

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.30th 2026

Time	Service	Notes
8 am	Holy Communion	The traditional service. BCP
10am	Parish Eucharist Exodus 3: 1-15 Romans 12: 9-end Matt 16: 21-end	Hymns 46, 548, 299, 310
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 105: 1-15 2 Kings 6: 24-25, 7,3 end Acts 18: 1-16	Evening Prayer A peaceful end to the day.

Next Sunday Sept. 6th 2026

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10am	Parish Eucharist Exodus 12: 1-14 Romans 13: 8 -end Matthew 16: 21-end	Hymns 172, 518, 188, 26
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 108 Ezekiel 12:21-13,16 Acts 19: 1-20	At St. Mary's Northchurch

Diary Dates for the week ahead

Date	Event	Details
2 nd Sept	Holy Communion BCP	9.30am
5 th Sept	Annual Fete	12-4pm

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

Attentiveness to God's Presence

Begin the week by asking for a listening heart — one that notices God in the ordinary, in conversations, in pauses, in the unexpected. Pray for the grace to be present rather than hurried.

Strength for the Work Before You

Hold your responsibilities before God: teaching, planning, guiding, creating, supporting. Ask for stamina where the week will stretch you, and clarity where decisions need to be made.

Peace in Relationships

Lift up the people you will meet — colleagues, students, church members, family. Pray for gentleness in your words, patience in tension, and the ability to bring calm into busy or anxious spaces.

Courage to Act with Integrity

Ask God to show you one place this week where you can bring fairness, compassion, or truth. Pray for courage to step toward what is right, even quietly.

Rest in God's Faithfulness

End each day by releasing what you cannot control. Pray for deep rest, trusting that God holds the whole story — including the parts still unfolding.

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Thought for the week ahead

The Grace of Beginning Again

Every week is a small resurrection. We rise from what was — the unfinished tasks, the conversations we wish had gone differently, the moments we felt stretched thin — and God meets us not with scrutiny, but with *renewal*.

The Christian life is not measured by flawless consistency but by faithful returning. Returning to prayer. Returning to hope. Returning to love. Returning to the One who never tires of welcoming us back.

This week, let your heart rest in this truth:

God is more committed to your growth than you are to your mistakes. He is already at work in the places you feel behind, already healing what feels tender, already preparing grace for the moments you haven't yet lived. So walk into the week without fear of imperfection. Begin again — gently, confidently, and with the quiet assurance that Christ goes ahead of you.

A thankyou

Paul Richardson, Chair of the St Bartholomew Church Fete Committee, expresses sincere thanks to everyone involved in preparing for the Fete on Saturday 5 September, noting the shared enthusiasm that promises a successful and enjoyable event. He offers special appreciation to the main sponsors — **Tring Auction Rooms, Tring Brewery, and A. G. Evans** — for funding free children's entertainment and a brass band. He also acknowledges the support of numerous local organisations who have donated raffle prizes, including **Champneys, Pendley Manor Hotel, Smart Dry Cleaners, Wigginton Community Village Shop, Metcalfe's, The Beauty Retreat, The Robin Hood, The Greyhound, and Rev. Michael Eggleton**. He closes with gratitude for everyone's generosity and support.

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/jonathan-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

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

