



NEWSLETTER

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

26th October 2025 King Alfred Sunday and Bible Sunday

10.00am King Alfred Service at St Bartholomew

Readings: 1 Kings 3.3a,5-13; John 18.33-37

Hymns: 454, 66, 474, 623

10.00am Holy Communion at St Lawrence *

Readings: Isaiah 45.22-25; Romans 15.1-6;
Luke 4.16-24

Hymns: 454, 298, 698, 798

6pm Evensong at St Swithun *

Readings: Psalm 119.1-16; Jeremiah 36.9-32;
Romans 10.5-17

Hymns: 767, 481, 69



Image: <https://thehistorypress.co.uk/article/alfred-the-great-king-of-the-anglo-saxons/>

* These services are 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.

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 **4th November**, 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; for the consolidation and sustainability of the first phase peace agreement signed on 9th October; for the smooth release of all hostages;
- for the Jewish community in this country and an end to anti-semitism;
- for peace in 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 the safety of refugees and migrants;

The Church:

- for King Charles in his recovery from cancer;
- for Bishop Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury designate;
- for Bishop Kelly Betteridge as she prepares to begin her ministry as Bishop of Basingstoke on 15th November;
- with the Deanery, for retired clergy;
- for Johan van Biljon training for ordination, and Judith Thomson on the BCM Children & Youth course;

Local concerns:

- for the City Centre Chaplains and those they serve;
- 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, on half term this week;
- 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, Rosie D, Sarah G, Ann G, Val H, Jonquil H, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Bruce W, Hugh W.

Those who mourn

Anniversary of death: Alex Kerr and Revd David Warner.

Anniversary of baptism: Ruben Mitchell

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

St Bartholomew building works: Phase 1 began on 20th October 2025 and will run until 9th March 2026. This will see the creation of a new level access path and a doorway in through the north wall; a new internal lobby area incorporating the stained glass from the northwest window; two extra toilets; the old font relocated to near the main entrance steps; preparatory electrical work in advance of the installation (in Phase 2) of air source heat pumps. **For the duration of the project, the church will not be accessible on weekdays**, except for funerals and some pre-arranged dates. **Weekend use of the church will continue as normal except that the existing level access path and doorway will be unavailable**, but extra support will be provided for any who need help with the steps down from the main door. Music will be played on the piano while the organ is kept wrapped up for protection from building dust. We hope to keep disruption down to a minimum but apologise for any inconvenience this phase may cause.

“The Great and Terrible Tragedy of the Swing Riots”: an evening of songs, poetry and music on 1st November, 7pm at St Lawrence, presented by the Radical & Musical Society. Tickets £10

All Souls Service, 2nd November: if you would like a loved one remembered at this service (6pm at St Lawrence and on YouTube), please email Sara in the office by 10am on Wednesday 29th October. If you are planning to be in church, please also state how many people will be in your party, so that we can manage numbers for refreshments afterwards.

“A mysterious book from Tuscany”: at 11am on Friday 7th November, at the coffee morning at St Lawrence, the Revd Graham Trasler will talk about St Bede, whose monastery produced three copies of the complete Latin Bible, one of which became the earliest complete Bible produced in England.

Remembrance Sunday: please note the different start times for our morning services on 9th November: 10.30am at St Bartholomew’s and 10.45am at St Lawrence.

Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew’s: the next one will be on Saturday 15th November, at 10.30am.

Temporary changes to the service pattern affect the morning services on 16th November: please check the listing overleaf.

Camino Santiago de Compostela waymarker: the “mouteira” has now been installed in St Bartholomew’s churchyard, ready for a ceremony of unveiling and blessing on 20th November.

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

Sunday, 2nd Nov.

All Saints Sunday

All Souls

Tuesday, 4th Nov.

Wed. 5th November

Friday, 7th Nov.

Sunday, 9th Nov.

Remembrance Sunday

3rd before Advent

Saturday, 15th Nov.

Sunday, 16th Nov.

Safeguarding Sunday

2nd before Advent

Tues. 18th Nov.

Sunday, 23rd Nov.

Christ the King

1st before Advent

Wed. 26th Nov.

Saturday, 29th Nov.

10am **All Together** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

6pm **All Souls Service** at St Lawrence

12noon **Listening Service** at St Lawrence

10.30am **BCP Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

10am **Coffee Morning** at St Lawrence with talk "A mysterious book from Tuscany" by Graham Trasler

10.30am **Remembrance Service** at St Bart's

10.45am **Remembrance Service** at St Lawrence

6pm **Holy Communion** at St Swithun

10.30am **Coffee Morning** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion*** at St Bartholomew

10am **Morning Worship*** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

** temporary change to normal pattern*

12noon **Listening Service** at St Lawrence

10am **Morning Worship** at St Bartholomew

10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence

6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

2-4pm **Taketime Meditation** at St Lawrence

10am-3pm **Christmas Gift Fair** at St Bartholomew

THIS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER is sent by email to all on our distribution list, and is available at www.threesaints.org.uk/news and on www.achurchnearyou.com.

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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