Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist Sundays 9.30am - 10.30am

joyful music-filled service, combining traditional and modern worship denominations and spiritual seekers are welcome



Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm - 7.30pm

30 minutes of prayerful music & silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church, with chants based on the Taizé Community in France



Meditation Group Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm

A meditation group in English & French, focusing on inner peace and serenity - newcomers welcome and no prior experience necessary

AA Meetings:

Open Meetings in English take place four time a week in the Church Centre (to the left of the Church):

Monday: 8.30-9.30am **Tuesday:** 6.30-7.30pm Wednesday: 8.30-9.30am Friday: 6.30-7.30pm

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St. Bartholomew's **Anglican Church**

Sunday Pew Sheet 16th June 2024

Dear Friends.

Most of us realise that we are more than a collection of atoms, minerals and water; something more made us, and holds us together – but what is that..? It a mystery! That is unless we accept that the answer to the mystery is God, a higher power, or perhaps 'The Spirit'.

This last nomenclature 'The Spirit' is used a lot by Kahil Gibran, born into a Lebanese Christian family, but with a Muslim grandfather - he incorporated this feeling of religious mysticism into his writings and his art.

Overleaf is part of his main recognised work, The Prophet which was read at a wedding here in the church last week. And below is one of his drawings entitled: A Greater Beauty:



Today we have as our visiting priest the Very Rev'd Carol Wade, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, Kentucky. Please do show her a warm island welcome. With blessings,

Father Charlie & Philip

We need your support ...

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Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians - Ch 5

Brother and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a

human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Gospel according to Mark – Ch 4

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how."

The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

"It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Today's Hymns

Processional: Shine Jesus Shine #317

Gradual: Kum Bah Yah #289

During Communion: #299 Break Bread **Recessional:** He's got the whole world #206

A Reading from The Prophet by Kahil Gibran 'On Marriage'

Then Almitra spoke again and said, 'And what of marriage, master?'

And he answered saying:
'You were born together,
and together you shall be, for evermore.

You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.

Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be spaces in your togetherness. And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup, but drink not from the one cup.

Give one another of your bread, but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone.

Even as the strings of a lute are alone, though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together - yet not too near together,

for the pillars of the temple stand apart,

and the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

This is another of his quotes:

You are my brother/sister and I love you.
I love you when you prostrate yourself in your mosque,
and kneel in your church
and pray in your synagogue.
You and I are of one faith—the Spirit.