

St. Barts Weekly News

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Welcome to this week's St. Barts newsletter. This front side gives you the essentials for Sunday worship, a short reflection, and the key notices for the week. Please take this home, keep it handy, and share it with anyone who may appreciate an invitation to join us.

This Sunday August 9th 2026

Time	Service	Notes
8 am	Holy Communion	The traditional service. BCP
10am	Parish Eucharist Gen. 37: 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Hymns 76, 313, 501, 366
6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 86 1 Kings 11,41-12.20 Acts 14: 8-20	Evening Prayer A peaceful end to the day.

Next Sunday Aug.16th 2026

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6pm	Evening Prayer Psalm 90: 1-12 2 Kings 4: 1-37 Acts 16: 1-15	Evening Prayer A peaceful end to the day.

Diary Dates for the week ahead

Date	Event	Details
Sun 9th	Cream teas	2-4pm at church

A Thought for the Week

God often chooses the small, the unnoticed, the easily overlooked as the starting point for His greatest work. A mustard seed. A widow's mite. A boy with five loaves. A handful of disciples in an upper room. A church in Philippi, born in the heart of Macedonia, beginning with a riverside conversation and a woman named Lydia.

We tend to look for God in the large and impressive, but He delights in beginning with the small and faithful.

Notices

- **Coffee after the 10.00 am service:** Please stay for refreshments and conversation.
- **Volunteers needed:** Help is welcome with reading, flowers, welcoming and refreshments.
- **Foodbank collection: Donations of tins, pasta, rice, toiletries and household essentials are gratefully received.**
- **Prayer requests:** Please pass names or situations for prayer to the clergy or churchwardens or email revmike1@outlook.com

Prayer Focus

Lord of all our days, as we step into the week ahead, steady our hearts. Give us grace in our conversations, patience in our tasks, and a quiet awareness of Your presence in every small moment. May we walk gently, speak kindly, and act justly, reflecting Your love in all we do.

Lord, we lift before You those who are struggling — the lonely, the grieving, the unwell, the weary. Surround them with comfort, and place in their path people who will bring hope and kindness. May Your healing love be known in their lives.

Bless our church family at St Bartholomew's. Deepen our fellowship, strengthen our service, and help us to be a place of welcome, prayer, and peace.

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Add to this Newsletter

If you would like anything added to our newsletter, please let Michael know. 075856408 or revmike1@outlook.com

Get Involved

There are many ways to take part in church life, from music and hospitality to pastoral care, gardening, fundraising and practical support. If you would like to offer time or skills, please speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens.

Keep Peddling



On September 25th Rev Jonathan will be cycling the 66-mile route around the Isle of Wight to raise money for Phakamisa. There is a JustGiving link for sponsorship:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jonathan-gordon-5>

Any sponsorship will be a great encouragement to keep peddling.

Urgent Help needed

We really would like some more volunteers for tomorrows and next weeks cream teas to make it a good success again.

St. Bartholomew Fete

Our church Annual Fete this year takes place in the church grounds on Saturday September 5th from 12-4pm. Plenty of stalls and entertainment, Pick up a leaflet inside the church

Useful Numbers

Electricity Emergency 0800 783 8866

Gas Emergency 08001 11999

Water 0345 357 2407

Police Non Emergency 101

NHS Direct 111

Stoke Mandeville Hospital 01296 315000

Rothschild House Surgery 01442 822468

The New Surgery 01442 890661

Urgent Care centre 01442 213141

NHS Direct 111

Coming soon

Historic Churches cycle ride, walk, horse riding or however you wish to raise money for Historic Churches Fund. Details to follow. Also a harvest lunch with wine.

Church working party

The next church working party will be on 24th. October 2026 from 9am -12 pm.

We will be clearing up the grounds, cutting back areas that have become overgrown, clearing the compost heaps.

If you would like to help us, please come along. You are very welcome. Coffee and cake provided

Thanks

Thanks go to Jackie, for organising for the church and village, a wonderful evening of flower arranging and entertainment provided by Neil Gurney. Thanks again Jackie.

Removing of ivy

We would like 2 people to help with the removal of ivy to the shed at the back of the church. Please see Hilarie

