NEWSLETTER

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

8th March 2026
The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew

10.00am Morning Worship at St Lawrence *

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Hymns: 223, 327, 120, 627

6pm Holy Communion at St Swithun*

Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20; John 2.13-22

Hymns: 402, 269, 309, 34

'Crumbs of Love' by Michael Cook.
see www.godwhospeaks.uk/syro-phoenician-woman/

* These services are live-streamed for worshipping at home, using YouTube. Click this direct link for YouTube, which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time.

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.

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 **17th March**, a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

TakeTime Meditation 2.30pm at St Lawrence on the 4th Wednesday of the month (25th March): a gentle hour of reflection inspired by a Bible story.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for an end to the warfare in the Middle East; for international co-operation and respect for democracy;
- for the humanitarian relief efforts and the welfare of civilians in all war zones;
- for those who work for peace;

The Church:

- for a holy Lent, and a recommitment to life-giving Christian practices;
- for Christians suffering persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- for survivors of abuse and for healthy cultures within the Church;
- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- for the Most Revd and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, as she prepares for her installation and public ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury;
- with the Deanery, for The Worthies, especially Paul Bradish, Jemima Lewis, Stephen Golding, Lis Chase, Dave Mapes and John Sweeting;
- for Johan van Biljon in preparation for the national selection panel in April, so that he may complete his training for ordination;

Local concerns:

- for the City Centre Chaplaincy and the vision for its development;
- 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.

The sick, housebound, those in care homes, and all carers; John A, Debbie B, Justin B, Barrie D, Maureen D, Sarah G, Jonquil H, Ron J, Denis M, Hugh P, Keith T, Sue T, Meriel W, Bruce W.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Beth Crawley; and in his year's mind, Chris Tisdall.

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

- **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

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to:
safeguarding.stls@threesaints.org.uk for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish, or safeguarding.stbarts@threesaints.org.uk for St Bartholomew.

NOTICES

Lent study: if you missed out on a 'Draw Near' Lent booklet, you can find the daily reflections on the CofE Everyday Faith app, available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, or from the link below:

https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith

Everyday Faith
The Church of England

A good way to make prayer a daily routine is the Time to Pray app, which can be downloaded free from the above app Stores or the following link: https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray

Time to Pray
Day and Night Prayer services

Easter Lilies: If you would like to buy lilies in memory of loved ones departed, please write their names on the list in each church **by 15th March.** £4 per lily. The list of names will be displayed in each church on Easter Day. For more information, please contact Judith Chong (St Lawrence & St Swithun) or Julia Wainewright (St Bartholomew).

Vocations Morning: Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of what your next step might be? Join Bishop Kelly and Revd Dr Amy Roche, along with members of the Mission & Ministry Team, to find out more about the pathways available for both lay and ordained ministries. There will be a particular focus on opportunities for lay ministry including Exploring Theology, Bishops Commission for Mission and Bishops Permission to Preach. **Saturday 21st March, 9.30am - 12.30pm**, St Mark's, Kempshott, Homesteads Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 5LQ. For info. and to book, contact Tracey Nicholls, tracey.nicholls@winchesterdiocese.org / 01962 710983

Art @ St Bart's: the fourth series of these popular and inspiring illustrated lectures begins on **9th April**, with Jane Smith, who makes wonderful bespoke hats for films, theatre and ceremonies. Tickets are now available from **www.threesaints.org.uk/art** - £15 each or £38 for the series.

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, 15th March	10am **Mothering Sunday** at St Bartholomew
Mothering Sunday	10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
4th of Lent	6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun
Friday, 20th March	11.30am **Memorial for Mary Grant** at St Swithun
Saturday, 21st March	10.30am **Coffee Morning** at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 22nd March	10am **Holy Communion** at St Bartholomew
5th of Lent	10am **Morning Worship** at St Lawrence
	6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun
	6pm **Sunday @ Six** youth service at St Lawrence
Monday, 23rd March	10.30am **Funeral of Beth Crawley** at St Lawrence

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, 29th March	10am **Benefice Holy Communion** at St Bart's
Palm Sunday	beginning at Hyde Gate
	6pm **Palm Sunday Evening Service** at St Swithun
Monday, 30th March	9pm **Compline - Humility** on Zoom
Tuesday, 31st March	9pm **Compline - Obedience** on Zoom
Wednesday, 1st April	10.30am **BCP Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
	9pm **Compline - Compassion** on Zoom
Maundy Thursday	7pm **Holy Communion** at St Swithun
Good Friday	10am **All Together Easter Garden** at St Bart's
	2pm **At the Foot of the Cross** at St Lawrence
Easter Day, 5th April	10am **Family Communion** at St Bartholomew
	10am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
	6pm **Evensong** at St Swithun

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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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