

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



Bestseller Book Club Monday 27th Mar 6pm - 7pm

Discussing *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. All interested readers are welcome



Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers

People

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AA Group: Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information please call: 0690 65 61 22



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent 26th March 2017

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus' story illustrates one of the key lines found in the Psalms. It is from Psalm 22:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The story tell us that the man was blind from birth. For Jesus to heal him means he has the beginning of a new life, a life where he can see. This demonstrates that we all have the ability to change how we view the world and how we see other people.

In the beginning the man was blind, he was in darkness. After he is healed he sees the light, because Jesus can be our light and our salvation – and if we allow our eyes to be truly opened then the world won't hold the same fear for us.

With blessings,
Philip

Donations: We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our worshippers. Please see the enclosed letter.

Please consider making a contribution to keep our Church thriving and to ensure that we continue to grow spiritually, as well as offer a wonderful clerical and music ministry and maintain all our buildings.

You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens, and you may also donate online by visiting our website.

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Today's Hymns

Processional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven #422

Gradual: Colours of Day #87

During Communion: Break Bread, #73; #60

Recessional: Here I am Lord #235

According to John – Ch 9

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses."

We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up unto to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all humankind.

On the night He was betrayed, He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His friends and said:

"Take this and eat it: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation; his glorious resurrection and ascension; his continual intercession for us in heaven; and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, in thanksgiving, this holy and life-giving sacrifice. Look with favour on your Church's offering, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace. May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your saints.

With Him, and in Him, and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

(Continuing with the Lord's Prayer on Page 7 of the Booklet)