

# St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church



## Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Friends,

Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

A very happy Easter to everybody.

Easter is the most wonderful celebration of life. Life in all its fullness! It is a promise to every single human being and created thing that there is always new life available to us – whatever mistakes, losses, sufferings or little deaths we have been through. It also promises us that there will be a new life waiting for us when we eventually pass through death. That is a wonderful and life-giving truth!

The evidence for all of us is clear – the empty tomb and Jesus' friends experiencing Him in a new but familiar way. The desolation and terror of Good Friday is replaced by joy and enthusiasm and a fear of nothing. By the power of the Holy Spirit that's what's available to all of us! So this really is a happy and worth celebrating Easter!

We will be having an Easter Egg hunt after the service and also our normal Easter celebrations in the garden so do please stay and join us.

Fr Sandy and Margy Zabriskie join us next week and we much look forward to welcoming them.

With love and blessings,  
Charlie

### **The 1855 Appeal: "Building on Tradition"**

***We are raising money to repair and refurbish the Church and our Vicarage, details of which can be found in the yellow Brochure (available at the back of the Church) or on our Website.***

***Please consider helping our Appeal by filling out a Yellow Pledge Card, available in the pews.***

***Please do take this sheet home with you to read again or to refer to later***

## Readings

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### **Acts of the Apostles – Chapter 10**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – the Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

### **First letter to the Corinthians – Chapter 15**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**The Gospel according to John – Chapter 20**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." '

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Piano Recital:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm – a free concert by **Pablo Esquivel**, a talented young pianist attending The Julliard School in New York

## Weekly Service Times



### Family Eucharist

Sundays at 9am

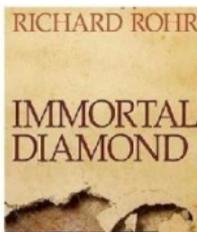
A contemporary service, filled with music and prayer



### Taizé Service

Tuesdays at 7pm

Meditative chants in a candlelit & peaceful setting



### Spirituality Group

Wednesdays at 10am

A lively discussion group - newcomers welcome



### Meditation Group

Thursdays at 7pm

A bilingual group that has silent reflection at its core



### Morning Prayer

Fridays at 9.00am

A prayerful service to start the morning

**Donations:** We are an entirely self-funded Church and dependent on your generosity.

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**Website:** [www.stbartholomewsanglicanchurch.com](http://www.stbartholomewsanglicanchurch.com)

**AA Group:** Open Meetings in the Church Centre  
In English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm.

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