

Please Pray for Peace in our troubled world

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease.
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

A Prayer

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Supporting St Bartholomew's financially – A donations plate can be found by the main door at every service. And if you are able to Gift Aid your donation then please use (and complete with your details) a yellow Gift Aid envelope also to be found towards the back of church – or simply ask one of the welcomers. If you prefer to give via a debit or credit card there is a contactless collection plate also by the south door.

Or here's the QR code which will take you straight to our donations page.



For information on how to support St Bartholomew's on a regular basis please go to our website and our page on Supporting St Bart's, or phone the Parish Office on 01793 853272. And thank you!

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

Telephone: 01793 853272

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.

Weekly News

5th July 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 Hymns & Pimms

Join us for uplifting hymns, inspiring stories, and fellowship with Pimms !

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

Alby Bowden RIP

Our lovely brother Alby died last week. His funeral will be at St Bartholomew's on Monday 27th July at 12.30pm.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Contacting the Vicar: It has been decided to discontinue use of the vicarage landline, so if you need to contact Jane, her mobile number is 07855 746040. Jane's church email is vicar@stbartholomews-wb.com

Saturday 11th July: The Friends of St. Bartholomew's invite you to the Churchyard, 12 noon – 3:00pm. Bring a picnic and there will be refreshments available in The Croft. Fun and games, raffle, cake stall, tombola & music. In Church, John Davies will be attempting 180 mins of piano music. Please donate £1 a min or more towards Friends Funds. Listening and singing is optional. A Pianothon donation form and moneybox will be in the Croft. If you are able to donate cakes or Raffle prizes, they would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Saturday 1st August :Brighter Futures Coffee Morning - Raising funds for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal providing Gift Boxes for patients in hospital over Christmas. Refreshments, Cake Stall, Raffle – please come along, you'll be welcome.

Saturday 12th September: Annual event of Ride and Stride. A note for your diary either to come and walk with us or perhaps sponsor a walker. At present we have no idea as to where we are walking but my people are working on it. Michael Page. Ride and Stride Czar.

Sunday 5th July 2026

5th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a.

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.
17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I

know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

At that time Jesus said, 16 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

25 I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'