

## Weekly Services & Groups



### Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



### Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



### Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



### Parish Lunch Wednesdays 12noon

A chance to get to know our new Priest-in-Residence. Meet in front of the Church



### Open Church Thursdays: 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence will be in the Church to share a prayer or just be a listening ear



### Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



### Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers



### The Way of the Cross Fridays 12 noon – 12.20pm (during Lent)

Come and follow Christ's journey depicted on the Church's 14 Stations of the Cross

## Contacts

**Bishop:** The Right Revd Errol Brooks, D.N.E.C.A.

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**Vestry:** Wardens, Dawn Drouant, Clarion Romney, Alex Harbord, Nancy Swann, Philip Trangmar, Lloyd Younger

**Music Director:** Ombeline Collin

**Church Pianist:** Mickael Parisot

**Church Guitarist:** Lloyd Younger



## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

## First Sunday of Lent 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Friends,

Inside this letter is a poem by Christina Rossetti, which is appropriate for our Lenten reading and reflection. It perhaps echoes some of our own emotional and spiritual struggles which occur during Lent, when we remember all too well the truth of the Apostle Paul's lament – I leave undone the good I want to do; and do the things that I do not wish to ...

We are very pleased to welcome back Father Steve Huber, who has just retired as Rector of All Saints, Beverly Hills. He will be with us for three Sundays - do let's show him a very warm island welcome.

With blessings,  
Philip

**2018 Worshippers Fund:** We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike.

As we did last year, we are asking our regular worshippers to consider making a contribution towards our annual expenses of the Church, which we expect will be higher in 2018 than in previous years given the extra burden following Hurricane Irma. We are suggesting a donation of \$250 per worshipper or \$500 per family to help us. In 2017 the Worshippers Fund raised over \$20,000.

We thank all of our generous contributors, without whom we would not be able to offer our spiritual ministry and outreach to residents and visitors alike.

There are three ways to donate:

1. Send a check to the Friends (envelopes are available in the Church and the address is listed below)
2. Online via the Church website (see back page)
3. Directly to the Church (please see or contact Philip for details).

**Methods 1 and 2 are donations to our US 501(3)c, which are tax deductible for US citizens.**

**Friends of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church**

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**The Book of Genesis – Ch 9**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**First letter of Peter – Ch 3**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**The Gospel according to Mark – Ch 9**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**Who Shall Deliver Me?****by Christina Rossetti**

God strengthen me to bear myself;  
That heaviest weight of all to bear,  
Inalienable weight of care.

All others are outside myself;  
I lock my door and bar them out,  
The turmoil, tedium, gad-about.

I lock my door upon myself,  
And bar them out; but who shall wall,  
Self from myself, most loathed of all?

If I could once lay down myself,  
And start self-purged upon the race  
That all must run ! Death runs apace.

If I could set aside myself,  
And start with lightened heart upon  
The road by all men overgone!

God harden me against myself,  
This coward with pathetic voice  
Who craves for ease and rest and joys:

Myself, arch-traitor to myself;  
My hollowest friend, my deadliest foe,  
My clog whatever road I go.

Yet One there is can curb myself,  
Can roll the strangling load from me;  
Break off the yoke and set me free.

**AA Group:** Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0690 41 98 95 or 0690 54 17 99.

**Bestseller Book Club: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm**  
Discussing the successful life-affirming memoir  
WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR by Dr Paul Kalanithi.

**Today's Hymns****Processional:** Morning has Broken #337**Gradual:** Make me a Channel of your Peace #328**Post Communion:** #299; Bind us Together #60**Recessional:** Lord of the Dance #228