

Eternal God, on this the first Sunday of a new Church year we sing with joy in anticipation for the coming of God to earth at Christmas. Help us to sow peace around us, live like Jesus and pave the way for the King him as he comes to reign as the Prince of Peace, giving people a glimpse of his kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Gracious God, hear us today in our words of prayer, in each hymn and melody we sing, in our silent thoughts and pleas and may our worship today connect us with heaven and unite our hearts with the sound of eternity. We thank you for the music all around us, the sounds of life; Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those people persecuted for their faith, whose songs are freedom songs. We pray for their safety and ask you to give their praise the strength to convince and convert, the power to ward off war and divisions and the love to bring peace. We especially pray for the peace of Jerusalem Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Creator God drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world where there is conflict and where peace has been powerless and violent people hold sway. We pray for all those who lead the nations of the world and for those in authority, that they may always work for peace and for the good of their people. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, in our daily life, help us never to forget the supremacy of love. May love motivate the way we live our lives in our neighbourhoods, helping to heal those situations which so often drag us into despair. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Faithful God, we pray for all who sing a sad song today: the grieving, the lonely, the lost and the bereaved. We pray especially for those who have lost their voice and feel silenced or oppressed. May we bring light into dark places, restore hope and vision to all who struggle, and bring well-being and comfort to all those who suffer. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for all who have died. We especially pray for any we know who recently died and are now on that journey to you. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Holy God, during this season of Advent, as we move towards the festivities of Christmas, we pray that peace will flow from all of our actions and interactions this week.

Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Weekly Notices

Rector: Rev. Canon Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547

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Readers: Peggy Sear and David White

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Services for November 30th
1st. Sunday of Advent
8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 307, 98, 78, 408,

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-end

Matthew 24: 36-44

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 9

Isaiah 52: 1-12

Matthew 24: 15-28

Services for December 7th
2nd. Sunday of Advent
8am Holy Communion BCP

10 00am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 99, 250, 401, 310

Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3; 1-12

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 11

1 Kings 18; 17-29

John 1; 19-28

Prayer for today

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

St. Barts Book Swap and Library

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

Weekly Updates to the Notices

The Notices are printed out every Friday. If there is anything that you would like added to these notices, please get in touch either by email; revmike1@outlook.com or phone 07585600408

Church Room bookings

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

Need a plumber?

Give Mel Price a ring 07789324922

Need a Window Cleaner?

Give Scott a ring on 07875534780

Coming up in the church

December 14th. 6pm

Service of lessons and carols by candlelight

Advent Course

Tuesday 25th November and 2nd, 9th. December

10.30 to 11.30am in the church room

Theme is opening doors to Hope, peace ,joy and love

Pictures or news clippings of Wigginton in the past

If you have any pictures or cuttings you would like to send in to the Parish Newsletter that goes out to around 200 people, so that all our readers can see and perhaps reminisce too, please send them by email to

St Bartholomew's Church Additional Services over Christmas

Thursday 4th. December 2pm School Christingle Service

Sunday December 14th. 6pm
Service by candlelight of Nine Lessons and carols
(mince pies and drinks after)

Friday 19th. December School Service in church 9.30am

Christmas Eve Crib Service 3pm

11.45pm Midnight Mass
The First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day
10.30am Joy to the World Eucharist
A service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the birth of
Jesus