

St. Barts Weekly News

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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 Aug.16th 2026

Time	Service	Notes
8 am	Holy Communion	The traditional service. BCP
10am	Parish Eucharist Gen 45: 1-15 Rom 11: 1-2, 29-32 Matt 15: 21-28	Hymns 309, 120, 9, 87
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 90: 1-12 2 Kings 4: 1-37 Acts 16: 1-15	Evening Prayer A peaceful end to the day.

Next Sunday Aug.23rd 2026 St. Bartholomew Patronal

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10am	Parish Eucharist Exodus 1:8-2.10 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	Hymns 366, 90, 393, 188
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 97 Isaiah 61: 1-9 2 Cor 6:1-10	Evening Prayer A peaceful end to the day.

Diary Dates for the week ahead

Date	Event	Details
Sun 9th	Cream teas	2-4pm at church

A Thought for the Week

Heavenly Father, as I stand at the beginning of this new week, I pause to lift my eyes to You, from where my help comes. I ask for Your guidance in every step I take and every decision I face in the week ahead.

May this week be a canvas on which Your will is painted, a testament to Your loving direction in my life.

Help me to walk in wisdom and understanding, to recognize the opportunities You provide, and to respond with courage and faithfulness. May each day be infused with Your grace and the peace that comes from knowing I am walking in Your ways.

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

Prayer Focus

For the week ahead, we pray in the light of Sunday's readings: for the grace to seek reconciliation, as Joseph was reconciled with his brothers; for trust in God's unfailing mercy, as St Paul reminds us; and for persistent faith, like the Canaanite woman who would not turn away from Jesus.

Lord, we pray and give thanks for our community here and all that goes on to bring us closer to our friends and neighbours. We pray for those who are sick, remembering Becky Dallas and Raven Chapman. We pray for the anniversary of those who have died. Olive Morley. Martin Keen, Chris Turner, David Tweed and Cynthia Riley.

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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

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.

Keep Peddling



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/jonathan-gordon-5>

Any sponsorship will be a great encouragement to keep peddling.

Coming soon

Historic Churches cycle ride, walk, horse riding or however you wish to raise money for Historic Churches Fund. Details to follow.
Also a harvest lunch with wine.

St. Bartholomew Fete

Our church Annual Fete this year takes place in the church grounds on Saturday September 5th from 12-4pm. Plenty of stalls and entertainment, Pick up a leaflet inside the church

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

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

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.

If you would like to help us, please come along. You are very welcome. Coffee and cake provided

