



Weekly News

Holy Week 2026

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Worship @ 9 in The Church Hall

10:00 am The Blessing of Palms at Borough Fields Shopping Centre
then process to church to join

10:00 am Palm Sunday Service

Church Children meet in the Croft

to learn more about God and have fun crafting.

Please stay for refreshments in The Croft, after the service

MONDAY & TUESDAY

7:30 pm Compline (via zoom)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Holy Communion in Church

7:30pm Tenebrae Service in Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, followed by Vigil until 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am Walk of Witness starting at Sacred Heart Church

2:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday in Church

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm Liturgy of Light and the Vigil of Easter

SUNDAY EASTER DAY

8:00 am Easter Communion

10:00 am Easter Communion (with Egg Hunt to follow)

Welcome to **British Summer Time** ! Clocks should have “sprung” forward one hour.

Easter Raffle – today only, Chocolate eggs among the goodies, raising funds for The Croft. Tickets just £1.00 on sale in The Croft

St Bart’s Walking Group - We certainly came out of the long hibernation period with **19** walkers and **2** dogs joining our March walk around Ramsbury. It was dry and sunny with blue skies all morning, we couldn’t have asked for more. Our next walk is on **Saturday 18th April**. Contact pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

O God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma and violence and fear which prevail in the lands of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all the people of those lands.

And while we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children. For to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

(The prayer above has been adapted by the Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopoulos, from a prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem)

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 273073. And thank you!

Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:

Telephone: 01793 273073

Email: churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com

Please visit our website: www.stbartholomews-wb.com

for more information and links to Facebook & YouTube



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

Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The servant of the LORD said:
The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are
taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2.5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 21.1-11*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and
bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs
them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been
spoken through the prophet, saying,
'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey
and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd
spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and
spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed
were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'
The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

