

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



Open Church – by appointment

Thursdays: 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence is available 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

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent 18th March 2018

Dear Friends,

In Christina Rossetti's poem *Up Hill*, she asks the reader eight questions about a metaphorical journey ... perhaps our own spiritual journey (which might often be described as 'up hill'!).

For every question there is a response. And that means someone is present, someone is listening, and someone is with the reader in the darkness.

The voice that speaks provides answers to the questions and seeks to reassure the reader that they are not alone on their journey – there's room for all. But who is it who responding?

It is someone who knows us well, someone who has travelled in the darkness before, and someone who can show us the way forward. We just need to make sure that we are in a position to listen.

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 Jeremiah – Ch 31

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews – Ch 5

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel according to John – Ch 12

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

"Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Up Hill

by

Christina Rossetti*Does the road wind up-hill all the way?**Yes, to the very end.**Will the day's journey take the whole long day?**From morn to night, my friend.**But is there for the night a resting-place?**A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.**May not the darkness hide it from my face?**You cannot miss that inn.**Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?**Those who have gone before.**Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?**They will not keep you standing at that door.**Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?**Of labour you shall find the sum.**Will there be beds for me and all who seek?**Yea, beds for all who come.***Bestseller Book Club:****Mon 19th March, 6pm****Nutshell by Ian McEwan**

There is a witness to a murder plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of a womb.

Told from a perspective unlike any other, it's a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the UK's master storytellers.

Today's Hymns**Processional:** To God be the Glory #522**Gradual:** Crown Him with Many Crowns #103a (3 verses)**During Communion:** #299; #60 Bind Us Together Lord**Recessional:** Praise Him #421