

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 Papadopulos, from a
prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem)

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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.

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take you straight to our donations page –



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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

3rd May 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.

6:00 pm Evensong

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

Christian Thinkers Talk & Discussion Group: will be meeting again at the
Croft at 7.30pm this coming **Thursday on 7 May 2026**. The subject this
week is C.S. Lewis and his book *Mere Christianity* along with his account in
'*Surprised by Joy*' about how he went from Atheism to Christianity, a fascinating
story. Everyone is welcome, just come along.

Cream Teas in The Croft

The Friends of St. Bart's are hosting on **Sunday 10th May**, 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.

St Bart's Ladies Guild are hosting on **Wednesday 20th May**, 2pm - 4pm.
Tickets £5.00 per person, Raising Funds for Prospect Hospice

St Bart's Walking Group - what a stunning walk we all enjoyed at
Daglingworth, bluebells at their peak in drifts stretching as far as the eye could
see and at last we could walk across **dry** fields! The **May** walk is scheduled
for **Saturday 23rd**. For more information contact pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk.

The Church Croft is open Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 12:00 noon, and all
are very welcome to drop in for a cuppa & chat. Also, usually after the 10:00
am service on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. It is also available to hire for
appropriate occasions, and now has its own email address-
croft@stbartholomews-wb.com

Sunday 3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

FIRST READING: Genesis 8.1-19

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went

out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

SECOND READING: Acts 7.55-end

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

GOSPEL READING: John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'