

ST. BARTS NEWSLETTER

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THIS WEEKS SERVICES

February 1st.
Epiphany 4

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
9, 139, 329, 193

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2; 14-end
Luke 2: 22-40

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 132
Haggai 2: 1-9
John 2: 18-22

NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

February 8th
2nd Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
15, 317, 442, 30

Readings:

Genesis 1.1-23
Psalm 136
Romans 8: 18-25
Matthew 6: 25-end

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 148
Proverbs 8.1:22-31
Revelation 4

WELCOME TO THE NEW WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Here you will find, as you can see, the readings, hymns and times of services for the current week and the following week. This newsletter will be printed out every Friday evening ready for the services on Sunday. If you have any entries you would like to add, please let me know by email: revmike1@outlook.com with all the details.

BOOK SWAP AND LIBRARY

It is open for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library in the church room or bring books in for others to share.

CHURCH ROOM BOOKINGS

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

PCC MEETING

The next PCC Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm

FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service will be held in the church on **Friday 13th February at 2pm for the late Anne Barfield**

Zoom course on Martin Luther King Jnr.

Rev Jonathan is taking a five-week course on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement on Zoom on behalf of Adult Learning at St Albans Cathedral. It starts on Wednesday February 25th at 7.30pm. If you are interested the link to book is

www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america

And that if anyone wants to sign up for the course there is a discount code AL10% for congregations

LENT COURSE

Starting in the Church Room on **THURSDAY 19th. February** at 10.30am. We will be studying "Draw near to Lent".

Each week a different contributor explores a different aspect of Christian discipleship – **worshipping** together, **praying**, **exploring the Bible**, sharing **communion**, offering **service** and **sharing the good news** with others.

Wigginton History Society Tuesday Feb 3rd - 8pm start Village Hall, Wigginton Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Mike Chapman will tell the history of the Commission and its activities during the First and Second World Wars and its work today in maintaining and preserving the historic estate around the World.

He will also focus on the war graves in our local area and tell the stories of some of those we commemorate. Everybody welcome to our meeting. Cost £4.00 inc. refreshments.

PRAYERS

Gracious God, thank you that you call us to walk with you, living lives that reflect your justice and mercy in all we do and say. Trusting in your promise to hear us, we bring our prayers to you now.

Lord, as we read and listen to the news, we wonder at all the accounts of greed and abuse of power, intolerance and lack of compassion, violence and war; concepts so alien to the way you have taught us and yet at times even being carried out in the name of religion. We pray for those living in fear: fear for their freedom, fear for their wellbeing, fear for their safety and even their lives. And we pray for those in a position of power or leadership, that their hearts may be filled with compassion, co-operation and wisdom.

We bring our prayers for those parts of your creation and your world that are under threat as greed, selfishness and ignorance have led us to disregard the wellbeing of the environment. We ask your blessing on those who campaign and raise awareness of the climate emergency, for those who strive to find a better way, and we pray for wisdom and determination for those who have the money, influence and authority to make a difference.

We pray for your church across the world. We pray for the people of faith in all countries who take a stand for justice and mercy, understanding and right living, as you call each one of us to do. We pray for a spirit of co-operation between different denominations and different faiths striving to do your will. We pray

for our church family in this community. Strengthen and encourage us as we follow your call individually and together. Let us not become despondent or discouraged, rather fill us with your spirit of hope and peace.

We pray for those in our community who are in need. We pray for newcomers, that they will find a warm welcome and not judgement or hostility. We pray for the lonely and isolated, that they will find company and support.

We pray for healing and comfort for those who are sick in mind or body or spirit and for those that love them. And we remember those who are affected by poverty, unemployment, homelessness and the rising cost of living. May they find the support and security they need.

We pray for our school, the pupils, teachers and assistants who work so hard to give our children a great education. This week the school has a SIAMS Inspection, and we pray that our Christian distinctiveness shines through both in the school and the wider community.

We pray for all who have died, remembering today the soul of Anne Barfield. We pray with her family and friends as they adjust to their loss.

Finally, Lord, we bring before you our own needs and the needs of those we love, naming them before you now in a moment of silence...