

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

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in 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

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 **23rd August 2026**



Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

3:00 pm 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.

Wednesday

10:30 am Holy Communion

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.

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.

Invitation to Bible / Discussion in the Croft 7:00-8:15pm:

Four Tuesday evening sessions starting on 15th September (then 13th October, 17th November and 15th December)- with worship, bible discussion ([Colossians Book Study](#)), sharing and prayer. More details on our website.

Church Children at St Bart's: 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

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.

Sunday 23rd August 2026

St Bartholomew the Apostle

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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 43:8-13*

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'

¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no saviour.

¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

SECOND READING: *Acts 5:12-16*

¹²Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. ¹⁶A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 22:24-30*

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.