SERVICE:

Jesus said, 'As you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.'

God calls us to SHARE THE GOOD NEWS:

Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations.'

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Affirmation of the Christian Way from Common Worship: Rites on the Way

If you missed out on a 'Draw Near' Lent booklet, you can find the daily reflections on the CofE Everyday Faith app, available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, or from the link below:



Everyday Faith

The Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>

A good way to make prayer a daily routine is the Time to Pray app, which can be downloaded free from the above app Stores or the following link:



Time to Pray

Day and Night Prayer services

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

NOTICES

St Lawrence Coffee Morning, 6th March at 10am: this will be followed by the final talk by Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of Southern Maine, in the USA, Dr Jerry LaSala, on 'The Antikythera Mechanism: A 2000 Year-old Astronomical Computer.' All welcome.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to buy lilies in memory of loved ones departed, please write their names on the list in each church by 15th March. £4 per lily. The list of names will be displayed in each church on Easter Day. For more information, please contact Judith Chong (St Lawrence & St Swithun) or Julia Wainwright (St Bartholomew).

Christmas Cards: thank you for the Christmas cards donated to be reconditioned/recycled in aid of the Salisbury/ Sudan medical fund. No further collections are being made so please recycle as normal.

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. 4 th March	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 6 th March	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 8 th March <i>3rd of Lent</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun
Sunday, 15 th March <i>Mothering Sunday 4th of Lent</i>	10am Mothering Sunday at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Friday, 20 th March	11.30am Memorial for Mary Grant at St Swithun
Saturday, 21 st March	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 22 nd March <i>5th of Lent</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun 6pm Sunday @ Six youth service at St Lawrence
Sunday, 29 th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Bart's 6pm Palm Sunday Evening Service 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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