Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist NB: new service time Sundays 9.30am – 10.30am

A joyful music-filled service, combining traditional and modern worship – all denominations and spiritual seekers are welcome



Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm - 7.30pm

30 minutes of prayerful music & silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church, with chants based on the Taizé Community in France



Meditation Group Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm

A meditation group in English & French, focusing on inner peace and serenity – newcomers welcome and no prior experience necessary

AA Meetings:

Open Meetings in English take place in the Church Centre (to the left of the Church):

Monday:8.30-9.30amTuesday:6.30-7.30pmWednesday:8.30-9.30amFriday:6.30-7.30pm

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

4th Sunday of Epiphany 28th January 2024

Dear Friends

Today we will be using the Iona Eucharistic Prayer. The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community, based on a small remote island on the Northwest of Scotland where St Columba arrived from Ireland in the 6th century. It is now a place of pilgrimage and welcomes visitors to stay there on retreat.

The Iona Community is focussed on tackling poverty, seeking & encouraging social justice for all, promoting peace around the world, and protecting the environment; as well as the rebuilding of communities and the rekindling of Christian worship, especially in a more modern format.



Iona Abbey on the island of Iona, off the West Coast of Scotland

The Community and the pilgrims who visit strive to achieve this by harnessing the power of communal action and by empowering themselves and others to be reflective agents for change in their own local community.

Perhaps we could think how we can best achieve this in our own lives and our own communities.

With blessings, Father Charlie & Philip

We need your support ...

We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – residents and visitors alike.

There are 2 ways to donate:

Send a check to The Friends







Donations to the Friends, our US 501(3)c, are tax efficient for US citizens.

The Readings

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians – Ch 8

Concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one."

Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as in fact there are many gods and many lords-yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

"Food will not bring us close to God."

We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Gospel according to Mark – Ch 1

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Today's Hymns

Processional: Immortal Invisible #242

Gradual: As the Deer Pants for the Water #39 **Communion**: #299, Father We Love You #128

Recessional: Here I am Lord #235

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: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

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: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying:

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.

I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God. Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us,

and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you,

bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Amen.

He whose table was open to all is now present in this bread. He whose word welcomed friend and stranger offers friendship through this cup.

With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

(The Lord's Prayer is sung – found on Page 14 of the Booklet)

CELEBRANT: The table of bread and wine is now ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a while;

You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.