

**THE UNITED BENEFICE
OF ST BARTHOLOMEW AND ST LAWRENCE
WITH ST SWITHUN-UPON-KINGSGATE
WINCHESTER**

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THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December 2017

A warm welcome to our worship

Large Print Versions of this notice sheet and other papers are available.
A Hearing Loop system is in use. **Gluten-free communion wafers**
are available – please ask a steward.

Morning readings: OT Isaiah 40. 1-11
Psalm 85. 1-2 & 8-13
NT 2 Peter 3. 8-15a
Gospel Mark 1. 1-8



St Bartholomew 9.30am Parish Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector

Hymns 286, 589, *Advent Wreath Song* (vss 1- 2 & chorus), 688, 785 (x5), 307

St Swithun 9.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Amanda Goulding

St Lawrence 11.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Amanda Goulding

Hymns: 286, 589, 688, *Advent Wreath Song* (vss 1- 2 & chorus –
St L only), 730

St Bartholomew 4.00pm Christingle

Led by: The Rector

Hymns: 479, 306, 732 (*omit v2*), *Round Orange*, 452 (*omit v3*)

St Lawrence 6.00pm Evensong

Led by: Meriel Walton (LLM)

Hymns: 842, 481, 773

Evening readings: OT I Kings 22. 1-28
Psalm 40
NT Romans 15. 4-13

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



For the World: We pray for the peace of Jerusalem; for the people of Yemen; the people of Zimbabwe and their future security and prosperity; for the welfare of refugees, especially the Rohingya refugees of Myanmar; for guidance and wisdom for our Government and world leaders.

For our keeping of Advent.

For the Anglican Communion: Archbishop Justin Welby; Western North Carolina (USA); the Dioceses of Kuopio (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland) and Chester, their Bishops and people.

For the Winchester Diocese: Bishop Tim Dakin and Suffragan Bishops Jonathan and David; Winchester Christ Church, the Rev'd David Rowe and his Ministry Team.

Winchester Deanery: The Benefice of Twyford, Owslebury, Morestead & Colden Common in vacancy.

Local needs: Emmaus Hampshire; for our Benefice Mission Action Plan (bMAP); for local shops and businesses during the Christmas season, and the Christmas Market; for the Rev'd Karen Kousseff preparing to be licensed on 11th January and her husband George.

Churches Together Prayers for December: Parish of St Lawrence with St Swithun.

The sick and housebound and all who care for them, especially Janet Rivington.

For the Departed: Sheila Rodwell, Mary Wilks.

Anniversary of Death: Margaret Humphrys, Sarah Sharp.

NOTICES

THE WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET: Please send any items for the notice sheet **by Wednesday** of each week to Caroline St Leger-Davey and Lis Wicks at St Lawrence Parish Office, Colebrook Street; email office@threesaints.org.uk or tel. 01962 849434. Office opening times: Weds and Fridays 9.30am-2.00pm. For Hyde Parish Hall bookings please contact Lorraine Curtis: tel. 01962 863361, hall@threesaints.org.uk.

HYDE PARISH HALL: Charlotte McIver will take hall bookings and emergency calls from 13th December until 1st January. Please contact her on 851910 or email charlievm1978@yahoo.co.uk.

ST BARTHOLOMEW: Anyone interested in joining a small choir for the Carol Service (17th December) please see Mark Gillman as soon as possible!

ST BARTHOLOMEW: The Christmas post box will be in Church **today**. Please address clearly incl surnames. Cards can be collected next Sunday 17th December.

The **BENEFICE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** is **today** at St Bartholomew at 4.00pm. We shall support the Children's Society once again.

ST BARTHOLOMEW: We shall be collecting for the Nightshelter during Advent and at Christmas. Please put your donations only into the special Nightshelter envelopes in the pews and then into the collection bags or hand to a Churchwarden. Thank you.

ST LAWRENCE: During Advent we shall be collecting for Ikona Hillside School Orphans through 'Kisiizi Orphans'. Please use the special Gift Aid envelopes if you can.

ST LAWRENCE: We are delighted to welcome Christopher Tolley as our new regular organist on the 2nd Sunday in the month.

MESSY CHURCH: Thank you to all who helped at Messy Church yesterday and to the cooks and bakers!

ADVENT SUNDAY LUNCH: A big thank you to Louisa Stafford and her team for organising a wonderful soup lunch.

JULIAN GROUP: The Julian Group in the Benefice meets Tuesdays at 2.30pm. Contact: Sue Tisdall (851621).

ST BARTHOLOMEW: All are welcome to a Festive Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 13th December** from 10.15am-11.45am (*note time*) with raffle, books, CDs etc. Proceeds to Church funds.

CAROL SERVICES will be held at St Bartholomew and St Lawrence Churches on **Sunday 17th December** at 6.00pm. We would be very grateful if you could bring mince pies to share at both churches.

ST BARTHOLOMEW: On **Monday 18th December** at 10.00am we shall be cleaning and preparing St Bartholomew Church for Christmas. All helpers very welcome.

BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP: All are welcome to our next meeting on **Monday 18th December** at 11.00am at 19 Egbert Road. Contact: Sue Tisdall (851621).

BEER AND CAROLS EVENING: Cliff will lead the evening at the Hyde Tavern on **Tuesday 19th December** at 7.30pm. The collection will be for "Embrace the Middle East" projects for children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 16 th December	Christmas Flute concert, St Lawrence, 4.30pm
Sunday 31 st December	Benefice Communion at St Lawrence , 10.00am
Sunday 7 th January	Family Communion for Epiphany, St Bart's, 9.30am
Thursday 11 th January	Licensing of Rev'd Karen Kousseff at St Bart's, 7.30pm
Sunday 14 th January	Covenant Service, United Church, 10.30am (no morning service at St Lawrence or St Swithun)
Sunday 28 th January	CANDLEMAS (transf), not on 4 th February

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BREAK: Please note that between Christmas and the New Year there will be no mid-week Services or Morning/Evening Prayer, restarting on Wednesday 3rd January. The Parish Office will also be closed and re-open on Wednesday 3rd January.

THE WEEK AHEAD

11th – 17th December 2017

Morning and Evening Prayer in the Benefice

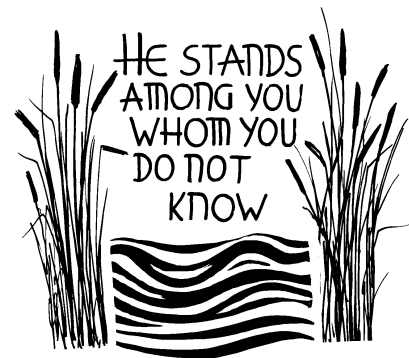
Morning Prayer: Weds 9.00am St B, Thurs 8.30am St S, Fri 8.30am St L

Evening Prayer: 5.00pm Tues & Fri St L, Wed St B, Thurs St S

Monday	9.15am St Bede School Nativity rehearsals and performance at 2.00pm	St Bartholomew
Tuesday	10.00am St L w St S Standing Committee 2.00pm St Bede School Nativity performance	Rectory St Bartholomew
Wednesday	9.30am-2.00pm Parish Office open 10.00am Holy Communion 10.15am St Bartholomew Coffee Morning 10.30am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew Hyde Parish Hall St Lawrence
Thursday	11.30am Interment of ashes of Sheila Rodwell	St Bartholomew
Friday	9.30am-2.00pm Parish Office open	
Saturday	4.30pm Youth Christmas Flute Concert	St Lawrence

Services for THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17th December 2017

<i>Morning readings:</i>	OT	Isaiah 61, 1-4 & 8-11
	Psalm	126
	NT	1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24
	Gospel	John 1. 6-8 & 19-28



St Bartholomew	9.30am	Parish Communion Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Amanda Goulding
St Lawrence	10.00am	Parish Communion Celebrant: The Rector Preacher: Karen Bannister (LLM)
St Bartholomew	6.00pm	Carol Service Led by: The Rev'd Amanda Goulding
St Lawrence	6.00pm	Carol Service Led by: The Rector