



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2015

Dear Friends,

And so now we start another church year! How quickly things seem to come around – or perhaps that's just my age!

Advent, that period that leads us up to the great celebration of Christmas, is a very opportune time for us to “prepare”. It's a time for us to reflect on where we are in our spiritual life.

The opportunity for rebirth at Christmas is a very real one and particularly as it ushers in a new secular year as well.

To all of our American friends, I do hope you had a happy and wonderful Thanksgiving.

For those of us non-Americans who shared in the great celebrations with turkey – how lucky we are! We only have another month to wait for yet more turkey!

With love and blessings

Charlie

If you are new to our Church and would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card, available at the back of the Church, and place it (or a business card) in one of the collection boxes at the back.

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

The Readings

First Letter to the Thessalonians – Ch 3

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel According to Luke – Ch 21

And Jesus said "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

"People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

"Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

"So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

"Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Parish Office

Our Parish Office is open in the Church Centre on Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays: from 9am to 12 noon. Do stop by if you have any questions.

The Eucharistic Prayer

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up unto to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all humankind.

On the night He was betrayed, He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:

"Take this and eat it: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation; His glorious Resurrection and Ascension; His continual intercession for us in heaven; and looking for His coming again in glory, we offer you, in thanksgiving, this holy and life-giving sacrifice. Look with favour on your Church's offering, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace. May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

With Him, and in Him, and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

(Continuing with the Lord's Prayer on Page 7 of the Booklet)

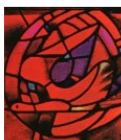
Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist

Sundays at 9am

A contemporary service, filled with music and prayer, followed by refreshments



Taizé Service

Tuesdays at 7pm

Meditative chants in the candlelit and peaceful setting of the Church



Meditation Group

Thursdays at 7pm

A bilingual group that has silent reflection at its core



Morning Prayer

Fridays at 9.00am

A prayerful informal service to start the morning, held in the Church Centre

AA Group:

Open Meetings are held in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm.

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