

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

AA Meetings:

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.

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Easter 8th April 2018

Dear Friends,

The good news of Easter cannot be contained in a single day's celebration, so Eastertide becomes the "Great Fifty Days" that leads up to Pentecost.

This season is designed for celebration: experiencing the joy of Easter, the joy of all creation, and the joy in our own lives ... with Jesus' resurrection as the central event. Of course we might have occasional doubts during the 50 days, when things do not go as smoothly as we had hoped; just as St Thomas also had doubts ... doubts about our faith, doubts about ourselves and perhaps doubts about others. So let's try to make sure that we don't forget the joyful message of Easter and the Resurrection; and instead of doubts, look for the energy, goodness, and compassion that is all around us, if only we would recognise it.

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.

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The First Letter of John – Ch 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel according to John – Ch 20

It was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Easter Morning
by
Christina Rossetti

The sun arises from the sea,
And all around his rays is flinging,
The flowers are opening on the lea,
The merry birds are singing.

The summer breeze is rustling past,
Sweet scents are gathering around it,
The rivulet is flowing fast,
Beside the banks that bound it.

All nature seemeth to rejoice,
In the returning summer weather;
Let us with nature raise our voice,
And harmonise together.

But not alone for summer skies
Shall praise unto our God be given:
This day our Saviour did arise,
And op'ed the gate of heaven.

To sinful man, if only he
His errings will confess with sorrow,
Then, after earth's night-misery,
Shall dawn a glorious morrow:

A blissful bright eternity
Bought by the rising of the Giver,
To Whom all praise, all honour be,
For ever and for ever.

Today's Hymns

Processional: Give Me Joy in my Heart #153

Gradual: He is Lord #204

During Communion: Break Bread; Freely Freely #167

Recessional: Jubilate Deo #284