

# ST. BARTS NEWSLETTER

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## THIS WEEKS SERVICES

February 8th

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

15, 317, 442, 30

Readings:

Genesis 1.1-23

Psalm 136

Romans 8: 18-25

Matthew 6: 25-end

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 148

Proverbs 8.1:22-31

Revelation 4

## NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

February 15th

Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

293, 106, 325, 426

Readings:

Exodus 24: 12-end

Psalm 21

2 Peter 1; 16-end

Matthew 17: 1-9

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 84

Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-10

Matthew 17: 9-23

## BOOK SWAP AND LIBRARY

It is open for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library in the church room or bring books in for others to share.

## CHURCH ROOM BOOKINGS

If you would like to book the church room, please get in touch 07585600408

## PCC MEETING

The next PCC Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm

## FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service will be held in the church on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm for the late Anne Barfield**

## Zoom course on Martin Luther King Jnr.

Rev Jonathan is taking a five-week course on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement on Zoom on behalf of Adult Learning at St Albans Cathedral. It starts on Wednesday February 25th at 7.30pm. If you are interested the link to book is

[www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america)

And that if anyone wants to sign up for the course there is a discount code AL10% for congregations

## LENT COURSE

Starting in the Church Room on **THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. February at 10.30am**. We will be studying "Draw near to Lent".

Each week a different contributor explores a different aspect of Christian discipleship – **worshipping** together, **praying**, **exploring the Bible**, sharing **communion**, offering **service** and **sharing the good news** with others.

## Dates for your Diary February

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Pancake Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day

## Prayers

Lord, we come before you in prayer, sharing our concerns for our world, our church, our neighbours and friends and ourselves. We don't ask lightly; we accept you may call us as part of the answer, and we trust that you will give us strength and courage to stand up for justice and to make a difference. Lord, you formed this earth, with all its beauty and abundance, ensuring provision for all and charging humankind to be stewards of creation. We pray for all who go hungry or thirsty or who are impoverished through the greed of others; for those close to home needing food banks and those further away needing emergency aid. The rising cost of living, natural disaster, climate change, war, governmental policy – all may contribute to increasing poverty. We remember those who are homeless or living in unsatisfactory accommodation. We pray that those who have enough may receive your spirit of generosity.

Loving God, you created humankind in all its diversity, calling all to live in relationship with you and with one another. Nationality, ethnicity, appearance, sexuality, gender, age, economic status, mental health: there are so many ways we judge and label people as different. Lord, we pray for those who experience prejudice or persecution, hostility or isolation. We pray for places where there is division, especially where those with power or influence use the media and social media to promote distrust or hatred between neighbours. Currently, we pray especially for Iran, Sudan, Gaza, America and we pray for our own country.

Lord, who cares for each one of us and whose plans are to prosper and not to harm us, we pray for all those in need of your loving care this day. We name before you in our hearts those known to us who are in any kind of trouble. We pray for all those whose needs are known only to themselves and to you.. And, trusting in your mercy and love, we bring before you our own needs and concerns. We ask our prayers in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**



