

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 10am – 11am

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 9am – 9.30am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers

AA Group: Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0690 65 61 22 or 0690 54 17 99.

People

Bishop: The Rt. Revd Errol Brooks, Bishop of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

Vicar: The Revd Charlie Vere Nicoll

Visiting Priest: The Very Revd Dr Alan Jones

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Church Wardens: Marjorie Romney, Trinette Wellesley-Wesley & Rachel Barrett-Trangmar

Treasurer: Alex Harbord

Vestry: The Wardens, Dawn Drouant, Clarion Romney, Richard Lester, Nancy Swann, Philip Trangmar and Lloyd Younger

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Lent 21st February 2016

Dear Friends,

Today's Old Testament reading tells one of the stories of Abram. Abram's name was later changed by God to the 'Abraham', meaning a father to many nations.

The Old Testament also relates that Abraham was asked by God to leave his homeland and live in a strange new place, and that he did this without question. Abraham's readiness to put his trust in God demonstrates his commitment to his faith.

It is sometimes difficult for us to rely upon our own faith when we are faced with difficult decisions; or when we are asked to do something or go somewhere that might not have been our own choice. Only later do we see God's provenance in putting us in that situation which at first may seem to be so problematic – and which often turns out to have been a true blessing.

Let's try to learn from Abraham, and accept more gladly the challenges that we sometimes have to face; and also perhaps to recognise why we may have been given them in the first place.

With blessings,
The Vestry

Today's Hymns

Opening: Guide Me O Thy Great Redeemer #188

Gradual: The Lord's My Shepherd #490

Post Gospel: Be Still & Know That I Am God #52

Communion Hymns: #299; #60 & #145

Recessional: The Lord of the Dance #228

Forthcoming Events

Bestseller Book Club: Monday 22nd February at 6pm

Zone of Interest by Martin Amis: a book that looks at the atrocities that took place during the Second World War, and asks whether it is possible to invoke humour.

Mailing List: *If you are new to our Church & would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card & place it (or your business card) in one of the collection baskets or boxes at the rear.*

The Readings

Book of Genesis – Ch 15

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."

But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Gospel according to Luke – Ch 13

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

"Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you.

"And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,

" 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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 mankind.

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)