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 of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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!

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Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:
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Please visit our website: www.stbartholomews-wb.com
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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News
8th November 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

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Remembrance Sunday (today) at 2.15pm the RWB Town Council & Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial, High St. An opportunity to remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We will also be marking the day at our Parish Eucharist, with a 2-minute silence at 11am.

Taize Service – Sunday 15th November at 4pm in the Lady Chapel…. all are welcome to this short service of Taizé chants, reflection, prayers… and space.

Confirmation and Commissioning – Saturday 21st November at 5pm at St Mary's Church in Calne. Please come and support Joe, Uche, David and Anne at their confirmation, and Alex at her commissioning as a Lay Pastoral Assistant, and David and Anne at their commissioning as Lay Worship Leaders. Bishop Karen will be presiding at this service, and it would be wonderful to see a lovely bunch of St Bart's supporters there.

Calne Deanery Evensong this year will be held on Sunday 22nd November at 4pm at St Andrew's Church in Heddington. This is a chance for us to get together with our brothers and sisters in the Deanery, celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, enjoy tea and cake together afterwards… and all are very welcome!

GWH Brighter Futures Winter Shoebox Appeal – Would you like to help someone feel special this Christmas ? You can turn a shoebox into a special gift for our patients at Great Western Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.
Please give small, unisex, new items such as a Christmas card, Hand Cream, Compact Mirror, Hats, gloves, scarves, Hairbrush, Comb, Pens & Writing Pads, small games, Sudoku, Wordsearch, Crossword books, Tissues, Chocolates & Sweets. Thank you, but **no** sharp objects, knitting needles, perishable food items or nuts, fluffy socks, alcohol or toys requiring batteries. Drop your filled boxes with Janet at the Croft, who will pass them on to the Hospital. Thank You !

Church Christmas Raffle (raising funds for the Church) An appeal please for donations to make up the hampers for a Grand Draw.

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *Amos 5:18-24*

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-end*

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25. 1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'