

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter 1st May 2016

Dear Friends,

It can be sometimes difficult to listen, as we are told Lydia did in today's First Reading. Listening intently is not always a natural response to hearing a story – many of us prefer the sound of our own voices!

Listening takes commitment and patience; both of which are in short supply in this day and age. We may be good talkers, but the act of listening to others with understanding and patience is a both a gift and a skill.

It can be a gift with the grace of God – some people seem to be born good listeners. But as a skill, it is something that can be learned. Over time and with practice, we can all become better listeners, if we choose to.

One tip towards having a better listening ear is to actually listen to what is being said! Don't think you know what the speaker is saying or going to say; don't interrupt what is being said – but listen patiently until the end, and do so with tolerance and showing interest. Or listen with an open heart and 'eagerly' as Lydia did. You might just find that you will learn something new!

Today we say a fond farewell to Sandy and Margy, who have been here for the past three weeks. We have all enjoyed their time here, and we hope that they will come back to the island in the future. For the next two Sundays we will have the Revd Josh Daniels from St Thomas' Church, 5th Avenue NYC celebrating with us.

With blessings,
The Vestry

Today's Hymns

Processional: Morning Has Broken #337

Gradual: He is Lord #204

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

Communion: Break Bread #299 & Seek Ye First #442

Recessional: The Lord of the Dance #228

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 16

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Book of Revelation – Ch 21 & 22

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel according to John – Ch 5

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes.

In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."

At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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)