



NEWSLETTER

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

20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Morning Worship
at St Bartholomew

10.00am Holy Communion &
PCC Commissioning of Church Wardens
at St Lawrence *

Readings: Genesis 18.1-10a;
Colossians 1.15-28;
Luke 10.38-42

Hymns: 470, 349, 615, 52

6pm Evensong at St Swithun *

Readings: Psalm 81;
Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37;
1 Corinthians 4.8-13

Hymns: 676, 238, 495



At the Home of Martha and Mary by Ain Vares
found at <https://concordpastor.blogspot.com/2016/07/a-stroll-through-gallery-of-martha-and.html>

* These services are also live-streamed for worshipping at home, using YouTube from St Lawrence and Zoom from St Swithun. Please see www.threesaints.org.uk/services for the codes, or click this direct link for [YouTube](#) at 10am or [Zoom worship](#) at 6pm

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.

Owing to the recent closure of West View Hostel, the **West View and Alleyne House prayer group** has been dissolved. Members continue to pray individually on Wednesdays at 11am.

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

- **Listening Service at St Lawrence:** run by the City Centre Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm-1.30pm. The next one is on **5th August**, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind, and to find information about support agencies (please note this is not a counselling service).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- For peace between Israel and Iran and between Russia and Ukraine;
- for the people of Gaza, for access to aid, food and water, and for a solution in the conflict with Israel that leads to peace;
- for the welfare of all civilians in war zones; for the safe delivery of humanitarian aid; for the work of hospitals and medical staff;
- for wisdom and respect in international relations;
- for the safety of refugees and migrants;

The Church:

- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for the committee working to appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury; for the appointment of the new Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for the University of Winchester and Winchester College of Art; for Peter Symonds College; for Winchester College, especially John Storey; for St Swithun's School, especially Paul Wallington;
- for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the refurbishment at St Bartholomew's;
- for our search for more organists;
- for Tia and James, married at St Bartholomew's on 19th July; for David & Ella, Jacob & Harriet, whose banns we publish at St Bartholomew this month for weddings elsewhere; for Beatrice Williams baptised at St Swithun on 19th July;

Local concerns:

- for the work of Winchester Basics Bank, whom we support this month;
- all who are struggling with financial burdens;
- for family relationships;
- for our Little Wrigglers;
- for all staff and pupils at St Bede School as they come to the end of term, especially the Yr 6 children as they prepare to move on to senior school;
- for all awaiting exam results.

The sick, housebound, those in care homes, and all carers; John A, Debbie B, Justin B, Maureen D, Val H, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W, Hugh W.

Those who mourn, especially the friends of Nicholas John, and in our year's mind, Vivienne Phillips and Diane Marper.

Anniversary of baptism: Felicity Waller, Thomas Wooster, and Hector and Montgomery Morris.

NOTICES

The Parish Office will be closed from 21st - 25th July. For urgent pastoral matters, please contact Revd Karen. For urgent structural issues, please contact a church warden. Calls and emails will be responded to the following week by John Stanning, who is filling in for Sara as she takes a holiday.

Winchester Basics Bank: during July we make our donations to the Basics Bank, instead of at harvest time, as requested, so that their supplies are evened out through the year. Demand for their services in Winchester and the surrounding area continues to increase:

- In 2024 they served 8562 people and the number is expected to be even higher in 2025. They will also provide 500 meals over the summer holidays for children who normally have free school meals.
- Every week WBB has to spend money to top up supplies. In 2023 they spent £944 per week; in 2024 they spent £1470 p.w. and the forecast for 2025 is that the spend will exceed £2000 per week.

WBB is always short of tinned veg and fruits, tinned meat, spaghetti bolognese and pasta, but the most practical way to support them is to donate money, either online at <https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/> or by Gift Aid envelopes (cash, or cheques payable to Winchester Basics Bank). During July Gift Aid envelopes are available in the churches.

St Bartholomew's Refurbishment: we are delighted to have at last received the final permission to proceed! A contractor is being appointed, and details of the timetable and impact will be made available as soon as we know them.

St Lawrence with St Swithun Parish Bring & Share Birthday Lunch: Saturday 26th July at 12:30 in the parish room. Bring something you like eating, with enough for 2 or 3 more people. Everyone and everything welcome, especially things like salads, cold meats, flans, sausage rolls or cheese. For more ideas, please see Clare, Louise or Judith. (Potatoes, bread and cake will be provided).

Pilgrims' Chorus recital: on Saturday 2nd August, St Bartholomew's Church is hosting a visit from members of the Exeter Philharmonic Choir, who are walking part of the St James' Way. Doors open for drinks at 5.30pm, with a free concert of sacred and secular music 6pm-7pm - no need to book! Donations to the Giving for Living Appeal greatly appreciated.

Do you know an organist looking for paid Sunday work? We are searching for organists to play regularly or occasionally for Sunday services. If you know someone in the Winchester area that might be interested, please contact office@threesaints.org.uk or call Sara in the Parish Office at 01962 849434. Young organ students also welcome, with chaperone.

Please Continue to Support our Ministry

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 'St Lawrence with St Swithun PCC' for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish, or payable to 'The PCC of Hyde' for St Bartholomew's. Thank you very much.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, 27th July
6th after Trinity

10am Holy Communion & Commissioning of
PCC and Churchwardens at St Bart's

10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

Friday, 1st August

10.30am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence

Saturday, 2nd August

2pm Wedding of Rebecca Wilson & Stephen
Barber at St Lawrence

6pm Pilgrims' Chorus recital at St Bart's

Sunday, 3rd August
7th after Trinity

10am All Together at St Bartholomew

10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence

12 noon Baptism of Elliot Raper at St Bart's

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

Tuesday, 5th August

12noon Funeral of Nicholas John at St Bart's

Weds, 6th August

10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence

Sunday, 10th August
Feast of St Lawrence

10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew

10am Patronal Holy Communion at St Lawrence

6pm Evensong at St Swithun

Tuesday, 12th August

10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew

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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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