



NEWSLETTER

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

29th March 2026
Palm Sunday and Holy Week

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Bartholomew

Readings: Matthew 21.1-11;
Philippians 2.5-11;
Matthew 26.14-27.66

Hymns: 640, 12, 317, 627

6pm Palm Sunday Evening Service at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 24.7-10;
Zechariah 9.9-12;
Matthew 25.31, 34-40

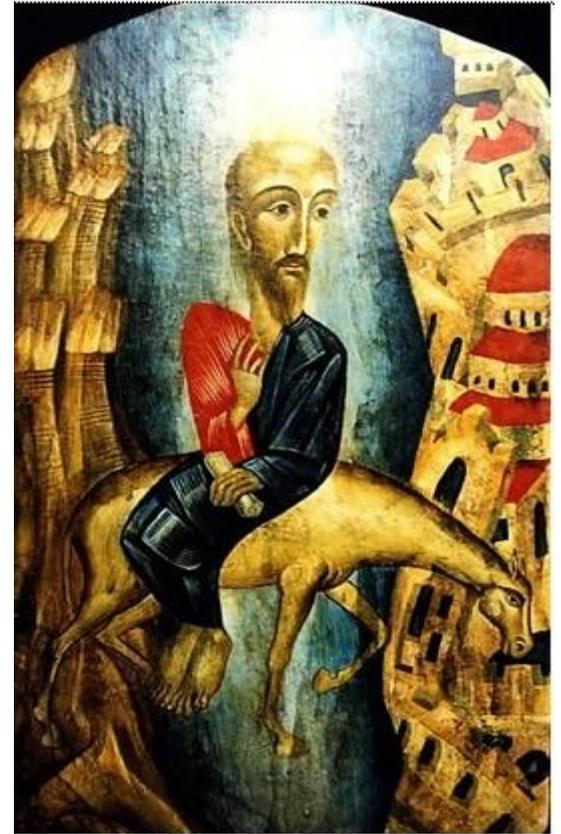
Hymns: 23, 498, 849, 819

Holy Week Compline on Zoom**, 9pm

Monday, 30th March: Luke 22.24-27

Tuesday, 31st March: Luke 22.39-42

Wednesday, 1st April: Luke 23.27-31



Julia Stankova (Bulgarian, 1954-), The Entry into Jerusalem, before 2002. Tempera, gouache, watercolours, and lacquer technique on wood.

Wednesday, 1st April: BCP Holy Communion, 10.30am at St Lawrence

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7pm at St Swithun*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Hymns: 515, 35, 514, 91

Good Friday, 3rd April

10am All Together/The Easter Garden at St Bartholomew

2pm At the Foot of the Cross at St Lawrence*

Hymns: 205, 820, 398 (sung 4 times), 521, 317, 364, 627

* These services are live-streamed on YouTube for those who cannot get to church. Click this direct link for [YouTube](#), which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time.

** See www.threesaints.org.uk/services for the Zoom codes.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for an end to the warfare in the Middle East; for international co-operation and respect for democracy;
- for the humanitarian relief efforts and the welfare of civilians in all war zones; for the work of Christian Aid;
- for those who work for peace;

The Church:

- for our observation of Holy Week, and preparations for Easter;
- 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 begins her public ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury;
- with the Deanery, for our overseas links with South West Uganda and Myanmar;
- for Johan van Biljon in preparation for the national selection panel in April, so that he may complete his training for ordination;

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, Denis M, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Meriel W, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Beth Crawley; and in their year's mind, Carol Leighton Davis and Sandra Mason.

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 **7th April**, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

TakeTime Meditation 2.30pm at St Lawrence on the 4th Wednesday of the month (**22nd April**): a gentle hour of reflection inspired by a Bible story.

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.

NOTICES

Hot Cross Buns will be served on Good Friday at St Bartholomew after the 10am All Together service, and in the Parish Room after the 2pm service at St Lawrence, 'At the Foot of the Cross'.

Art @ St Bart's: the fourth series of these popular and inspiring illustrated lectures begins on **9th April**, with Jane Smith, who makes wonderful bespoke hats for films, theatre and ceremonies. You're sure to have seen some of them being worn by members of the Royal Family and actors in everything from Harry Potter to Call The Midwife. Please share the information with others and book your tickets as soon as possible, from www.threesaints.org.uk/art - £15 each or £38 for the series. Refreshments will be available; all proceeds will go to the Giving for Living Appeal.

St Lawrence Coffee Morning: 10am on Friday 10th April (please note the change of week due to the 3rd being Good Friday). This will include a talk by Tony Sexton on the medieval churches of Winchester. All welcome.

Annual Meetings: The revised Electoral Rolls are now available on the church notice-boards and at www.threesaints.org.uk/membership. Please inform Revd Karen (St Bartholomew) or John Stanning (St Lawrence with St Swithun) of any error or omission ASAP. Both parishes' Annual Financial Statements and Parish Reviews will shortly be available in the churches and at www.threesaints.org.uk/annual-reports. Please read through them before the Annual Meetings, which will be held at St Bartholomew on 12th April following the morning service, and at St Lawrence on 19th April following the morning service.

Building works at St Bartholomew: this end of this exciting project is unfortunately subject to some further delay and may not finish until late April or early May. If you're in the vicinity of Hyde Church Path, you will be able to see the beautiful new external door, and we look forward to being able to reveal the rest of the project. The PCC's design sub-committee and architect have already begun planning Phase II of the project, which will involve installing the air source heat pumps, removing the pews and refurbishing the walls and floor.

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

Easter Day, 5th April	10am Family Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Thursday, 9 th April	6.30 for 7pm Art @ St Bart's / hatmaking
Friday, 10 th April	10am Coffee Morning and talk at St Lawrence
Sunday, 12th April <i>2nd of Easter</i>	10am Holy Communion + APCM at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun
Saturday, 18 th April	10.30am Coffee Hour at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 19th April <i>3rd of Easter</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion + APCM at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun 6pm Sunday @ Six youth service at St Lawrence
Wednesday, 22 nd April	6pm Captain Swing lecture at St Bartholomew
Friday, 24 th April	7pm Hyde in Conversation at St Bartholomew

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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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