

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

PARISH OF BURNLEY

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WORSHIP BULLETIN



First Sunday in Lent

26th February, 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>Bp Alison Taylor</i>
Deacon:	<i>Fr Jim Brady</i>
Sub Deacon:	<i>Dr Muriel Porter</i>
Preacher:	<i>Dr Muriel Porter</i>
Organist:	<i>Linda Kent</i>
Mass Setting:	<i>Mosman Service - Samuel Donovan</i>

GATHERING

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

Gathering Hymn: (TiS 684)

'Love will be our Lenten calling'

**Love will be our Lenten calling
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed cold, spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**

**Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

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

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4

Kyrie Eleison

Reflectively



The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mp* and a tempo marking of *2*. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer -". The second staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and continues the lyrics: "-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer -". The third staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mp* and ends with a *rit.* marking. The lyrics are: "-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.

(Silence may be kept)

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.**

TRISAGION

Sung three times

Ho-ly God, ho-ly and migh-ty, ho-ly and im - mor - tal,
have — mer - cy on us, have — mer - cy on us.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18,2-5; 3.1-7

The creation and the sin of our first parents.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51.1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15

Response



Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offences.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

R/.

My offences truly I know them,
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
what is evil in your sight I have done.

R/.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R/.

Give me again the joy of your help,
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

R/.

Second Reading

Romans 5.12, 17-19

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all, because all have sinned. If, because of the trespass of one, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as the trespass of one led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the disobedience

of one the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 4.1-11

Jesus fasted forty days and was put to the test.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After being baptized, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.

“Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Dr Muriel Porter

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 Hymn: (A&M 669)

'I heard the voice of Jesus say'

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.

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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance

that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
 we may grow in grace
 and learn to be your people once again.
 Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
 you bring us back to your generous heart.
 Through study of your holy word
 you open our eyes to your presence in the world
 and free our hands to welcome others
 into the radiant splendour of your love.
 As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
 with joyful hearts and minds
 we bless you for your mercy
 and join with saints and angels
 for ever praising you and *saying*:

(8) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

(8) might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

(8) san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

(8) comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God,
 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.

Hear us, merciful Lord;
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
sanctify this bread and wine,
that we who share in this holy sacrament
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread and says:

Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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:

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
'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, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT,
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a-gain.

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 hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are



yours for ev - er and ev - er. 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.

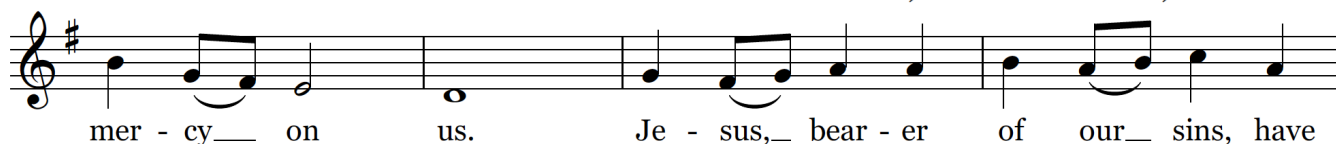
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We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

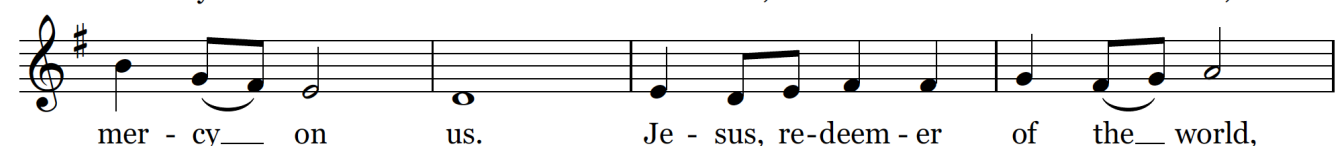
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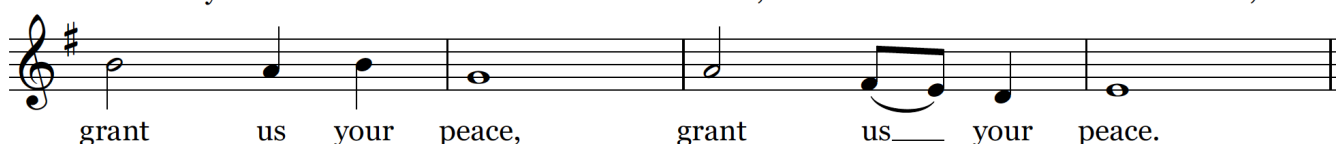
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have



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

The Most High will cover you with his wings; you will be safe under his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you. ^{Psalm 91.4}

Please stand

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: (A&M 121

'Forty days and forty nights'

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Christ our crucified Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him a sure hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing ✠ of God almighty **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

IT'S ROSTER TIME AGAIN.

Our Parish Administrator Warren Collins has emailed you about your availability for roles for our church services from 5 March to 23 April inclusive. Do take the time to reply—we need everyone's participation.

Changeovers in the Parish

Today is the last day with us for our Music Director Ms Linda Kent and we will be farewelling her during Morning Tea. Bp Alison Taylor concludes her period as Acting Vicar on Tuesday 28 February and Father Walter McEntee, the new Acting Vicar, commences on 1 March. The first Sunday Mass with Mr Stuart Connew, our new Music Director, is next Sunday, 5 March.

Garden Lunch Party 12 March

On 12 March, after a short morning tea, we will be holding a garden lunch party in our garden behind the church at St Bart's. We will be welcoming Father Walter McEntee, our new Acting Vicar, and Mr Stuart Connew, our new Music Director, and his wife Karen. Bring a plate of food to share and something to drink, also to share.

Election of new Synod Parish Representatives and Alternate Representative

The Archbishop's Mandate has been received for the election of Lay Representatives for the 54th Melbourne Synod, whose first session will be held later this year. There needs to be an election of two Synod representatives and one Synod alternate representative from St Bartholomew's. The election will be held on **19 March, immediately following Mass**. Nomination papers for Synod representatives and an alternate representative are available at the back of the church, on the table with the Worship Bulletins.

Nominations close immediately before Mass on 12 March and need to be placed in the hands of the Acting Vicar.

If the nominations equal the number required (two Synod representatives, and one alternate Synod representative) then no election will be required. If more nominations than vacancies are received, then the election proceeds immediately after Mass on 19 March. This will be by secret ballot.

If anyone wishes to participate in the election and they are not currently on the electoral roll, they need to obtain a form from the Hon. Parish Secretary, Dr Muriel Porter.

Meet the new...

Acting Vicar

Fr Walter McEntee is a highly experienced locum vicar, having faithfully served in this role in a number of parishes over the past ten years. A church historian and former theological lecturer, he brings a wealth of knowledge of the church to his role. A priest since 1968, he has served as a chaplain in hospitals and schools, and continues as the chaplain to the Diocese's Anglican Historical Society.

Director of Music

Stuart Connew, a trained teacher, has been a church organist for more than 50 years. In this time, he has trained children's choirs, adult choirs, school choirs, and chapel choirs ranging from small parish church choirs to a Cathedral choir. A committed Anglican worshipper, he has served as Director of Music in a number of parishes as well as in independent schools. He brings great experience and infectious enthusiasm to the role. He and his wife Karen are already friends of St Bart's, and are looking forward to being part of our parish community.

Both Fr Walter and Stuart will begin at St Bart's from 1 March. Please make them very welcome.

Prayer Diary

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

Recently Departed:

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

Alexander Davies-Lazaridis & Paul Hubber (26th), Estelle Bray, Helene Collier, Friedel Kober, Ilma McLeod & Elaine Warne (28th), Edna Wright (29th) and Charles Buick [priest] (1st).

Turkey/Syria earthquake

There will be a retiring collection today for aid for the people suffering through this terrible tragedy. Please give generously. Money collected will be forwarded to Anglican Overseas Aid who have set up a Rapid Response Emergency Fund. There is a collection bowl at the back of the church. If you are making a more substantial donation, you can go online to Anglican Overseas Aid at <https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/> and receive a receipt which can be used for a tax deduction.

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.**

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.**

Parish Council Report to the Parish

February 2023

Parish Council had a lot of bread-and-butter matters to catch up on at our February meeting after the long summer break, together with planning for the great Christian seasons of Lent and Easter, now underway. As well, we put in place arrangements for two forthcoming events.

As you will see elsewhere in the bulletin, now that the Archbishop has issued the mandate for the next Diocesan three-year Synod, we have scheduled the election of our parish Synod representatives for 19 March.

Then on 6 May, the parish will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III! Parishioners are invited to watch the historic ceremony that evening in the Guild Room over dinner. The wardens will form a committee of some parishioners to plan a wonderful party. Put the date in your diary now, and start looking out your tiaras! More details later.

Parish Council has also taken steps to ensure that the security of our buildings and personnel working on the site is fully protected; a key register will be created so we know who has access to the church, hall and vicarage, and the number of keys signed out will be strictly limited.

Parish Council thanked Bishop Alison Taylor for the huge amount of work she has undertaken for the parish in a myriad behind-the-scenes ways in the three weeks she has been our Acting Vicar.

Parishioners are reminded that confirmed Parish Council minutes are available to read in the folder at the rear of the church.

Muriel Porter, Hon. Parish Secretary.

For Your Diary

Today, 26th February, 2023 – 1st Sunday in Lent (Year A)

10.00am Solemn Mass *5.00pm Mass in recess until further notice*

Monday, 27 February

10.00am to 12noon Richmond Churches Food Centre

Tuesday, 28 February

9.30am to 5.00pm St Bart's Brotherhood Op Shop (Tuesday to Saturday)

Wednesday, 1 March

Fr Walter McEntee commences as Acting Vicar of St Bart's

Thursday, 2 March

10.00am Mass

9.30am to 5.00pm St Bart's Brotherhood Op Shop (Tuesday to Saturday)

7:30pm Lenten Studies commence in the Guild Hall

Sunday, 5 March, – 2nd Sunday in Lent (Year A)

10.00am Solemn Mass

Thursday, 9 March

7:30pm Lenten Studies in the Guild Hall

Sunday 12 March

Prior to 10 am Mass, nominations for Synod representatives and Synod alternate representative closes.

Garden Lunch in the church grounds.

Thursday, 16 March

7:30pm Lenten Studies in the Guild Hall

Sunday, 19 March

Immediately after 10 am Mass, election for Synod representatives and Synod alternate representative if more nominations than vacancies.

Thursday, 23 March

7:30pm Lenten Studies in the Guild Hall

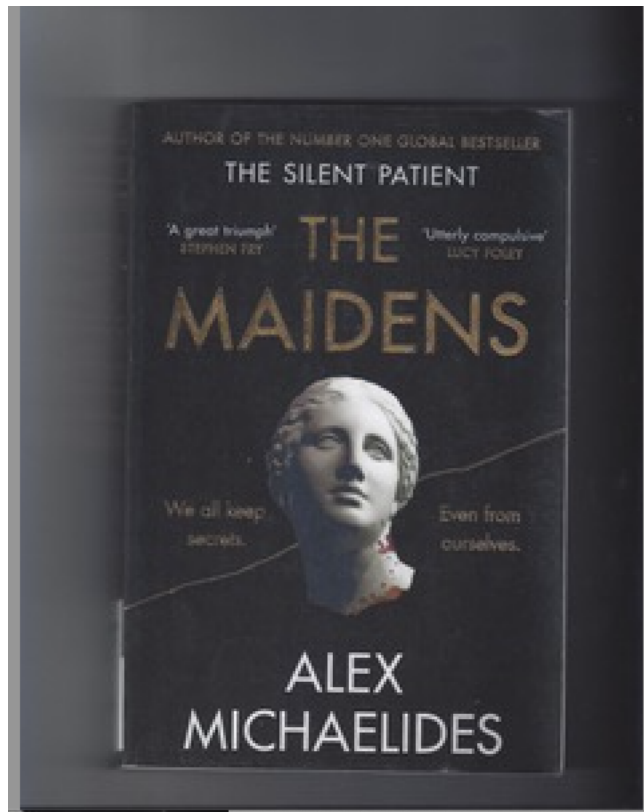
St Bart's Book Club

Tuesday 14 March

Café 7.30pm

Refreshments provided

The book we are discussing is:



'Absolutely brilliant....I read it in a state of intense, breathless excitement and never saw the ending coming.

Not for a second!'

Comments Stephen Fry

Ann Brady

WORSHIP SUNDAY

10.00am Sung or Solemn Mass

5.00pm MASS in recess until further notice

Mid-Week

Thursday 10.00am Mass

Ministry Team

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Book Club

*(2nd Tuesdays of the month @
7.30pm in Café)*

Co-ordinator: Ann Brady

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ICON OF THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

The icon on the cover of today's Worship Bulletin illustrates Christ's temptations and contains elements of his battle to resist the tempter. There are several variations of this icon. A popular version that has been chosen for today, is a Russian icon that shows the Baptism of Jesus with scenes of his temptation illustrated around the borders and background. It is an icon made of egg tempera on a gold background with gold engravings, but particularly it tells a story that is important for all Christianity.

Many of you will know that the Temptations of Christ is a biblical narrative telling an interesting and moral story about Satan's attempt to deflect Jesus from his true mission. According to the Gospels of Matthew (4:1-11), Luke (4: 1-13) and Mark (1:12-13), Satan appeared to Christ during his isolation in the Judean desert after being baptized by John in the river Jordan. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights and became physically exhausted. The devil took advantage of this and tried to tempt Jesus. First, the devil, as shown in the upper left-hand corner of the icon, tells Jesus that if he were the Son of God, he could turn stones into bread. Secondly, the devil took Jesus up to the top of the Temple, seen at the top of the right-hand corner and suggested he throw himself off the top to prove God would save him. Thirdly, the devil showed Jesus the nations of the world as seen in the background of the icon, and promised glory if he would bow down and worship him. These three vices – hedonism, egoism, and materialism – were refused by Jesus. From this we can conclude that as Jesus refused these vices, there is a lesson for us to also overcome evil when we are tempted.

As an interesting aside, the Empress Theodora of Byzantium brought about the definitive restoration of icons to the Orthodox church in 843CE with a procession of icons to the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople now Istanbul. This event is known as the 'Triumph of Orthodoxy.' The Orthodox Church continues to celebrate this occasion each year on the first Sunday of Lent. Thus, we can say that the first Sunday in Lent is especially important both in Eastern and Western Christianity.

Dr Alison Asquith

Texts used were: Marcus J. Borg, (2012), *Speaking Christian*, Harper Collins, New York; Leonid Ouspensky and Vladimir Lossky (1982), *The Meaning of Icons*, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, New York; and Jeanne Visel (2016), *Icons in the Eastern Tradition: Toward a More Sacramental Encounter*, Liturgical Press, Minnesota.

ACTING VICAR'S LETTER



This is my last Sunday as Acting Vicar and the First Sunday in Lent. May I say first what a privilege it has been to minister to the people of St Bartholomew's during these short three weeks. I will still be here in the parish as one of the honorary associate members of clergy, and I will enjoy again mostly sitting in the pews for the Sunday mass.

My final message to you is not to ignore or waste Lent this year (or any year). It is a wonderful gift from the great Church year to all of us. Lent reminds us to whom we belong, who is it that loves us without limit, who it is who longs for a closer relationship with us. If you are new to the idea of observing a Lenten discipline, consider taking a small step in one of the three great Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. For prayer, perhaps pray daily with an online site, such as the Irish Jesuits' <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> , or join the Church of England's online Daily Prayer service

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> , or be part of St Bart's Lenten studies series on Thursday evenings. For fasting, perhaps refrain from eating sugar, or limit the hours you watch TV, or abstain from gossip. For almsgiving, perhaps give generously to the Richmond food centre, or introduce one of the children in your life to the idea of giving to a charity and show how you do it, or give some of your time up to volunteer in our BSL/St Bart's op shop.

It is also important to reflect on what your Lenten prayer, fasting or almsgiving has taught you about what it is that pulls you away from loving God, loving others, and loving yourself well and what it is that draws you closer to God, to others and to your own self by these Lenten disciplines.

I wish you a holy Lent.

Bishop Alison Taylor