



NEWSLETTER

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

17th May 2026
Sunday after Ascension

10.00am Morning Worship
at St Bartholomew

10.00am Holy Communion
at St Lawrence*

Readings: Acts 1.6-14;
1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11;
John 17.1-11

Hymns: 33, 181, 453 (omit v3), 103

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 47;
2 Samuel 23.1-5;
Mark 16.14-20

Hymns: 105, 399, 11 (omit v3)



Illustration (detail) of the Ascension, from the *Laudario of Sant'Agnese* - Getty museum

* 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.

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.

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for a resolution to the conflict in the Middle East leading to a lasting peace; 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 all taking part in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global wave of prayer, including the service in Winchester Cathedral on 16th May;
- 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;
- with the Deanery, for St Matthew with St Paul, especially Jonathan Rowe, Mary Copping, Liz Stuart, Neil Burkett and Rhiannon Willmott;

Local concerns:

- for Alison Dolphin and the City Centre Chaplaincy team;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for those recently elected to local government;
- for our Little Wrigglers; for all staff and pupils at St Bede School;
- for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks;
- for the King's School community coming to terms with the sudden death of a member of staff on 14th May;
- for Sophie and Stephen whose banns we are publishing at St Bartholomew's during May.

The sick, housebound, those in care homes, and all carers; John A, Debbie B, Justin B, Ian C, Barrie D, Maureen D, Sarah G, Jonquil H, Denis M, Debbie P, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Meriel W, Bruce W, Lyn W.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Russell McNeill and Shirley Reed, and in her year's mind, Helen Maxwell-Lefroy.

Listening Service at St Lawrence: run by the City Centre Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm-1.30pm - next on **19th May:** a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

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

Wilder Hyde's annual Nature Stall: Saturday 16th May between 11am - 3pm - on the corner of Egbert and Arthur Roads. All welcome to pop by to Swap, Buy, Take or Donate! (cash is preferred if possible, please).

The Upper Room Service: Saturday 16th May, 6.30-8pm at the Cathedral, for 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The focus will be on 'ways of praying' in the days between Ascension and Pentecost - 'praying for the Holy Spirit' and 'praying for five', including the chance to walk around some of the chapels and experience different kinds of prayer, from 'bubble prayer' to 'praying in front of the blessed sacrament'. All are welcome.

Sunday@Six - Please note that the May 17th Sunday@Six Youth Worship Service at St Lawrence has been cancelled due to exams. It will resume on Sunday, 21st June at 6pm. If you know of a young person who would be interested, please encourage them to attend in June.

Art @ St Bart's: Anne Desmet was sadly prevented from giving her talk on 7th May because of train cancellations but tickets will be valid for a rearranged date in due course. The next talk is on 4th June, when painter and designer Flora Roberts will speak about the seasonal inspiration for her paintings used in interior design. Please spread the word and book your tickets as soon as possible, from www.threesaints.org.uk/art or at the door: £15 each. Refreshments will be available; all proceeds will go to the Giving for Living Appeal.

Churches Together Pentecost Service: all are welcome at St Peter's Catholic Church, 7pm on Sunday 24th May.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Shirley Reed will be held at St Lawrence on Monday 15th June at 2pm. Shirley was a gifted artist and flower arranger, a long-time parishioner of St Lawrence and much missed.

Phase 1 of the renovations at St Bartholomew's Church is now complete! There is now a new accessible door, new toilets and more. Come by to have a look. The church is open on Saturdays from 10am - 1pm. A special celebration is in the works.

Coffee Morning Talks at St Lawrence: since January this year a series of 5 talks has raised over £500 for the Winchester Food & Basics Bank. Thank you to Jerry LaSala, Tony Sexton and Graham Trasler for opening our eyes to their interesting subjects, of historical and scientific interest, local and global. We hope they will come back and do some more!

TakeTime Meditation at St Lawrence on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm (next on 27th May): a gentle hour of reflection inspired by a Bible story, led by the City Centre Chaplaincy.

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

Sunday, 24th May <i>Pentecost</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun 7pm CTW Pentecost service at St Peter's
Sunday, 31st May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm CW Evening Prayer at St Swithun
Wednesday, 3 rd June	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Thursday, 4 th June	7pm Art @ St Bart's at St Bartholomew
Friday, 5 th June	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 7th June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion followed by Going Out with Questions at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Sunday, 14th June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence 6pm Holy Communion 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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