

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 11am – 12noon

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 8.30am – 9am

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

AA Meetings:

Open Meetings take place in the Church Centre (to the left of the Church) in English on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6pm.

For more information call:
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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter 6th May 2018

Dear Friends,

The *love* of others referred to in today's Gospel should be given unconditionally. Sometimes people will *love* us back; sometimes they will not. Sometimes, even though we try to *love* people, they may reject our *love*. If they do reject us, we need not necessarily think that we have done something incorrect or wrong. When people cannot return *love*, it is perhaps they who have a problem in their lives. Or, unfortunately, some may not be in a healthy state of mind to be capable of *loving*.

All the more reason why we need to reach out to them. People often learn to *love* by being *loved*. And it may be that our *love* will allow them to become empowered and give them the strength to become *loving* to. Remember, He chose us!

With blessings,

Philip

2018 Worshippers Fund: We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike.

As we did last year, we are asking our regular worshippers to consider making a contribution towards our annual expenses of the Church, which we expect will be higher in 2018 than in previous years given the burden after Hurricane Irma. We are suggesting a donation of \$250 per worshipper or \$500 per family to help us. In 2017 the Worshippers Fund raised over \$20k. There are 3 ways to donate:

1. Send a check to the Friends (envelopes are available in the Church and the address is listed below)
2. Online via the Church website (see back page)
3. Directly to the Church (please see or contact Philip for details).

Methods 1 and 2 are donations to our US 501(3)c, which are tax deductible for US citizens.

Friends of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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The First Letter of John – Ch 5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth also.

The Gospel according to John – Ch 15

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you.

"I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you.

"And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

"I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

I did not choose Thee

by

Josiah Conder

(1789 –1855)

My Lord, I did not choose You,
For that could never be;
My heart would still refuse You,
Had You not chosen me.
You took the sin that stained me,
You cleansed me, made me new;
Of old You have ordained me,
That I should live in You.

Unless Your grace had called me
And taught my op'ning mind,
The world would have enthralled me,
To heav'nly glories blind.
My heart knows none above You;
For Your rich grace I thirst;
I know that if I love You,
You must have loved me first.

Notre Père (Our Father)

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne.
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer dans la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent
le règne, la puissance et la gloire
dans les siècles des siècles.
Amen

Today's Hymns

Processional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven #422

Gradual: Colours of Day #87

Reflection: Living Lord #311

Recessional: Give Me Joy in my Heart #153