



NEWSLETTER

for the Three Saints Benefice of
St Bartholomew and St Lawrence
with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate, Winchester

6th September 2026 Festival of Creation in Christ

10.00am All Together at St Bartholomew

Reading: Matthew 8.23-27

Hymns: 62, 322, 306, 563

10.00am Holy Communion at St Lawrence*

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13,
Colossians 1.15-20,
Matthew 8.23-27

Hymns: 62, 160, 172, 563



Painting by Eugene Delacroix - Image widely available

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 104, Isaiah 45.2-8, Revelation 22.1-5

Hymns: 454 (vss 1,2,5), 91, 349

* These services are live-streamed on YouTube for those who cannot get to church. Click this direct link for [YouTube](#), which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time.

PRAYER GROUPS - new members always welcome:

Morning Prayer: every Friday at 9am at St Lawrence.

Julian Group: every Tuesday at 2.30pm. Contact Sue Tisdall 851621.

Benefice prayer group: 3rd Monday of the month, 11am. Contact Sue.

Members of the former **West View** and **Alleyne House** prayer group continue to pray individually on Wednesdays at 11am.

Help is Available for any who are struggling at this time:

- **The Samaritans** 24-hr free helpline from any phone, on 116 123
- **Domestic Abuse** 24-hr free helpline 0808 2000 247
- **Winchester Citizens Advice:** free phone 0808 278 7861

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- For all those affected by the devastating mudslide in Nepal;
- for all who are affected by wildfires;
- for the people of Indonesia, Colombia, Venezuela and Japan in their recovery from the earthquakes;
- for lasting peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan; for international co-operation and respect for democracy; for the humanitarian relief efforts and the welfare of civilians in all war zones;

The Church:

- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- with the Deanery, for Compton, Hursley and Otterbourne, especially Patrick Webb and Keith Atton;
- for the Phase II Giving for Living plans at St Bartholomew's;
- for Alison Dolphin and the City Chaplaincy team and trustees; for the Listening Service and plans for expansion of ministry with GP referrals;
- for the school pastors and street pastors;
- for Revd Malcolm on placement in the Upper Itchen Benefice, and Revd Keith on placement with us;
- for our former ordinand the Revd Helen May, as she is licensed to her first incumbency, on 9th September at Shalford in Guildford Diocese;

Local concerns:

- for Winchester Food & Basics Bank, Winchester Beacon and the Trinity Centre;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for our Little Wrighlers; for St Bede School beginning the new term; for all who have started new chapters in their education;

The sick, housebound, those in care homes, and all carers; John A, Justin B, Ian C, Barrie D, Sarah G, Jonquil H, Denis M, Hugh P, Roly R, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Jean Key and Joyce King, and in their year's mind, Lorraine Byrne, Queen Elizabeth II, Paul Bray and Elsie Wicks.

Anniversary of baptism: Mavis Fish and Lily Kiening.

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to:

safeguarding.stls@threesaints.org.uk for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish, or safeguarding.stbarts@threesaints.org.uk for St Bartholomew.

NOTICES

Festival of Creation in Christ, 6th September: the first Sunday of September is a new global ecumenical annual festival, celebrating God as Creator and recognizing that the universe was made, sustained, and renewed through Christ. It anchors the season of Creationtide and places Christ's role at the centre of creation, tying worship directly to environmental responsibility and the response to climate crises.

Ride & Stride, 12th September: This annual sponsored event raises much needed funds for our churches and also for Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust, which has given grants to all our churches. Please sponsor those who are taking part, and volunteers to welcome visitors on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Clare and Louise for St Lawrence with St Swithun, or Andy Wainewright for St Bartholomew's. All are welcome to the **St Bartholomew's Coffee Hour** at 10.30am.

Heritage Open Days, Saturday 19th September: Hyde900 are running a day of activities at St Bartholomew's Church, and Winchester Muse are holding a poetry showcase at St Lawrence, on the festival theme of 'Everyday Histories'. Browse the full programme and book places at www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/search-2026-events.html

Listening Service at St Lawrence: run by Winchester City Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30-1.30pm – next on **15th September:** a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

St Lawrence with St Swithun parish: Notice is hereby given that there will be a brief special **Meeting of Parishioners** on **Sunday 20th September** following the morning service at St Lawrence, for the sole purpose of electing a churchwarden. Although Tom Nell was elected at the APCM, illness prevented him from being formally appointed, and he has understandably decided not to proceed, thus creating a casual vacancy. We are most grateful to Tom for his service to the parish and continue to pray for him in his recovery. Those entitled to vote in this election are those who are on the St Lawrence with St Swithun electoral roll and those who live in the parish. If you are unable to attend please send apologies to Lis Wicks stlspccsec@threesaints.org.uk

Benefice at Home, 26th September: if you would like to host or attend the bring and share afternoon tea, please sign up on the forms in church or contact Margaret Higgins/01962 855595. Closing date: Friday, 11th Sept.

Sunday @ Six: This service has been taking a break during July and August and, after discussion with those who would normally attend, the break will now continue through September. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they settle into their new college or school rhythms.

Please Continue to Support our Ministry and Care for our Buildings

Online: Please visit www.threesaints.org.uk/support-us to make one-off donations to either parish or to set up a regular gift.

By phone: Please phone the Parish Giving Scheme 0333 002 1271 (M - F 9am-5pm) with your bank account details, church/parish name and PGS parish code (416007201 for St B, or 416007241 for St L with St S).

By cheque (sent via the Parish Office): payable to 'The PCC of Hyde' for St Bartholomew's parish, or payable to 'St Lawrence with St Swithun PCC' for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish. Thank you very much.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, 12th September

Sunday, 13th September

2nd of Creationtide

15th after Trinity

Saturday, 19th September

Sunday, 20th September

3rd of Creationtide

16th after Trinity

Tuesday, 22nd September

Sunday, 27th September

4th of Creationtide

17th after Trinity

Friday, 2nd October

10.30am **Coffee Morning** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew

10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence

6pm **Holy Communion** at St Swithun

Heritage Open Days at St Bartholomew

1pm **Wedding Blessing:** Liz and Jon Howard
at St Lawrence

2.30pm **Heritage Open Days** at St Lawrence

Winchester Green Week begins

10am **Morning Worship** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

11.30am **Renewal of Vows:** Maisie and Paul
Secord at St Swithun

10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew

10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

10am **Coffee Morning** at St Lawrence

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We welcome contributions relevant to our parishes:

please send items to Sara **by noon on Wednesday** of each week, preferably by email to office@threesaints.org.uk (or phone 01962 849434).

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