

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

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.

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

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

Weekly News

9th August 2026



SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Worship @ 9 in The Church Hall

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Holy Communion

A heartfelt **thank you very much** from Janet Gilder and her helpers, thanks to your generosity, the magnificent sum of £450 was raised towards GWH Brighter Futures, providing gift boxes for patients in hospital at Christmas.

Lisa, our Director of Music and Organist, is inviting everyone to a Coffee Morning in aid of **Wiltshire Hope and Harmony Charity** on **Saturday 22nd August, from 10.00 am until 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!

We're holding a **Pet Service** on **Sunday 23rd August at 3pm**: 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!

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

Sunday 9th August 2026

10th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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: *1 Kings 19:9-18*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, 9he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 10He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

11He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 14He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' 15Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

SECOND READING: *Romans 10:5-15*

5Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' 6But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 7or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

13For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

14But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, 22Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'