



NEWSLETTER

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

26th July 2026
St James the Apostle (*transf*)

**10.00am Holy Communion &
PCC Commissioning at St Bartholomew**

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

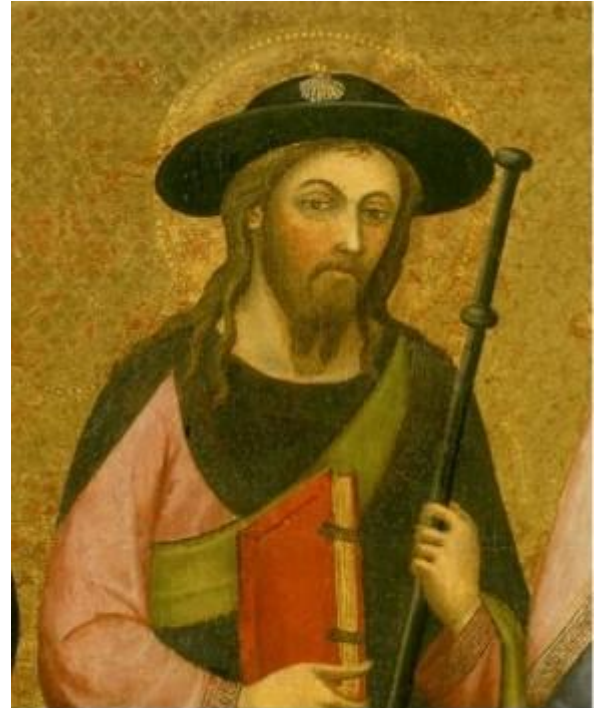
Readings: Acts 11.27 - 12.2;
2 Corinthians 4.7-15;
Matthew 20.20-28

Hymns: 877, 91, 337, 719

6pm Evensong at St Swithun*

Readings: Psalm 94;
Jeremiah 26.1-15;
Mark 1.14-20

Hymns: 724, 652, 181



Saint James the greater by Pere Serra, c. 1385
a portion of the left predella of the altarpiece dedicated to the Virgin Mary,
Plandiura Collection, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain
<https://magdalenepublishing.org/blog/james-the-greater-apostle/>

* 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.

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 all who have been affected by wildfires;
- 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 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 HM King Charles and the Royal Family;
- with the Deanery, for retired clergy;
- for Beauman and Alys, newly authorised as churchwardens for the year ahead; for all our PCC members, especially those elected this year for a three-year term;
- for the plans for Phase II of the Giving for Living refurbishment at St Bartholomew's;

Local concerns:

- for the trustees, volunteers and clients of Winchester Food & Basics Bank, especially as they prepare to meet the demand to provide replacements for school lunches over the holidays;
- for the staff of Café Monde in The Square and the businesses affected by the fire there on 6th July;
- 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 our Little Wrigglers; for the staff and pupils at St Bede School over the summer holidays;

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.

Those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Lyn Weatherill and John Blay, and in their year's mind, Georgina Innes and Keith Symes.

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

Winchester Food & Basics Bank: our final 'Harvest' donations of produce and money will be collected on **Sunday 26th July**. Cash donations are preferred, as the charity spends £900 each week to top up their food supply to meet the heavy demand. There are Gift Aid envelopes available in the churches. Cheques should be made payable to **Winchester Food & Basics Bank**. If you wish to give goods, please see p39 of the July/August parish magazine for details of the items currently needed.

Bring & Share lunch: parishioners from across the benefice are welcome to come and enjoy this social occasion, on **Saturday 25th July** at 12.30pm in St Lawrence Parish Room. Please bring a plate of food to share.

St Bede School SIAMS report: Congratulations to all at St Bede for a glowing report from their recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The school's Christian vision and values are 'Growing together in love and peace, with courage, trust and friendship' and Matthew 7.12: "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." The inspector found that these are deeply embedded and shape every aspect of life at St Bede's School; the school is highly welcoming, with a culture of growing together and flourishing, in a respectful, nurturing environment where individuals are appreciated for who they are. The full report can be read here <https://www.stbedewinchester.co.uk/siams-report-1/>

Listening Service at St Lawrence: run by Winchester City Chaplaincy on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 12.30-1.30pm - next on **4th August**: a chance to talk to a trained volunteer about whatever is on your mind (please note this is not a counselling service).

Venezuela Earthquake Appeals:

The UN estimates that millions of people have been affected by the two catastrophic earthquakes in Venezuela, with (as at 20th July) 5,200 deaths so far (and rising); 680,000 children in need of humanitarian assistance; 16,700 people injured, with tens of thousands more missing; 96,000 buildings damaged or destroyed, including 400 schools.

The **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** secured match funding from the UK government for £2million towards aid to the region, and has so far raised over £10 million, but the need is still overwhelming. To contribute see <https://donation.dec.org.uk/venezuela-earthquake>

Christian Aid is a member of DEC and also has its own emergency appeal: see [Christian Aid Venezuela](#)

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 August <i>9th after Trinity</i>	10am All Together at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion , followed by Going Out with Questions, at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Wednesday, 5 th August	10.30am BCP Holy Communion at St Lawrence
Friday, 7 th August	10am Coffee Morning at St Lawrence
Sunday, 9th August <i>10th after Trinity</i> <i>St Lawrence (transf)</i>	10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 10am Patronal Festival Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
<i>10th after Trinity</i> Sunday, 16th August <i>11th after Trinity</i>	10am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew 10am Holy Communion at St Lawrence 6pm Evensong at St Swithun
Saturday, 22 nd August	10.30am Patronal Festival Open 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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