

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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
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

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

Weekly News

11th October 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

Harvest 2026 – a huge thank you! We hope to report back in greater detail next week, but meanwhile, a very big thank you to everyone who very generously donated to our Harvest collections for the Swindon Food Collective and our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Thank you!

Further thanks, to all who attended the **Harvest Supper** and helped to raise £740 to provide Christmas Goodie bags and other Christmas goods for our local Foodbank.

Bible Study/Discussion in the Croft 7:00-8:15pm: 2nd of 4 sessions on **Tuesday 13th October**- with worship, bible discussion ([Colossians Book Study](#)), sharing and prayer.

Ecumenical Taize service at Sacred Heart Church – all are welcome to Sacred Heart Church here in RWB on **Sunday 18th October at 5pm** for a service of beautiful songs, prayer and reflection.

Celebrate the Bible with Open the Book - RWB Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's Church are hosting a joint celebration of the Bible at the **Methodist Church at 3pm on Saturday 24th October**, the day before Bible Sunday. Our local Open the Book team will be sharing several stories from the Bible, and there will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to join in the action! All are welcome. The service will last for just under an hour and will be followed by refreshments. We would love to see you there.

Our **Annual Service of Commemoration of the Departed** will take place on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm**. If you would like a loved one remembered please either email the Parish Office at churchadmin@stbartholomews-wb.com or let them have a written note.

Ladies Guild: Sorry, no meeting in October due to redecoration of The Croft. AGM & Bring & Share Lunch will be on **November 18th at 12:30**.

The Tea Party in memory of Di has been postponed till Summer. Regards. Janet

Sunday 11th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 25:1-9*

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful
things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their
distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all
nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 4:1-9*

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes,
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and
the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is
any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these
things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and
heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 22:1-14*

¹Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables,
saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a
wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been
invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent
other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have
prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of
it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest
seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged.
He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were
not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you
find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and
gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was
filled with guests.
¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who
was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you
get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For
many are called, but few are chosen.'