

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.

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Donations: We are an entirely self-funded Church and dependent on your generosity and regular giving. Do talk to one of our leadership about how to most effectively give to the Church.

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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Dear Friends,

We live in a troubled world. Across all societies there is pain and suffering, intolerance, and poverty. Given this hurt, the question that many ask is what can God do about it?

We read in today's second lesson, from the Book of Revelation, that the author heard a loud voice from on high saying that God is among mortals – He dwells with them and He himself will be with them. Equally, we should realise that God is also with us. His kingdom is not just to be found in Heaven; but here, right now, on Earth and all around – He dwells in us!

That doesn't mean that God is always able to prevent or take away all pain and suffering, intolerance or poverty. But He is constantly there to direct us, if we open up our hearts; and to give people strength to change direction, if they open up their minds: "*See, I am making all things new.*" He is also there to give comfort when we face adversity: to "*wipe every tear*" from our eyes.

In order to find this strength and comfort, we should try to follow Jesus' commandment as mentioned in today's Gospel reading: "*Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another*" (and that means to love everyone – no matter how hard it might seem at first!). Then we will know that God is with us and we can help fill this World with peace and joy; and proudly be able to pass it on to the next generation.

With blessings,
The Vestry

Today's Hymns

Processional: Guide Me O Thy Great Redeemer #188

Gradual: Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord #24

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

Communion: Break Bread #299 & Were You There #540

Recessional: Here I am Lord #235

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 Acts of the Apostles – Ch 11

Now, the apostles and the believers, who were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Book of Revelation – Ch 21

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Gospel according to John – Ch 13

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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)