

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

Creator God,

you made us all in your image;
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

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

Weekly News

16th August 2026



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Followed by Refreshments in the Croft

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

Next Saturday, 22nd August: Wiltshire Hope and Harmony Charity
Coffee Morning **10.00 am - 12 noon** at The Croft. Enjoy tea, coffee, delicious homemade cakes, a raffle and good company, while helping to support our local charity's music therapy and community work with children with Special Educational Needs, people living with dementia, and people affected by brain injury. Everyone is warmly welcome – we'd love to see you there!

Next Sunday 23rd August at 3pm We 're holding a **Pet Service**. This is our chance to celebrate the gift of our furry, scaly 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!

Basic Life Support & Defibrillator training 29 August 4:00 pm: We have recently been donated a defibrillator and so would like to invite interested folk to learn how to use it. The training will take about 2 hours and there will be a level of physical activity during the training, please contact the office if you feel this may be you.

Response to Psalm 67



Sunday 16th August 2026

11th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 56:1, 6-8*

I Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

SECOND READING: *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

I I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 15:21-28*

21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. 'And her daughter was healed instantly.

