

## Weekly Services & Groups



### Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

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



### 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



### Open Church Thursdays 4pm – 6pm

Our Priest-in-Residence will be in the Church to share a prayer or just be a listening ear



### 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

**Bishop:** The Rt Revd Errol Brooks, N.E. Caribbean

**Priest in Charge:** The Revd Terrence Rawlins, St Martin

**Priest-in-Residence:** The Very Revd Kate Moorehead

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**Church Wardens:** Marjorie Romney, Trinette Wellesley-Wesley and Dr Richard Lester

**Treasurer:** Alex Harbord

**Vestry:** The Wardens, Dawn Drouant, Clarion Romney, Nancy Swann, Philip Trangmar and Lloyd Younger

**Music Director:** Ombeline Collin

**Sunday Pianist:** Christian 'Kiki' Petat

### AA Group:

Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm.

For more information please call or text:

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## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity 16th July 2017

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel reading we hear one of Jesus' best know parables – that of the sower sowing his seeds. It is a wonderful metaphor – and although we've all heard it many times before, do we really apply it in our own lives and how we live our own spirituality?

Perhaps we should listen a bit more openly today! Because how deeply we take in the words and teachings we hear on Sunday (the seeds!) is determined by the condition of our hearts – our hearts are the ground on which 'the seeds' fall.

Are our hearts stony, prickly, dry ... or fertile and welcoming? Acceptance of God's words and directions cannot be superficial but needs to have deep roots. Let's allow our hearts to provide the rich soil for our spiritual roots to grow.

With blessings,  
Philip

### Donations:

**We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and giving of our regular worshippers.**

**For more information about our 2017 budgeted income and expenditure, please take a copy of the letter from the Vestry at the back of the church.**

You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens (envelopes are available at the back of the Church to mail donations in the US), and you may also donate online by visiting our website.

### Friends of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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### Today's Hymns

**Processional:** Amazing Grace #27

**Gradual:** Be Still for the Presence of the Lord #53

**During Communion:** Father We Love You #126

**Recessional:** Shine Jesus Shine #317

### Letter to the Romans – Ch 8

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### The Gospel according to Matthew – Ch 13

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

"Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

"Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

"As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

"As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 disciples 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)*