

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



Bestseller Book Club Monday 27th Mar 6pm - 7pm

Discussing *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. All interested readers are welcome



Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



Open Church Thursdays 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence will be in the Church to share a prayer or just be a listening ear



Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

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

People

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Music Director: Ombeline Collin

Sunday Pianist: Michael Parisot

Sunday Guitarist: Lloyd Younger

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



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Third Sunday of Lent 19th March 2017

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus takes the time to stop to talk to someone at a well – the well could be described as the Starbucks of his day: where people went to get a drink and to meet others.

As is pointed out in the passage, Jesus chose to speak with an outsider who usually men would just ignore ... not only was she a woman, but a Samaritan; considered an outsider, an alien, a non-believer and a sinner. However, because he took the time to talk to her, many others came to believe in the words of Jesus.

The locals then asked Him to stay with them, otherwise he would have continued on his journey. Jesus often needs to be invited to stay. He stands at the door and knocks, but he will not come in unless we invite Him.

With blessings,
Philip

Donations: We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our worshippers. Please see the enclosed letter.

Please consider making a contribution to keep our Church thriving and to ensure that we continue to grow spiritually, as well as offer a wonderful clerical and music ministry and maintain all our buildings.

You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens, and you may also donate online by visiting our website.

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Today's Hymns

Processional: Immortal Invisible #242

Gradual: Abide with Me #6

During Communion: Break Bread, #540, #442

Recessional: To God be the Glory #522

According to John – Ch 4

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 say 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 friends 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)