

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

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
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

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

30th August 2026



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

Carolyn Crocker RIP

Very sadly, and after a short illness, Carolyn died earlier this week. A member of Christ Church in Broad Town, a good friend to many of us here at St Bartholomew's, and a passionate supporter of the church in Sudan, Carolyn will be greatly missed. Please hold David and family in our prayers.

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

Creation Sunday: next Sunday, 6th September, we will be marking the Festival of Creation in Christ, including a speaker from the RWB Environment Trust at our 10am All-Age service... our chance to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal.

Coffee morning in the Croft, raising funds for Marie Curie nursing, on Sat. Sept. 12th from 10am - 12noon. Tea, coffee, cakes, raffle and books, if you can help in any way, please contact Alison Meek, tel. 01793 851516

Pilgrimage in a Day: on 12th September our friends at the Light Church are organising a Pilgrimage In A Day, beginning at St Mary's Church in Calne and ending at St Michael and All Angels' Church in Lyneham. More information can be found here <https://www.light-church.co.uk/piad>. And a flyer is available in church. Whilst being firmly rooted in faith in Jesus, it is designed to allow people to engage wherever they are at in their own faith.

Using our buildings and spaces for mission: at our next Calne Deanery Synod meeting on **Thursday 17th September** at 7.30pm at **Christ Church in Derry Hill** the Revd Dr Kenneth Padley, Canon Chancellor at Salisbury Cathedral, will be sharing his experience and expertise on the use of our buildings (churches, halls, etc) for mission. All welcome!

Friends Cheese & wine Evening Saturday 19th September 7:00pm in the Church Hall. All proceeds to funding the upkeep of our beautiful church. Tickets, £15.00, on sale after Sunday 10:00am services or from the office in the week. If anyone needs a lift, please see Ruth or Astrid. The Friends would appreciate your support for this their final fund raiser for 2026.

Sunday 30th August 2026

13th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

SECOND READING: *Romans 12:9-end*

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 16:21-end*

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'