

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 take place 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter 22nd April 2018

Dear Friends,

My Sunday Letters since Easter have been to encourage us all to open up our hearts and our minds and to really 'enjoy' this Eastertide.

The Christian Church is perhaps best known for its penitential period of Lent; but in my view that is a mistake. Our key message should be joy and love – which is the "greatest commandment". This love equals compassion, kindness, sharing – that's what can bring the joy of Easter, and of the Resurrection, to all those who receive, as well as give, that love.

And this should especially be the case today, on this 'vocation' Sunday ... which is placed in the church's calendar to encourage everyone to reflect, discover and recognise God's calling in each one of us.

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

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The First Letter of John – Ch 3

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Gospel according to John – Ch 10

Jesus said the Pharisees:

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

"The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

"The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

"And I lay down my life for the sheep.

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

"So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

"I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.

"I have received this command from my Father."

**A Pause
by
Christina Rossetti**

They made the chamber sweet
with flowers and leaves,
And the bed sweet with flowers on which I lay;
While my soul, love-bound, loitered on its way.
I did not hear the birds about the eaves,
Nor hear the reapers talk among the sheaves:
Only my soul kept watch from day to day,
My thirsty soul kept watch for one away:--
Perhaps he loves, I thought, remembers, grieves.
At length there came the step upon the stair,
Upon the lock the old familiar hand:
Then first my spirit seemed to scent the air
Of Paradise; then first the tardy sand
Of time ran golden; and I felt my hair
Put on a glory, and my soul expand.

Notre Père (Our Father)

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne.
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer dans la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent
le règne, la puissance et la gloire
dans les siècles des siècles.
Amen

Today's Hymns

Processional: Mine Eyes have seen the Glory #336

Gradual: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord #53

Reflection: How Great Thou Art #380

Recessional: Lord of the Dance #228