



NEWSLETTER

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

14th September 2025
Holy Cross Day

**10.00am Holy Communion
at St Bartholomew**

**10.00am Morning Worship
at St Lawrence ***

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9;
Philippians 2.6-11;
John 3.13-17

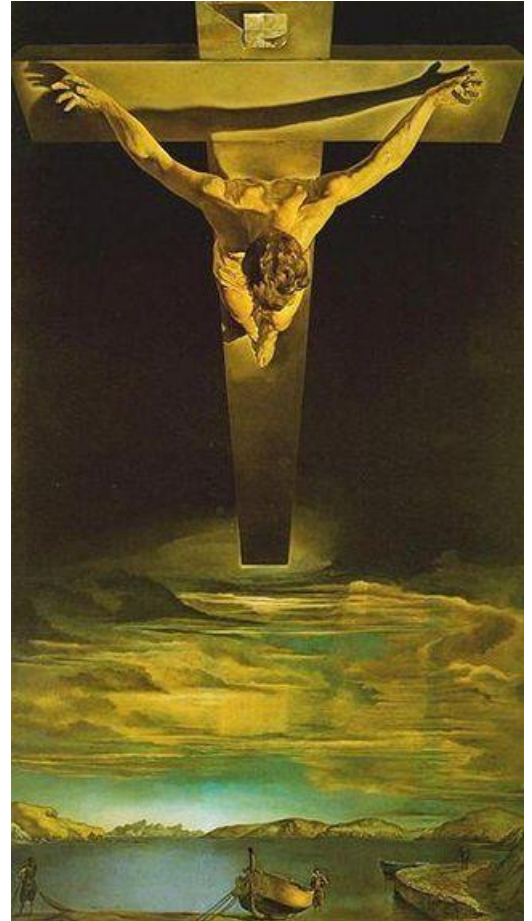
Hymns: 205, 317, 627, 437

6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun *

Readings: Isaiah 63.1-16;
John 12.27-36a

Hymns: 820, 358, 689, 798

* 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 these direct links for [YouTube](#) at 10am or [Zoom worship](#) at 6pm.



*Christ of Saint John of the Cross (1951)
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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.

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 **16th September**, 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 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 peace talks for the future of Ukraine;
- for the welfare of all civilians in all 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;
- for the victims and aid effort in the earthquake in Afghanistan;

The Church:

- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for the those working to appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury and Dean of the Cathedral;
- for the Ven. Kelly Betteridge as she prepares to become the new Bishop of Basingstoke;
- with the Deanery, for our benefice, with Karen, Malcolm, Amanda, Nick, Christine, Jane and Edmund, and Johan, especially as he begins his training towards ordination;
- for the refurbishment works at St Bartholomew's, due to begin soon;

Local concerns:

- all who are struggling with financial burdens;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for our Little Wrigglers;
- for all staff and pupils at St Bede School as the autumn term gets under way;
- for all who are embarking on a new chapter in their lives.

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

Those who mourn.

Anniversary of death: Jean Normand; Anne Sharpe; Christine Taylor.

More help available:

- “Renew Café” a wellbeing café, every Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Parchment Street.
- 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
- Meals on Wheels: visit www.hils-uk.org/support-at-home/meals

NOTICES

A horseshoe-shaped ring was found at St Lawrence last Monday. Please contact Beauman to reclaim it.

Ride & Stride, 13th September: Thank you to those who stewarded or participated in this annual sponsored event, raising much-needed funds for our churches and also for Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust, which has given grants to all our churches. It's not too late to sponsor the teams: <https://app.goodhub.com/stlawrenceandstswithun>; or <https://app.goodhub.com/st-bartholomews-church-hyde-winchester>

Benefice 'At Home': you are invited to host or attend a bring & share lunch or supper on 27th September, a lovely way to get to know others from the benefice over a convivial meal. Please sign up as soon as possible and by this Sunday, 14th September, at the latest.

Heritage Open Days: Saturday 20th September, 2pm-3pm, the local poetry group Winchester Muse and guests will be at St Lawrence Church reading poems and offering "open mic". No booking needed, just turn up.

Calligrapher needed: The Memorial Book at St Bartholomew is due an update but our previous calligrapher has stepped down after many years' service. There are just four names to be added, so if you or anyone you know would be willing to do it, please contact Revd Karen.

Autumn Study Groups: we will be exploring the Nicene Creed, as this year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Creed, first formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. Christians around the world are celebrating its enduring significance, as it not only shapes our theology but also unites us in faith across traditions. To guide our reflections, we will be using the Church of England's *We Believe* booklet, which offers 24 daily readings that we will unpack together in our weekly groups. The course will begin w/c 3rd November and sign-up forms will be available as soon as we can finalise the dates and times of groups that we can run. If you would be willing to host a group please contact Johan johanvanbiljon@yahoo.co.uk

St Bartholomew's Refurbishment: it's business as usual for Little Wrigglers while we wait to find out when work can begin. In the meantime the stonemason has finished re-pointing the south wall and will soon be taking delivery of the Camino waymarker.

Winchester Churches Christmas Project: planning has begun for this year's project and volunteers are warmly welcomed to sign up (before 2nd November). If you would prefer to help fund the purchases for families in need, please note that the new Bank account is "Winchester Churches Christmas Project". Sort code 62-28-74. Account number 00000000. Reference 7210056868. Further details from Helen McTiffin at deanacre@talktalk.net

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, 20 th Sept.	2pm HODs poetry recital at St Lawrence
Sunday, 21 st Sept.	10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew
<i>St Matthew</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence
	6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Saturday, 27 th Sept.	Benefice 'At Home' lunches or suppers
Sunday, 28 th Sept.	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew
<i>First Sunday of Creationtide</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence
	6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Wednesday, 1 st Oct.	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 3 rd October	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 5 th October	10am Harvest Service at St Bartholomew
<i>Harvest</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence
	6pm Harvest Praise at St Swithun
Saturday 11 th October	5pm Evensong at St Lawrence with Alleyn Singers
Sunday, 12 th October	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew
<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence
	6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun
13 th -17 th October	St Lawrence Church closed for repairs
Tuesday, 14 th October	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew (tbc)

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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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