

## Sunday 29 October 17 – Bible Sunday

### The Collect

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our leaning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **AMEN**

### Old Testament Reading – Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12 (NRSVA)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.<sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.<sup>4</sup> The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'<sup>11</sup> So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.'<sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSVA)

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.<sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.<sup>14</sup> Above

all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:30-35 (NRSVA)

<sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory.<sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

### *The Lesson of the Fig Tree*

<sup>32</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.<sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.<sup>34</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

#### **Weds 1 Nov**

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

#### **Sun 5 Nov – All Saints/All Souls**

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Hovey

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

*Anthem: GJEILO – Ubi Caritas*

12:15pm Baptism event

6.00pm All Souls Service

*Anthems: GJEILO – Ubi Caritas*

*CHILCOTT – Irish Blessing*

# Weekly Information Sheet



29 October 2017  
Bible Sunday

*PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU as a reference source during the coming week.  
Also check the website for any breaking news and for much more information.*

## ALL SOULS AND ADVENT TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday 5 November at 6.00pm we shall be holding our annual All Souls' Service at which we read out the names of all those for whom we have taken funerals during the past twelve months. However, if you would like to remember and celebrate the lives of others who have passed away recently or in previous years, please record their names on the list on the cross pew so we can read their names out as well. You will also find forms on the cross pew to sign up for the Advent Tree of Remembrance, which records the names of those we have loved and lost, and which will be switched on at our Service of Light on Sunday 3 December at 6.00pm.

## PLANNED GIVING CARDS



Attractive planned giving cards will be available at the door of the church for those who give financially to St Bart's in ways other than by cash or giving envelopes placed in the collection plate, for example by direct debit or standing order. If this applies to you, please pick up one of the cards and place it in the collection plate during the offertory so you feel included in the thanksgiving offered at every service for the financial generosity of the congregation.

## WINTER MARKET 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

We would like donations of items for the following stalls at the Winter Market: New Gifts, Bottles, Christmas Decorations, Stocking fillers and Cakes. A box will put at the back of the church from 13 Nov for your donations; alternatively please contact L'nora and she collect from you.

## CHURCH OPENING & CLOSING TEAM

Are you able to help open and close the church from Monday to Saturday? The team operates a 3 week rota and church is opened around 9am and closed at dusk. Contact Jessica Webb (01249 716277) for further details.

**FAIRTRADE STALL** - will be available next Sunday after the 10am service.

## DIARY DATES

<b>Weds 1 Nov</b>	6.30pm	Brigade meet for games at Corsham School Gym
<b>Thurs 2 Nov</b>	7.30pm	House Group meets
<b>Fri 3 Nov</b>	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team C)
	3.30pm	Messy Church in Church House
<b>Weds 8 Nov</b>	7.30pm	PCC Meets in Church House
<b>Sat 11 Nov</b>	10.30am	Admin & Comms Meeting

## MEN'S GROUP

The group meets this month 30th October 2017 at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak when Ernest Hird will give us a talk on 'The Corsham Alms Houses'. **Please note this is a week later than normal because of half term.**

## HOUSE GROUP

On Thursday 2nd November we meet at 21 Orchard Road (the home of Mike & Chris Alexander) at 7:30pm for a social evening with hot buffet. Please contact Chris Alexander (01249) 716676 regarding what food/drink to bring.



## MOTHERS UNION

Our speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 1 November will be Tom Daley from Bristol Refugee Rights. The centre in Bristol helps refugees to learn English and Maths and also provides them with food.

### For More information:

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**PASTORAL VISITING:** If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care please contact L'nora Olney on 01225 859202 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. These might include a visit at home or in hospital and/or the provision of home communion.

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for inclusion in each Sunday's sheet should be submitted not later than **MIDDAY on the preceding Wednesday.**

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