## Weekly Services & Groups



### Family Eucharist NB: <sub>new service</sub> 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 Wednesdays 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: 8.30-9.30am

 Tuesday:
 6.30-7.30pm

 Wednesday:
 8.30-9.30am

 Friday:
 6.30-7.30pm

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# St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

## Fifth Sunday of Easter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Dear Friends

On the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we have the Rev'd Tony Jewiss with us again. Father Tony was born in the UK and raised in New Zealand, and after working for Qantas Airlines was called to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church and served as a priest in the dioceses of Los Angeles and Long Island in the USA. He is now 'semiretired' and living between Palm Springs, California and Carcassonne in Southern France, where he officiates at an Anglican Church, part of the Diocese of Europe.



Details from The First Vine by Salvador Dali

During this Easter Season, we are including some helpful resources, such as this watercolour by Salvador Dali from his *Biblica Sacra* series.

And overleaf there is a poem by Christina Rosetti (who the Church of England celebrate each year on 27<sup>th</sup> April) about how the easiest path in life is not always the right one!

With Eastertide Blessings, Father Charlie & Philip

## We need your support ...

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

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### **The Readings**

## Acts of the Aposotles – Ch 8

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.

He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## The Gospel according to John – Ch 15

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower.

"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

"Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

"You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

"Abide in me as I abide in you.

"Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. "I am the vine, you are the branches

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"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

"Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Processional: Shine Jesus Shine #317Gradual: Kum Bah Yah #289During Communion: #299, Peace, Perfect Peace #414Recessional: Give Me Joy in my Heart #153

## Thought for the week

### Amor Mundi (Love of the World) by Christina Rosetti

"Oh where are you going with your love-locks flowing On the west wind blowing along this valley track?" "The downhill path is easy, come with me an it please ye, We shall escape the uphill by never turning back."

So they two went together in glowing August weather, The honey-breathing heather lay to their left and right; And dear she was to dote on, her swift feet seemed to float on The air like soft twin pigeons too sportive to alight.

"Oh what is that in heaven where gray cloud-flakes are seven, Where blackest clouds hang riven just at the rainy skirt?" "Oh that's a meteor sent us, a message dumb, portentous, An undeciphered solemn signal of help or hurt."

"Oh what is that glides quickly where velvet flowers grow thickly, Their scent comes rich and sickly?" "A scaled and hooded worm." "Oh what's that in the hollow, so pale I quake to follow?" "Oh that's a thin dead body which waits the eternal term."

"Turn again, O my sweetest, — turn again, false and fleetest: This beaten way thou beatest I fear is hell's own track." "Nay, too steep for hill-mounting; nay, too late for cost-counting: This downhill path is easy, but there's no turning back."