

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 853272. And thank you!

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

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

Weekly News

10th May 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

THURSDAY

9:15 am Eucharist for Ascension Day

All are welcome to a said service of Holy Communion in Church

The Friends of St. Bart's are hosting Cream Tea, this afternoon, 3pm - 5pm.
Tickets just £5.00 per person. Raising funds for the preservation of the Church
Building. If you are unable to attend, the Friends are offering to deliver a cream
tea to your address in Royal Wootton Bassett, please contact the office and we
will arrange this for you.

This year's **Christian Aid Week** starts this Sunday 10th May. **Next
Saturday, 16th May 10 – 12 noon in the Croft**, you are invited to come
and support the week over coffee & cake. This is our shared moment to come
together to stand alongside people living in poverty...like mothers and
grandmothers in Nairobi, Kenya facing the devastating reality of urban poverty
and the daily struggle to feed their children, Christian Aid has been fighting
injustice for more than 80 years. Partnering with communities and
organisations across the world to support people of every faith and none to
build a better future. With the vital funds and awareness that supporters raise,
Christian Aid tackles the causes of poverty, such as the climate crisis, conflict
and unfair economic systems. Together, we can put hope into action and help
make changes that last. Thank you.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat- Sunday 17th May,
4pm, at the Memorial Hall, RWB.** Featuring members of the choirs of
RWB (including our own church choirs) and a live band. Entry is free, with a
retiring collection being taken for local charities. Everyone is welcome ! **Any
dream will do !**

Sunday 10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

FIRST READING: Genesis 8.20-9.17

20Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

22As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

I God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. 3Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. 4Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. 5For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

6Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind.

7And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

8Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' 12God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy

all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.'

17God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

SECOND READING: Acts 17.22-31

22Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

24The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

29Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

GOSPEL READING: John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 15'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'