

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist **NB: new service time** Sundays 9.30am – 10.30am

A joyful music-filled service, combining traditional and modern worship – all 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 Thursdays 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 in the Church Centre (to the left of the Church):

Monday: 8.00-9.00am

Tuesday: 6.30-7.30pm

Wednesday: 8.00-9.00am

Friday: 6.30-7.30pm

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Guest Singer: Rob Tito



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent 19th March 2023

Dear Friends,

It is always a pleasure to be on the island during the Bucket Regatta. We get to see many large sailing yachts with their sails up (and sometimes spinnakers) racing around the island from the many vantage points/beaches - it is truly breath-taking.

And it was good to feel a small part of that with our Blessing of the Fleet service earlier this week (photos available in our weekly email).

Our thought for the week overleaf was in part inspired by the sermon we heard last week – in summary ... *When God says: Peace be with you. God means: Peace be with you ... and When God says: You are Forgiven. God means: You are Forgiven!*

This week we have the return visit of the Very Reverend Randy Hollerith, who is the dean of the National Cathedral in Washington DC. He is here with his wife Melissa for his second visit, having been with us in 2021.

Blessings,
Father Charlie & Philip

We need your support ... How to Give

We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – residents and long-term or short-term visitors.

There are 3 ways to donate:

(a) send a check to The Friends: see address below;
(b) online via the Church website: see the QR on the back page; or

(c) directly to the Church: please contact Philip Trangmar for details.

Methods 1 and 2 are donations to the Friends, our US 501(3)c, which are tax efficient for US citizens.

Friends of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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The Gospel

The Gospel according to John – Ch 9

As he 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 neighbours 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."

Today's Hymns

Processional: Immortal Invisible #242

Gradual: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace #328

During Communion: Bind us Together #60, #299

Recessional: Standing in the Need Of Prayer #256

Lenten Spirituality Discussion Group

During Lent we hold a **Spiritual Discussion Group** on Wednesdays at 11am in the Romney Hughes Church Centre, as well as on Zoom.

We are studying together **The Room Where It Happens** by **Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin** inspired by the award-winning stage musical **Hamilton**.

Thought for the Week

When God says ...

When God says: Peace be with you.

*God means: Peace be with you ...
so you can feel at peace*

When God says: You're forgiven.

*God means: You're forgiven ...
so you can feel forgiven*

When God says: Take and eat; take and drink.

*God means: Take and eat; take and drink ...
so you can feel close to God*

And when God says: Abide in my love.

*God means: Abide in God's love ...
so you can feel loved*

And live in that love.

It's not rocket science. It's just true ...

God loves us all.

And should you ever forget,

*it's the church's job to remind you;
as many times as you need it ... or want it.*

(Adapted from a sermon by the Revd Natalie Hall)

The Very Revd Randolph 'Randy' Hollerith is the Dean of the National Cathedral in Washington DC. Dean Hollerith was called to the Cathedral after serving as rector of St. James's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, for 16 years. He holds degrees from Denison University and Yale Divinity School. The Dean is married to the Revd Melissa Hollerith and is the proud father of two adult children.