

# St. Barts Weekly News

Sunday Worship • Parish Notices • Prayer  
• Community Life

Welcome to this week's St. Barts newsletter. This front side gives you the essentials for Sunday worship, a short reflection, and the key notices for the week. Please take this home, keep it handy, and share it with anyone who may appreciate an invitation to join us.

## This Sunday July 12th 2026

| Time     | Service                                      | Notes                                                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion                               | A quiet, traditional service. BCP                                            |
| 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist                             | <b>Hymns:</b><br>321, 90, 516, 99<br><b>Readings:</b><br>On the weekly sheet |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Prayer<br>A peaceful end to the day. | At St. Mary's Northchurch                                                    |

## A Thought for the Week

### The Gift of Being Present

Jesus' ministry was marked by profound presence — He saw people.  
In a world rushing past itself, presence becomes a form of love.

Let your presence be a ministry:  
Listen without rushing  
Notice who is on the margins  
Offer attention as a gift  
Presence is pastoral care in its simplest form.

## Next Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. 2026

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## Notices

- **Coffee after the 10.00 am service:** Please stay for refreshments and conversation.
- **Volunteers needed:** Help is welcome with reading, flowers, welcoming and refreshments.
- **Foodbank collection:** Donations of tins, pasta, rice, toiletries and household essentials are gratefully received.
- **Prayer requests:** Please pass names or situations for prayer to the clergy or churchwardens or email [revmike1@outlook.com](mailto:revmike1@outlook.com)

## Diary Dates

| Date           | Event                            | Details                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Every Thursday | Coffee and cake                  | Baptist Chapel Wigginton<br>10.30am to 11.30am |
| 16th July      | Wine group Old world v New World | 8pm church room                                |
| 22nd July      | School leavers service           | 11am in church                                 |
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## Prayer Focus

This week we continue to pray for all affected by the earthquake in Venezuela, with people now suffering from many forms of illness. The extreme heat across Europe and its effects on us all. The emergency services, the ill and suffering, those who have died. And finally, we pray for ourselves.

## Get Involved

There are many ways to take part in church life, from music and hospitality to pastoral care, gardening, fundraising and practical support. If you would like to offer time or skills, please speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens.

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## Add to this Newsletter

If you would like anything added to our newsletter, please let Michael know. 075856408 or [revmike1@outlook.com](mailto:revmike1@outlook.com)



## Sea Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Look around your home. How much of the contents of your bedroom, kitchen, living room and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

Yet when did we last give a thought to the people who bring them to us?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, people groups in our society. We depend on them to bring us more than 90% of the world's goods and fuels, yet we rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem a very good idea: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the 1.89 million seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for up to nine months on end. It is also one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with physically demanding work as well as the threat of piracy, shipwreck and even abandonment.

So this Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

One such is The Mission to Seafarers, which has Seafarers Centres in 50 countries, and offers not only practical support such as access to Wi-Fi and a place to relax, but also emotional and spiritual aid through its ordained Port Chaplains, who are constantly visiting the ships.

