

St. Barts Weekly News

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Welcome to our newsletter

We hope you find encouragement, useful information, and opportunities to share in the life of St. Barts in the week ahead.

This Sunday Sept. 13th 2026

Time	Service	Notes
8 am	Holy Communion	The traditional service. BCP
10am	Parish Eucharist Exodus 14: 19-end Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35	Hymns 310, 125, 227, 33
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 119: 41-48 Ezekiel 20: 1-8, 33-44 Acts 20: 17-end	A quiet way to end the day

Next Sunday Sept. 20th 2026

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6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 119: 113-136 Ezekiel 33: 23, 30-34-10 Acts 26: 1, 9-25	A quiet way to end the day

Diary Dates for the week ahead

Date	Event	Details
17 th Sept	Wine study group	Church room 8pm

Notices

- **Volunteers:** We are always grateful for offers of help with reading, flowers, welcoming, refreshments, and other aspects of church life
- **Foodbank collection:** Donations of tins, pasta, rice, toiletries, and household essentials continue to be gratefully received.
- **Prayer requests:** If you would like someone or a particular situation included in our prayers, please speak to the clergy or churchwardens, or email revmike1@outlook.com.

Prayer Focus

A Prayer Focus for the Week Ahead

Loving God, as we look towards the week ahead, draw us closer to you in prayer. Help us to begin each day with thankful hearts, to notice those who need kindness, and to carry your peace into our homes, workplaces, schools, and community.

For the life of St. Barts

Pray for all who gather in worship, all who serve quietly, and all who come seeking welcome, hope, or comfort. May our church be a place where Christ's love is seen in practical care and generous hospitality.

For those carrying burdens

Pray for those who are unwell, lonely, grieving, anxious, or facing uncertainty. Ask God to give strength to the weary, patience to carers, wisdom to those making difficult decisions, and comfort to all who feel overwhelmed.

For the way we live this week

Pray that our words and actions may reflect the grace of Jesus. May we be quick to listen, slow to judge, ready to forgive, and willing to serve wherever God places us in the days ahead.

A prayer to carry with us

Lord, guide our thoughts, bless our conversations, strengthen our faith, and help us to walk in your love each day. Amen.

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Thought for the week ahead

Forgiving as We Have Been Forgiven

As we look towards the week ahead, the Gospel reading invites us to think again about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive, and Jesus' answer stretches the imagination: not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Forgiveness is not presented as an occasional act, but as a way of life shaped by the generous mercy of God.

That does not mean ignoring hurt or pretending that wrong does not matter. Rather, it means remembering that we ourselves live by grace. We are people who have been forgiven, restored, and welcomed by God; therefore, we are called to let that same mercy shape our words, our attitudes, and our relationships.

This week, perhaps we might ask God to show us where forgiveness, patience, or reconciliation is needed. It may be in a family conversation, a church relationship, a workplace misunderstanding, or even in the thoughts we keep quietly to ourselves.

May we begin each day aware of God's mercy towards us, and end each day willing to place our burdens, resentments, and regrets into his hands. In doing so, we may discover that forgiveness is not only something we offer to others, but also a gift through which Christ sets our own hearts free.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Mornings take place across the country each year, with many being held on **25 September** — though you can host one whenever suits you. Since the first Coffee Morning in 1990, around **1.2 million** events have helped raise vital funds to support people living with cancer. Why not attend, host, or support one this year? More details: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk>

Church working party

The next church working party will be on 24th.
October 2026 from 9am -12 pm.

We will be clearing up the grounds, cutting back areas that have become overgrown, clearing the compost heaps.



On September 25th Rev Jonathan will be cycling the 66-mile route around the Isle of Wight to raise money for Phakamisa. There is a JustGiving link for sponsorship:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ionathan-gordon-5>

Any sponsorship will be a great encouragement to keep peddling.

Save a Life

Every year in September St. John Ambulance (SJA) Runs a national campaign called Save a Life. Fred Martin (one of the churchwardens) would like to run such a session after the morning service on September 20th. It would take about one hour. The session would include a mix of power point information, how to do CPR, Recovery position, using an AED, choking, how to stop a bleed, and Q&A. Would you please let Fred know if you would like to attend this session. It is valuable to all of us

Useful Numbers

Electricity Emergency 0800 783 8866

Gas Emergency 08001 11999

Water 0345 357 2407

Police Non Emergency 101

Police /Fire/ Ambulance Emergency 999

NHS Direct 111

Stoke Mandeville Hospital 01296 315000

Rothschild House Surgery 01442 822468

The New Surgery 01442 890661

Urgent Care centre 01442 213141

NHS Direct 111

