



Anglican Church of Australia **Diocese of Melbourne**

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

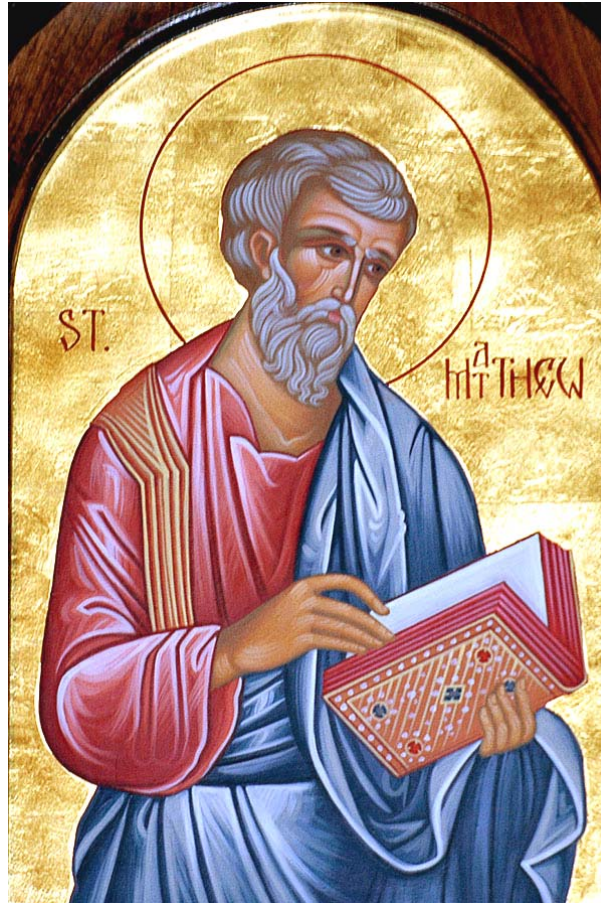
PARISH OF BURNLEY

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Worship Bulletin



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January, 2023

10.00am Sung Mass

Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city Anglican church in the progressive catholic tradition welcoming people of any race, language, culture, age, ability, gender or sexual orientation.



We recognize and give honour to the first peoples of Australia, and especially of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations, past, present, and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which this parish has its mission and ministry.

St Bartholomew's Church, Burnley

Our Vision

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom.

Our Mission

The Mission of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God
- To show mercy and compassion toward others
- To live with purity in motive and deed
- To be passionate for peace
- To persevere in the face of opposition

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley commits to meeting all of the standards of the Child Safety Code of Conduct of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and the Victorian Government's mandatory Child Safe Standards (Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015, Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Oversight and Enforcement of Child Safe Standards) Act 2016). The parish community seeks to promote the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal children, who come to us from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We also seek to ensure the safety of any child with a disability. The parish community affirms that all children who come to St Bartholomew's have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring that children's best interests are met within our parish. We have zero tolerance towards child abuse. The parish community actively works to listen to and empower children within our community.

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



If you want to ensure regular giving to St Bart's, but find you never have the right amount in cash, or are sometimes unable to attend on Sundays, then

St Bart's Direct Transfer may work for you.

Account Name: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Burnley

BSB: 703 122

Account Number: 05009430

As a reference you can use your own name, or you can use 'Offering' & your name will remain anonymous with your personal details not appearing on the St Bart's bank statement.

10:00am Sung Mass

Presider:	<i>Fr Graeme Brennan</i>
Deacon:	<i>Bp Alison Taylor</i>
Sub Deacon:	<i>Cynthia Nyholm</i>
Preacher:	<i>Rev. Debra Saffrey-Collins</i>
Organist:	<i>Linda Kent</i>
Mass Setting:	<i>Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias</i>

Organ Prelude

Gathering

The Hymn is sung as the Sacred Ministers enter to commence the liturgy.

Hymn: *Take up thy cross (AM 135)*

Invocation & Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ^{Matthew 4.23}

Kyrie Eleison

mp
Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy Lord, have mer -

cresc.
-cy. Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer -

mf *dim.* *mp*
-cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Invitation to Confession

Sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
 glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us: you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Collect

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to me and said:

‘There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ‘For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13 – 14

Response

The Lord is my light, and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R/-*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his face. *R/-*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. *R/-*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 13, 17 – 18

I appeal to you that all of you be in agreement & that there be no divisions among you.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (AM 374)



Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.



Gospel

Matthew 4: 12 – 23

Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through Isaiah might be fulfilled

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

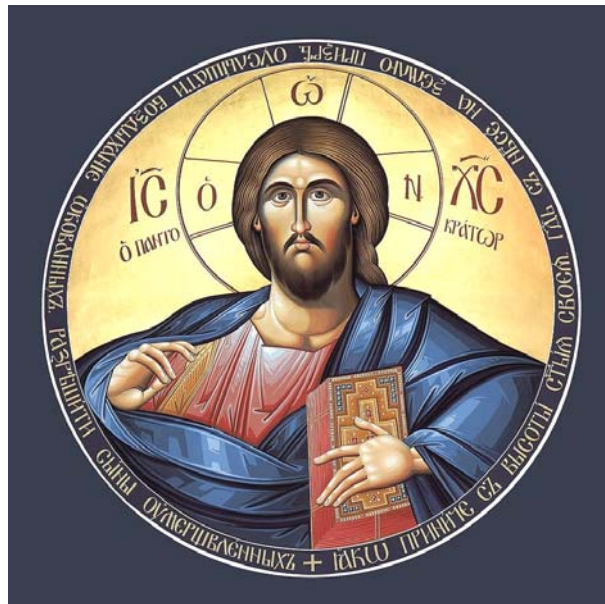
Sermon

Rev. Debra Saffrey-Collins

The Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the ☩ life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of the People

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer:

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *(Stand)*

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Peace is shared

Notices and announcements

The Sacrament

Offertory – Dear Lord and Father of mankind *(AM 621)*

During the Offertory Hymn the altar is prepared. Gifts of bread, wine and the collection are gathered and brought to the front of the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts, you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord. For he is the true high priest, who has freed us from our sins and made us a royal priesthood, to serve you, our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly__ Lord,

God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-

-san - na in__ the high - est. Bless - ed is he who_

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his Body and Blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread and says:

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'TAKE, EAT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

The Celebrant takes the cup and says:

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'DRINK FROM THIS ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty Resurrection and Ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone, you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ, receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry and pow'r are_

yours for ev - er and e - ver. A - men.

Rite of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

mp Je - sus, Lamb of God, have

mer - cy_ on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our_ sins, have

mer - cy_ on us. Je - sus, re-deem - er of the_ world,

grant us your peace, grant us_ your peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

✠ This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is administered with these or similar words:

The Body / Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Sentence

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life". ^{John 8.12}

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn – Church of God, elect and glorious (AM 488)

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing ✠ of God almighty **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Prayer Diary

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve: Joy, Milenka, Mira, Bruce, Hank, Robert, Bp John Parkes, Howard, Stephen, Gwen and Nilani.

Recently Departed: Rev Dr Ian Breward, Bro Placid Lawson, OSB.

and for those whose Anniversaries of death occur in Years mind:

Elaine Salvin & John Wilson (Bishop) (22nd), Jean Coish, Alan Patton & James Rigney (priest) (23rd), James Pollard (24th), Mabel Plain (25th), Rhys Couzza & Christopher Forno (26th), Jean Leslie (27th), Alice Skinner, Ian George (Bishop) & Colin Harvey (28th).

A Prayer for Ukraine

Lord of all the earth, be present with the people of Ukraine at this time of danger, fear and conflict. Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may yet prevail, and give to all suffering nations the freedom they desire and deserve. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Op shop opened on Thursday 19th January!

We are delighted to welcome to our pulpit this morning the Revd. Debra Saffrey-Collins. Debra is the leader of the chaplaincy team of the Brotherhood of Saint Laurence, a mix of lay and ordained women and men who work with teams, individual staff and volunteers, to express a vocation of loving service and pastoral care. Their inclusive care and support for people of diverse religious and cultural traditions is informed by and draws on the tradition of BSL's founder, Anglican priest, Fr Gerard Tucker. Debra's visit is timely, ushering in as it does, with the reopened, refurbished and restocked Op Shop, the promise of a fruitful partnership between St Bart's and the Brotherhood.

Looking for a New Vicar – Update

Parishioners will be pleased to know that the process for seeking a new vicar for St Bart's is underway. With 40 vacant parishes in the Diocese – a number of them catholic parishes – it is important that we are moving ahead.

The parish's nominators – Helen McDonald, the churchwardens' representative, Don Heath and Muriel Porter – met with the full Incumbency Committee just before Christmas. Other members of the full committee are our regional bishop, Bishop Genieve, our archdeacon, Yvonne Poon, an elected clergy consultant Canon Robert Vun, and an elected lay facilitator, Eric Smith.

The committee members had been sent copies of our Parish Profile in advance. They were pleased to hear that the Profile had been shared with parishioners, and that they were happy with it. It seems this does not happen in some parishes, where the Profile is apparently treated as a secret document!

The Incumbency Committee agreed on some names of potential vicars, whom the Bishop will now contact to see if they are interested. You will understand that we cannot share those names or discussions with anyone, as it is vitally important that any possible vicar feels confident that their privacy is being fully respected.

We can also report that Archdeacon Yvonne Poon was very impressed with our renovated vicarage when she made her required inspection before the Incumbency Committee meeting. She asked when she could move in!

We will keep the parish as fully informed as we are able as the process continues. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers for our role, and for the person God is calling to come to St Bart's as our next vicar.

Helen McDonald, Don Heath, Muriel Porter

Prayer at the Time of Choosing an Incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your Word and minister your Sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

For Your Diary

Sunday, 29 January, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

10.00am Sung Mass *and refreshments*

5.00pm Mass *in recess during January Holiday Period*

Monday, 30 January

10.00am to 12noon Richmond Churches Food Centre

Thursday, 26 January (Australia Day)

10.00am Mass

Thursday, 02 February (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10.00am Mass

Saturday, 04 February

10.30am Mass *Tim Collison's Ordination to the Diaconate,*
at St Paul's Cathedral

Sunday, 05 February, 23 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

10.00am Sung Mass

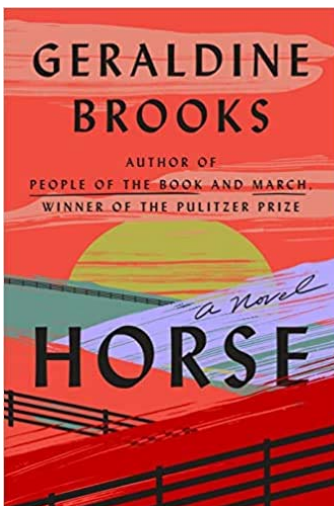
5.00pm Mass *resumes*

Tuesday, 14 February, 2023

7.30pm St Bart's Book Club in the Cafe

Tuesday, 21 February, 2023

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting



St Bart's Book Club, the Cafe Tuesday, 14 February

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, **Horse** is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

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2023 Parish Ministries

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(2nd Tuesdays of the month @
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Richmond Churches Food Centre

(Mondays, 10.00am to 12noon)

Manager: Francis Flood

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Social Enterprise Cafe

Committee Chair: Glenis Heath
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2023 Parish Governance



Churchwardens:

- Helen McDonald (People's)
- Cynthia Nyholm (People's)
- Glenis Heath (Vicar's)

Parish Council:

(meets 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm)

- Trevor Blake
- Glenis Heath
- Helen McDonald
- Cynthia Nyholm
- Dr Muriel Porter
- Tom Ransom

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Incumbency Committee:

- Don Heath
- Dr Muriel Porter
- Helen McDonald
(Churchwarden)

53rd Diocesan Synod

Representatives:

Ann Brady & Jonathon Harrison
Dhakshini Saravanamuttu
(alternate)

Child Safety & OHS

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Churchwarden with Oversight:

Glenis Heath

Compliance Officer:

Jonathon Harrison

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Worship Sunday

10.00am SUNG or SOLEMN MASS

5.00pm MASS in Holiday Recess during January

Mid-Week

Thursday 10.00am Mass

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Weekly Reflection

Dear Friends of St Bart's,

Today, the 22nd January, sees the 122nd anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria. The event is hardly likely to be noticed much in Anglican circles, partly because these days there seem to be fewer constitutional monarchists like me around the Church but also partly because Queen Victoria did not greatly like the Church of England.

Brought up by a strictly evangelical mother and deeply influenced by the Lutheranism of her husband, Prince Albert, she preferred Church services that were *'Protestant and Plain'*.

She strongly objected to *'vestments, bowing, incense, candles, processions and all that flummery.'* *'No religious act,'* she declared, *'ought ever to be allied to pomp and show.'* (I get the impression that she would not have been much *'amused'* by the liturgical observances of today.)

She regarded the office of Bishop of doubtful validity and described the Lambeth Conference of 1897 as a *'very ugly party'*.

Given attitudes such as these, it is not surprising that she felt more at home in the Presbyterian Church of Scotland and when staying at Balmoral it was her practice to receive Communion, not in the Episcopal Church in Braemar, but in the Church of Scotland at Crathie.

This scandalised the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean of Windsor and the Dean of Westminster, all of whom sent letters of solemn admonition.

Clergy invited to preach in the Queen's presence were told that the sermon should be *'orthodox, interesting and short'* and should emphasise the importance of faith, reason, duty and service.

She took no part in the theological disputes of the 19th century but, in any event, I'm sure she would have readily agreed with those often-quoted words of Reginald Somerset Ward: *'Many souls start their Christian journey with much theological baggage, but they end up with the Creed, trust, love and humility and find that these will carry them to the gates of Jerusalem.'*

Wishing you His Grace and Peace,

Fr Graeme (*Locum Tenens*)