Lord, we come you with our prayers, our thoughts, our worries.

We pray Lord for peace in every land. Where sorrow and pain turns into joy and peoples of every race, work and play in peace an harmony. We pray for the peoples of Israel and Palestine, The people of Ukraine and the Russian Federation of States, The people of Yemen and so many other places which we often forget about.

We pray too Lord for all who are anxious and suffering at the moment. All who sleep rough on the streets, all who cannot find ways to make ends meet. All who are in hospital, care homes, hospices. We mention in our prayers those known to us.......

We pray Lord for governments and regimes around the world that work for themselves and not for the people. We ask that their ways be changed so that all societies can live and work for the benefit of all. And what a rich and wonderful place our world would be.

Finally Lord, we pray for all who have died and rest in your eternal kingdom. Bringing before you today our own loved ones and those close to us.

Weekly Notices

Rector: Rev. Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547 Associate Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 01442 823273 Readers: Peggy Sear and David White www.stbartholomewschurch.org

Services for December .January 14th

8am Holy Communion BCP 10am Parish Eucharist Hymns: 408, 10, 317, 405

Readings:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1: 43– end

6pm Evening Prayer Psalm 96 Isaiah 60; 9-end Hebrews 6: 17, 7.10 Services for January 21st Epiphany 3 8am Holy Communion BCP

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10 00am Parish Eucharist Hymns: 362, 335, 249, 235

Readings:

Genesis14: 17-20 Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11

6pm Evening Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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The red box on the piano in Church will remain there till Epiphany. I'll take it then away for onwards carriage of the stamps to DENS

Last year that charity made over £1000 from used stamps, which are weighed and sold on. So it's thought that if I replace the current red box with another, people interested could just keep on putting them in

Many thanks Gill Fleckney

Church website. Check out the website regularly for updates and news of services etc.

The next PCC meeting is in the church room on Tuesday 16th. January at 7.45pm

Ash Wednesday and Lent Course

Wednesday 14th. February is Ash Wednesday and we will be holding a Eucharist service with ashing at 10am followed by coffee or tea in the church room and at 11-15 to 12.15, we begin a 5 week Lent course. More details next week

CONCERT FOR A BETTER FUTURE

20 January 2024, 3pm

PROGRAMME:

L.V. BEETHOVEN - Sonata No.21, Op. 53 (Waldstein): Mvt 1
Tom Carter (piano)

M. LYSENKO - Serenade, Op. 28

Vladyslav Demianov (bassoon)

Tom Carter (piano)

UKRAINIAN SONG 'Zhuravka', O. Bilash - V. Yukhymovych Nadia Postolatii (soprano) Tom Carter (piano)

B. BRITTEN - Six Metamorphoses after Ovid, Op. 49

Jack Mouradian (oboe)

UKRAINIAN FOLK SONG 'Handzia'. Arrangement: P. Boichenko
Nadia Postolatii (soprano)
Tom Carter (piano)

F. POULENC. Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, FP 43

Jack Mouradian (oboe)

Vladyslav Demianov (bassoon)

Tom Carter (piano)

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