

What's On and Coming soon

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

Wigginton History Society
Tuesday Mar 3rd – 8pm start
Village Hall, Wigginton

The White Lady

'The White Lady' is the true story of the most important SIS/MI6 intelligence networks behind enemy lines in Belgium in WW1 & WW2. Working on declassified files in archives in Belgium and London, Helen Fry's research uncovers the heroism within these networks and the ingenious ways in which they gathered intelligence for London and how that impacted on the outcome of two world wars.

St. Bart's Book Swap and Library

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

Wigginton Preschool Craft activities for children

Hi all, we hope you are keeping well. Just wanted to let you know Wigginton Preschool & Little Stars are posting various craft activities on their Facebook pages. Lovely ideas to keep children busy.

St. Barts Weekly News

Rector: Rev. Canon Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547

Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 0758 5600408

Readers: Peggy Sear and David White

Sunday 1st. March Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 321, 327, 298, 212,

Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4; 1-5, 13-17
John 3; 1-17

6pm Evening Prayer
At St Mary's

Sunday 8th. March Third Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 235, 399, 480, 408

Readings

Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1-11
John 4: 5-42

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 40
Joshua 1: 1-9
Ephesians 6; 10-20

LENT COURSE

in the Church Room on **THURSDAY 5th. March 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.

Weekly Updates to the Notices and Newsletters

These are updated, emailed or printed out every Friday. If there is anything that you would like added to these notices, please get in touch either by email; revmike1@outlook.com or phone 0758 5600408

Please check out the new and updated website as readings and events change regularly www.stbartholomewschurch.org

Services during Lent and Easter

Friday March 13th.
School Mothers Service

Sunday 15th. March
Mothering Sunday 10am

Friday 27th March
School Easter Service

Sunday 29th. March
Palm Sunday 10am

Thursday 2nd. April
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm

Friday 3rd. April
Good Friday Devotions 2-3pm

Sunday April 5th.
Easter Day
8am Holy Communion
10 am Parish Eucharist

The origins of Hymns

"Shall We Gather at the River"

was written in 1864 by Robert Lowry, inspired by visions of heaven and the biblical river of life, to offer hope and comfort during a time of suffering.

The hymn was composed by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister and composer, in July 1864 while he was serving at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. During a particularly hot summer, the city was afflicted by epidemics, and many people were dying, creating a climate of fear and mourning. Lowry, reflecting on the biblical imagery of the river of life in Revelation 22:1-2, was moved to write a hymn that celebrated hope, reunion, and eternal life. He noted that while many hymns focused on the "river of death," few celebrated the "pure river of life,"

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, today our first questions must be: **Why?** We come with heavy hearts asking why there are wars in Ukraine and Gaza and now the Middle East and so many parts of Africa. We want to know why the leaders of so many nations want to wield power instead of bowing down to your peace. But you are the God who sees. Lord, show us how to be peacemakers. Show us how to work for justice. Help us to be the answer to our prayers.

Lord, we pray for our local community as we ask: **What?** Help us to see **what** you are doing and to follow you. We ask: What are you doing in our schools? We pray for pupils and teachers, for all who love you who are trying to show their friends and colleagues who you are. We pray for local businesses and shops, our health facilities and community centres. We ask you to show us what we can do, as individuals or as a congregation, to serve those who work around us each day.

Lord, as we think of our neighbourhood, we ask: **Who?** Who needs to know the touch of your love this week? We think particularly of those we know who are in pain, especially... we pray for those we know who are sick..... Lord, wrap your loving arms around those who are sad today, we pray... give peace to those who are fearful or troubled or awaiting test results or a diagnosis...

And Lord, we also rejoice with those who are happy today: because of a birth, or good news, an exam passed, a successful interview, a birthday. Even if we are not feeling happy, give us the grace to rejoice with those who are.

Lord, so often we bombard you with questions and demand answers. Help us this week to be quicker to listen than to speak. Help us to trust you in the storms and the calm. Help us to watch what you do and follow with courage and joy. And give us the grace to see when we can be the answers to our prayers.

