

ST. BARTS NEWSLETTER

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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 **29th. January at 1pm** for the late Clive Stokes.

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 Tuesday 17th. 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.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES

Services for January

25th

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
205, 175, 235, 362

Readings:

Isaiah 9: 1-4
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Matthew 4: 12-23

4pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 61
Hosea 2; 2-17
1 Corinthians 9: 1-14

NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

Presentation of Christ in the Temple
8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
9, 139, 329, 193

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

4pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 132
Haggai 2: 1-9
John 2: 18-22



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

We pray for those places in the world facing war, unrest, and hardship—especially Ukraine, the Middle East, Venezuela, and Greenland. May your light guide these regions toward peace and safety.

We ask for help within our local community where darkness exists in the form of unemployment, trauma, abuse, hopelessness, and hunger. Show us how we can share your light and follow your guidance as individuals or together.

Thank you for calling us to be your disciples and loving us as we are. Open our eyes to opportunities to serve in our schools, workplaces, and homes, trusting that you have a purpose for everyone.

Bring comfort to those struggling with pain, anxiety, or sadness. May they experience hope and joy through your compassion, and may we serve them faithfully.

We also pray for friends who have not yet responded to your call. Give us chances to share your love with them, even if it means stepping out of our comfort zones.

Finally, we thank you for those who helped lead us to faith and for their example.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), held each year on 27th January, marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

Under the Nazis, six million Jewish men, women and children were murdered, as well as millions of Gentiles. Holocaust Memorial Day also commemorates the more recent persecutions and slaughter in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

"HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, we bring people together to learn more about the past, empathize more with people today, and work to build a better future. Together we bear witness for communities who suffered attempted annihilation, and we honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition."

This year's theme is 'Bridging Generations'. HMD says: "The responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors – it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us."

