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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
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:
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
22nd November 2026

Sunday
8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Parish Eucharist
Church Children meet in the Croft for Lego Church
enjoying a Bible story and play with Lego!
Wednesday
10:30 am Holy Communion

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John Davies RIP

Well known member of our congregation, and noted musician, John died last Sunday. We hold Jan and all the family in our prayers.
John's Funeral is planned for Thursday 3rd December at 11:00
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Autumn Lunch next Wednesday the 25th, is the second & final. Please come and enjoy homemade soup, cheese, bread and good company in the **church hall** from **12 o'clock**.

Christmas Lights next Friday 27th: The church will be open 5:30 – 9:00pm, with mulled wine, mince pies and music. Please feel free to bring along your own refreshments and maybe enjoy a respite from the crowd in dry and comfortable surroundings**.**

Annual Toy Service Coffee Morning: Saturday 5th December

Annual Toy Service: Sunday 6th December, 10:00am

Please see our website for full information on these two events. Thanks,

St Bart's Walking Group. A beautiful crisp and bright morning saw 17 of us (and 3 dogs) turn up at The Gateway Centre to enjoy a very pleasant walk through Cerney Wick and along the edge of the River Churn. If you would like to join our next walk on **Saturday 5th December,** please contact pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk.

***** **Next Sunday** *****

Advent Carol Service: Sunday 29th November at 4:00pm

Join us for a service of music, readings and prayers at the start of this season of reflection and preparation. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

11Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I
will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land;
and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain
heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16I will seek
the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with
justice.

20Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at
all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save
my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and
sheep.

23I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:15-end*

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the
saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his
great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every
name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And
he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in
all.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25:31-end*

Jesus said to his disciples: 31'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the
nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from
another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put
the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say
to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me." 37Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to
drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or
naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?" 40And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me." 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not
visit me." 44Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not
take care of you?" 45Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you
did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46And
these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life.'