



NEWSLETTER

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

28th June 2026

St Peter

10.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew

10.00am Morning Worship at St Lawrence*

Readings: Ezekiel 3.22-27;
Acts 12.1-11;
Matthew 16.13-19

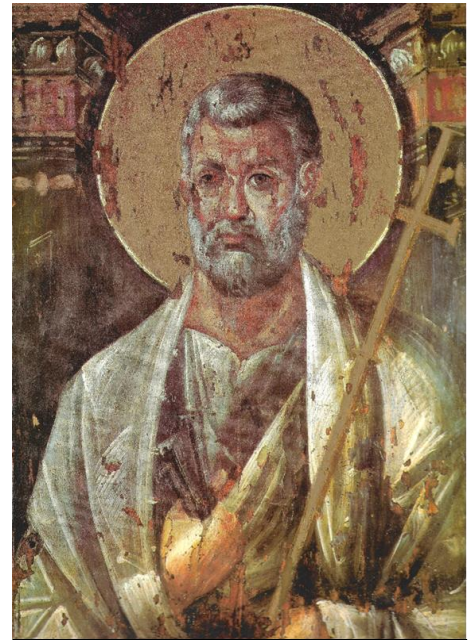
Hymns: 190, 599, 772, 200

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 138;
Ezekiel 34.11-16;
John 21.15-22

Hymns: 186, 689, 811

* These services are live-streamed on YouTube for those who cannot get to church. Click this [direct link for YouTube](#), which will take you to both the St Lawrence and St Swithun's services at the appropriate time.



Detail from an early 6th-century encaustic Byzantine icon depicting Saint Peter the Apostle holding the Keys of Heaven and a martyr's cross. Location: St Catherine's Monastery. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Peter

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:

- **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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World:

- for the people of Venezuela and their recovery from the earthquakes;
- for lasting peace 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;
- for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda affected by the Ebola outbreak;

The Church:

- for unity within and between denominations; for those who work for interfaith relations;
- for Christians suffering persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- for those who suffered because of historic adoption policy in church-run mother and baby homes;
- for HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- with the Deanery, for lay and ordained vocations; those in training; those ordained in the Cathedral on 27th and 28th June;

Local concerns:

- for Alison Dolphin and the City Chaplaincy team and trustees;
- for the school pastors and street pastors;
- for our community of adults with learning disabilities and those who support them;
- for Amy and David, married at St Lawrence on 27th June;
- for our Little Wrigglers and the staff and pupils at St Bede School;

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

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Pauline Elliott, and in his year's mind, Nicholas John.

Listening Service at St Lawrence: run by Winchester City Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm-1.30pm - next on **7th July:** a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to:

safeguarding.stls@threesaints.org.uk for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish, or safeguarding@winchesterdiocese.org for St Bartholomew.

NOTICES

Report and Photos from 20th June: here is a lovely report on the Celebration of Community Day, held at St Bartholomew's on 20th June: www.winchesterdiocese.org/news

Benefice visit to the Cathedral: The new Dean is keen to offer hospitality to any parishes who would like to visit the Cathedral on a Sunday afternoon, beginning with a tour at 2pm, followed by a cup of tea and then Evensong at 3.30pm. We are asked to give an idea of potential numbers even though no dates have yet been offered, so if you think you would be interested in a benefice outing, please let your churchwarden or Sara know as soon as possible.

Quiet Morning on the theme of Joy, at St Paul's Church, **Saturday 4th July** from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Come in when you can. With prayer stations around the church - an opportunity for quietness and peace. Tea and coffee provided.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday 7th July at 7.45am. This is livestreamed to enable anyone to attend, to pray for our parliament, government and politics and to reflect upon the relevance of the Christian faith to our public life. This year's theme is 'Hope for the future', with speaker Clare Williams-Sarpong. Sign up for the livestream on their website www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast.

Churches Together in Winchester: The AGM takes place on **Thursday 9th July** at the Wesley Methodist Church, Weeke, at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come and hear about, and pray for, the work of the Churches Together champions and our partner organisations.

Diocesan Service of Lament and Reflection: The Church of England and the Diocese have now issued statements in relation to the harm caused by historic adoption policy: www.winchesterdiocese.org/historic-adoption. As the main Diocesan Maternity Home was situated in the parish of St Bartholomew, Bishop Kelly will lead a service of lament and reflection there on **11th July** at 3pm. Offers of cake for the refreshments will be much appreciated - please contact Revd Karen.

Commissioning Services: following the elections at the Annual Church Meetings in April, the churchwardens and members of our PCCs will be commissioned during the services on 19th July (at St Lawrence) and 26th July (at St Bartholomew). On 19th July at St Lawrence we will also be commissioning Jeanna Simms as a School Pastor. Please pray for them all in these ministries.

TakeTime Meditation at St Lawrence on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm (next on **22nd July**): a gentle hour of reflection inspired by a Bible story, led by **Winchester City Chaplaincy**.

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

Wednesday, 1 st July	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 3 rd July	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 5 th July	10am All Together at St Bartholomew
<i>5th after Trinity</i>	10am Holy Communion, followed by Going Out with Questions, at St Lawrence
	6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Saturday, 11 th July	3pm Diocesan Service of Lament and Reflection at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 12 th July	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew
<i>6th after Trinity</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence
	12 noon Baptism of Dominic King at St Bart's
	6pm Patronal Festival Holy Communion at St Swithun
Saturday, 18 th July	10.30am Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew
Sunday, 19 th July	Morning Worship at St Bartholomew
<i>7th after Trinity</i>	10am Holy Communion with PCC Commissioning 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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