

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
PARISH OF BURNLEY



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10TH MAY 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God;
during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Bartholomew's,

Thursday this week we observe the Feast of the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist at 7.30pm. Please note the change of time.

There will be no Mass at 10am on this day.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed the success of Our Melba Concert Unfortunately I could not attend as I had commitment in Perth booked 12 months ago. Arrangements are now in hand for our next major event the Launch of our centenary program. Please note the details and encourage friends and family to attend. Our Regional Bishop Alison Taylor will be present, and it would be great to see a full if not overflowing attendance.

Fr Ray

Centenary Year Plans

St Bartholomew's Burnley parish events update for our centenary year.



St Barts - Celebrating 100 years of worship and community service

2026 marks the Centenary of St Bartholomew's Anglican church in Burnley St, Richmond: a beacon for worship, faith and inclusion through the Great Depression, Second World War, to the social and technological challenges we face today.

Join us as we celebrate with these community events:

- ▲ 9 May, 5.30 pm - Nellie Melba's Birthday Concert with Melba Opera Trust singers
- ▲ 31 May, 3.00 pm - Choral Evensong, historical display, entertainment, refreshments and silent auction supported by local businesses.
- ▲ 23 August - 5.00 pm Choral Evensong for St Bartholomew's Day
- ▲ 13 September - Creation and environment Sunday with Jo Knight from Anglican Overseas Aid and forum on Climate change
- ▲ 25 October - Dedication Festival Choral Eucharist to celebrate the 100 years.

Faith into the future

Mass Setting Dudman

INTROIT Hymn AM 609 Christ is the Worlds Light

Sentence 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises,' and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our homes with them. '

The priest says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Risen Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Silence is kept

Lord, like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Like the disciples behind closed doors, we fear to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe and to trust in you. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Absolution

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

Kyrie eleison sung

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy**

The Gloria is sung

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eternal God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

At the time of choosing an incumbent {we say together}

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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor^[i] he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God^[i] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Reader Hear the word of the Lord

ALL Thanks be to God

Psalm 66.7-19

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. *R v. 1*
Christopher Willcock SJ

R Let all the earth cry out to God with joy:

Al - le - lu - ia; cry out: Al - le - lu - ia!

A reading from 1Peter3.8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called--that you might inherit a blessing. 10 For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; 11 let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

ALL Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Reader: The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Mother Dorothy Lee

THE NICENE 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 FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

For the Leaders of the world that they will end conflict and seek to bring harmony and justice to the whole of creation.

FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE
Bruce, Jack, Nanette, Liam, Craig, Helen, Marilyn, Marcus, Alan and Lee, Jean and family, David and family

FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Knowles

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK:
Eileen Heden, Bill Hood, Stanley Merrall, John Gabrie
Florence Broughton, Philip Parkes, Bruno Kober, Lawrence
Littlewood, Jonathan Chambers, and Ellenor Henley

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 GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

OFFERTORY HYMN AM 812 Through all the changing seasons

During the singing of the Hymn a collection will be taken. Electronic giving is available at the entrance to the Church.

THE EUCHARIST

We now lift up to God the world and the church as we offer prayers and thanksgiving.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God forever

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 right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten
Son and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought
from nothing a universe of
beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in
your image, and endowed us
with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and
searched us out, making a
covenant of mercy,
giving the law, teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every
time and place, singing the eternal
song:

sung

**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in
all things, even to death on a
cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin and putting death to flight.

You raised him from
death, exalting him
to glory
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food
with his friends, his companions on
the way.

While at the table he took
bread, blessed, and
broke it,
and giving it to them,
said: 'Take, eat; this is
my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to
them, and said, 'This is my blood of
the covenant,
which is poured out for
many. Do this in
remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Sung

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey
his command, we remember
his life of obedience to you, his
suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us forever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving, and send your Holy
Spirit upon us and our celebration that
all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's
body and blood to serve you in the
world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the
everlasting gospel of Jesus
Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and
in whom, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

sung

**Blessing and honour and
glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread.**

All who wish to come are welcome for this is the table of the Risen Lord.

The words of administration are:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God,

**make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,
and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus
when he meets us,
wherever we are on the road.**

Most Loving God,

**You send us into the world you love
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
In the power of your spirit**

Recessional Hymn AM 708 Lift up your hearts

BLESSING

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Rosters

	10th May	17th May
1st Reading	Daniel Brace	Prue Borthwick
2nd Reading	Kathy Kozlowski	Greg Scott
Intercessions	Prue Borthwick	Michael McGirr
Euch. Assistant	Jonathon Harrison	Kim Ricketts
Welcomers	Anne Czech + Kim Ricketts	Kathy Kozlowski +Anne Czech
Hospitality	Kathy Kozolowski + Martyn Smith	Evan Costello +Kim Ricketts

**Ascension Day 14th May at 7.30pm.
Please note no 10am Eucharist**

