

## 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



### 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

**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.

### Contacts

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**Music Director:** Ombeline Collin

**Church Pianist:** Michael Parisot

**Church Guitarist:** Lloyd Younger



## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

### Third Sunday in Lent 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Friends,

If you've ever wondered what we might need to do to be a 'better' Christian (and haven't we all thought about that at some time or another!), then the Dean of Jacksonville Cathedral gives a pretty good three-point guide. Her 'best practice' plan is set out overleaf and it's a simple set of ideals to aspire to. Of course, we won't always achieve it, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Her third point of getting together in a 'small group' might be the hardest to put into practice. But a small group doesn't need to be connected to a church; any time you regularly share thoughts and experiences with friends or colleagues – that is your 'group'. Our own spirituality will be always be improved if we can find the time to come together and share!

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. 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**

**Address:** 106 W River Rd, Rumson, New Jersey 07760

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**The Book of Exodus – Ch 20**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**The Gospel according to John – Ch 2**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the moneychangers seated at their tables.

Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Below is an extract from*

**HEALED:  
The story of Mary Magdalene  
by  
Kate Moorehead**

"In these modern days of fast fixes, the simple practice of the Christian faith looks dull. But there is no better aid in making a person well and whole than the simple, repetitive, and even demanding practices of the faith. And these are three-fold:

**1. Each of us must pray to God every day.**

If your mind races around like a monkey (that is normal as we exist in an over-stimulated culture), try walking and praying, cleaning and praying, yoga, painting, singing, or other forms of movement. But leave space for God to enter. Try reading Morning or Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer or one of the other easily available resources, or simply read from the Bible. Give God space in your life. Ten to fifteen minutes is an absolute minimum. And don't just talk at God; try listening too.

**2. Worship with others.**

Don't just go when you feel like it or when you are fed. Go as an act of discipline. Worship weekly at a minimum. Begin the first hours of the first day of the week [i.e. Sunday] by devoting yourself to God.

**3. Find a small group.**

Find a group of people with whom you can be truly honest and who can pray with you. Jesus and Mary Magdalene traveled with a group. Find your group. The group must meet at least weekly in order to truly become the kind of community that each of us needs to stay faithful. And you must be honest with one another. You must risk being vulnerable and telling the truth."

**Bestseller Book Club: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm**

**The Shadow of the Lions by Christopher Swann**

We will be discussing this 'page turning' literary thriller with the author, including a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served and there will be NO plot spoilers, so reading the book beforehand is not necessary.

**Today's Hymns**

**Processional:** Give Me Joy in my Heart #153

**Gradual** Colours of Day #87

**During Communion:** #299 Break Bread; Kum Ba Ya #289

**Recessional:** He's Got the Whole World #206