

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

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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. 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

1st March 2026



8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

Followed by refreshments in the Croft.

10:00 am All Age Eucharist

Church Children meet in the children's area and Lady Chapel in church.

Followed by refreshments in the Croft.

4:00 pm Evensong

Tuesday 7:00 pm Lent Bible Study in the Croft

Wednesday 10:30 am Holy Communion in Church

Wednesday 12:00 noon Lent Lunch in the Hall

World Day of Prayer - an invitation to everyone to join our ecumenical sisters and brothers here in RWB at a service marking the World Day of Prayer at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday 6th March at 2pm**. This year's service – *I will give you rest, come* - has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria. All are welcome to this service, after which refreshments will be offered.

Flower Guild Coffee Morning in The Croft **Saturday 7th March 10:00- 12**. Raising Funds for flowers to decorate the Church. Do pop in for a cuppa, Cake or Biscuit, and maybe a chat...

Join Harmony Singers for "A Night at the Musicals"! 🎵 Come along for a fabulous evening of music and fun on **Saturday 7th March at 7:00pm** in Church. We'll be bringing you show-stopping favourites from some of the best-loved musicals, including Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Six, Evita, Moulin Rouge, Mamma Mia – and plenty more! Free entry. Donations welcome on the night. Refreshments served during the interval

St Bart's Walking Group - our February walk took us around Studley Village, Old Derry Hill and part of the Bowood Estate. Despite the awful weather we had experienced during the week before, 15 of us turned up! Please contact pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join our next walk on **Saturday 21st March**.

Church Spring Clean: Saturday 28th March – sign up sheet by the door.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to donate towards the Lilies and other flowers used to decorate the Church at Easter, please contact Janet Gilder 01793 852861

Thanks from and to the **Ladies guild** and all who supported the Pancake Day party - a very commendable £600 was raised for the Prospect Hospice.

Sunday 1st March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 12.1-4a*

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

SECOND READING: *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to

those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL READING: *John 3.1-17*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'