NEWSLETTER

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

22nd November 2026
Christ the King

10.00am Morning Worship
at St Bartholomew

10.00am Holy Communion
at St Lawrence*

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24;
Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46
Hymns: 638, 715, 33, 103

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalms 93 & 97; 2 Samuel 23.1-7;
Matthew 28.16-20
Hymns: 425, 34, 399


https://www.pinterest.com/revjoelle/christ-the-kin/

* 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.

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.

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

In your personal prayers there may be particular people or situations you want to hold before God, and the daily news headlines offer many possibilities, so they are no longer listed here. The suggestions below relate specifically to the Church and the communities we serve.

The Church:

- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- for chaplains in the Prison;
- for those newly elected to General Synod;
- with the Deanery, for primary and pre-schools; Children and Families Ministries;
- for the school pastors and street pastors;
- for the Phase II Giving for Living plans at St Bartholomew's;

Local concerns:

- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for our Little Wrigglers; for the staff and pupils of St Bede School, and for the applications process for the role of new headteacher (shortlisting on 1st December);
- for the City Chaplaincy in its outreach to the people of Winchester;

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

Those who mourn, especially for the family and friends of Keith Taylor and Margaret McOnie.

Anniversary of baptism: Felicity and Rupert O'Sullivan and Lorenzo Saint-D'Elia.

Listening Service at St Lawrence: run by Winchester City Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, next on **1st December, 12.30-1.30pm.** A chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

"Renew Café": a wellbeing café, every Tuesday and Thursday 2pm–4pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Parchment Street.

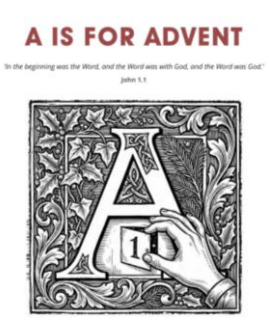
MU Vigil Against Gender-based Violence, 25th November, 12noon. Winchester Diocese Mothers' Union are holding a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral to mark the beginning of the annual UN-backed campaign '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence'. Do come along and support this vital campaign, even if you are unable to stay for long.

NOTICES

St Bartholomew's Christmas Gift Fair: Saturday **28th November**, 10am-3pm. Come with your friends and families to browse Christmas gifts and play games; enjoy cake, mulled wine, sandwiches and mince pies; order your Christmas trees and wreaths and try your luck in the Tombola.

Christmas Fair help needed please! Volunteers are needed to help with moving pews and setting up on **Thursday 26th November from 6pm, again on Friday 27th from 2pm-6pm and on the day from 9am to 4pm**. Home bakers: delicious cakes and biscuits to sell are welcomed.

Advent Sunday, 29th November: There will be a Benefice service at 10am at St Lawrence, followed by the Advent Lunch from 12.30pm in the Parish Room, Colebrook Street. Donations for our overseas link with Kisiizi Partners will be gratefully received. Beauman, Bethany and Judith would be very grateful for offers of help to set up or make soup in advance or to serve and clear up on the day. Thank you!



We are unable to run an autumn study course this year, but encourage you instead to have a look at Advent From A-Z, a new resource from the Church of England From 30th November to 24th December, Imogen Ball, Bishop Phillip North and Andrew Zihni will unpack a different character, place, symbol or idea each day, exploring 24 key terms we are likely to encounter as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming among us. Copies of the book are available from Church House Publishing now and will be (free) on the Everyday Faith app from late November.

Christmas services: please see the parish magazine or our website www.threesaints.org.uk/christmas for details of all our Christmas services. Why not invite along a friend or neighbour?

Carols at Abbotts Barton Care Home: please speak to Revd Karen if you would like to come and help with some carol-singing on **Friday 11th December**, from 3pm.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital Chaplaincy are looking for people to come and join them carol singing on the wards on **Tuesday 15th December**.

Advance Notice: The Church Times Festival of Faith and Literature – in Winchester from **26th - 28th February, 2027**. This popular event tends to sell out, hence the early notice. For the full programme, speaker information and tickets (six for the price of five), visit: https://faithandliterature.hymnsam.co.uk

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, 28th November	10am – 3pm **St Bartholomew's Christmas Fair**
Sunday, 29th November	10am **Benefice Holy Communion**
Advent Sunday	at St Lawrence
	6pm **Advent Praise** at St Swithun
Weds, 2nd December	10.30am **BCP Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
Friday, 4th December	10am **Coffee Morning** at St Lawrence
Sunday, 6th December	10am **All Together and Launch of the Posada**
2nd Sunday of Advent	at St Bartholomew
	10am **Holy Communion**, followed by Going Out with Questions at St Lawrence
	6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun
Saturday, 12th December	10.30am **Coffee Morning** at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 13th December	10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew
	10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence
	6pm **Holy Communion** at St Swithun
Tuesday, 15th December	7pm (tbc) **Beer & Carols** in the Hyde Tavern
Sunday, 20th December	10am **Morning Worship** at St Bartholomew
4th Sunday of Advent	10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
	6pm **Carol Service** at St Bartholomew
	6pm **Carol Service** at St Lawrence
Weds, 22nd December	4pm **Dance & Sing** 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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