

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

Holy God,
when our memories blot out your kindness
and we ignore your patient love,
remember us, re-make us,
and give to us poor sinners
the rich inheritance of Jesus Christ our Lord

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.

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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

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

Weekly News

2nd August 2026



8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

Followed by refreshments in the Croft.

10:00 am All Age Eucharist

Followed by refreshments in the Croft.

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

We 're holding a **Pet Service on Sunday 23rd August at 3pm**: this is our chance to celebrate the gift of our furry, scaley and feathered friends and family. Bring your whole family to church and say thank you to the animals which add so much joy to our lives. Don't worry if you can't bring your pet because they are slightly more nervous or large - you can always bring a photograph for the vicar to bless instead! To ensure everyone's safety and comfort during the service, please keep your pet on a leash or secure in another way. And please come prepared to help clean up after your pet in case it is necessary. We look forward to welcoming you and your pet!

Exploring the Christian Faith (and/or Confirmation Classes): are you, or do you know, someone who would like to become a full, communicant member of the church family... or simply wants to find out more about the Christian faith and the church? In the autumn we are hoping to host six sessions looking at what Christians believe, how Christians grow and living the Christian life. If you would like to know more, or would like to join us, please talk to Jane the vicar.

Church Children at St Bart's: as we move into the summer holidays we are reviewing our Church Children activities on Sunday mornings. Some of our current leaders and helpers have stepped down so, as we thank them for all their amazing work, we are also wondering how we might best meet the needs of the younger members of our church family in the future. If you have ideas, and/or would like to be involved in whatever next, please have a chat with Jane the vicar.

Sunday 2nd August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 55:1-5*

The LORD says this:

1 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

SECOND READING: *Romans 9:1-5*

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 14:13-21*

13 When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' 16 Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' 17 They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' 18 And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.