

Dates for your diary

March 24th. Vestry Meeting 7.30pm
March 31st. Fete Committee meeting 7.30pm
April 12th. APCM meeting 12 midday

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. Continues on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. If you are interested the link to book is www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/redeeming-the-soul-of-america

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.

Medieval Music Concert:

On Friday 15 May 2026 at 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm), at the historic **St Mary's Church, Northchurch, Marco Cannavo** and **Steve Tyler** present **Musica Medievalis**, an instrumental journey into the music of medieval Europe. Featuring hurdy-gurdy and its early predecessors, alongside harp, lute, citole, portative organ, bladder pipe, and tambourine, the concert explores rhythms and melodies from both sacred and secular traditions, interpreted with imaginative freedom while remaining rooted in historical sources. Tickets are £15.00 and concessions £12.00. Please follow the link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/marcocannavo/2018737>

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

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Readers: Peggy Sear and David White

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

Sunday 15th. March Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 313, 106, 298, 21

Readings:

Exodus 2: 1-10
2 Corinthians 3: 12-17
Luke 2; 33-35

6pm Evening Prayer
Psalm 31: 1-16
Micah 7
James 5

LENT COURSE

in the Church Room on **THURSDAY 12th. March at 10.30am**. We will be studying "Draw near to Lent".

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

***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
10am He is Risen Eucharist
Easter Egg hunt at 11am

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

This classic hymn beautifully reassures us that God is present in every phase of our lives, and our faith in Him allows us to pray to the Lord for joy, strength, and love along our journey.

The lyrics to the hymn "Lord of All Hopefulness" were written by Jan Struther, a British writer who lived from June 6, 1901, to July 20, 1953. Struther published comic and serious poetry, essays, short stories, and, most notably, a novel, Mrs. Minerva, which was made into a movie that won six Academy Awards, including Best Picture in 1942.

The lyrics to "Lord of All Hopefulness" focus on hope, strength, and love throughout the passage of time in life's journey. A person's life journey is represented by three times of day: morning, noon, and evening. Morning represents childhood happiness. mid-day represents middle age struggles and career work; and evening represents finding love at the close of life.

Prayers of Intersession

Lord, as you sat by the well and asked for a drink you broke some of the taboos of society. You led your disciples in a new way of living. So we pray for the leaders of the nations, particularly the leader of our country...And Lord, we pray particularly for the Middle East, where war is raging...We pray for those who have lost loved ones... We pray for all those who have had their homes destroyed... Lord, give our leaders wisdom. May they be people of integrity and people who lead with humility and justice. Reveal yourself to them, Lord, so that they may follow where YOU lead. Speak peace into their hearts and minds, Lord, and so bring a swift end to the conflict, we pray. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, as we think of the woman at the well, we think of those in our communities who may be shunned by those around them, perhaps because of their race, their gender, their accent, their past. We think of times when we have felt out of place or unwelcome, unsure of ourselves and uncomfortable. Thank you for those who helped us settle: perhaps with a kind word, a listening ear, a non-judgemental attitude.

Lord, as you came to draw water at the well, our thoughts turn towards those who do not have safe water to drink. We pray for those whose daily journey to fetch water is fraught with danger. We think of those with no sanitation, particularly in schools where lack of toilets can mean girls miss out on some of their education. We thank you for the aid agencies that work to provide communal taps and wells and for those who build latrines so that more people can have the basic necessities required for healthy living.

We pray for those who have too much water, where flooding has ruined homes, crops and livelihoods. Lord, we pray for all who are ill and suffering.....all who are coming to the end of life.....and all who have died.....

