



St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday August 25th 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Services today and through the summer: 08:30, 10:30

Wednesday: Evening Prayer 19:30 held on Zoom during August.

Sunday school: Sunday school resumes on the 8th September.

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Hymns

SSG 46 This is the day

160 We love the place, O God

283 Christ is made the sure foundation(5,6,9)

472 How shall I sing that majesty



A warm welcome to all our

visitors.

Please join us for refreshments on the patio after the 10:30 service.



Readings

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

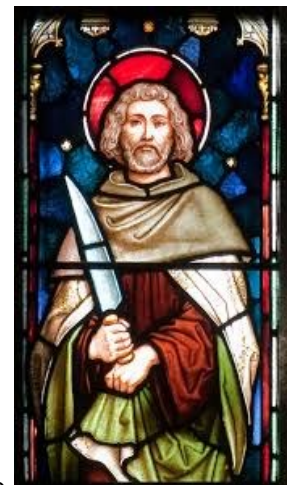


This Sunday, Fr Paul Ormrod, one of our "old" chaplains, will celebrate his final Eucharist in St John's Church, Montreux before retiring. Please keep him and Jill in your prayers as we wish him a long and happy retirement.



Bartholomew the Apostle, 24th August.

Like so many characters from the early life of the church, we know very little about the apostle Barnabas. He is mentioned in all three of the synoptic gospels and Acts but not in John. Scholars think that he might be the Nathanael mentioned in John because there is no apostle called Nathanael in the other Gospels. The earliest mention in Church history is by Eusebius (4th century) and St Jerome (late 4th century) who talk of Barnabas being a missionary in India. There is some debate as to whether the India mentioned is the geographical India that we know, it is possible that it really referred to Armenia or even Azerbaijan where he is said to have been executed and beheaded. Barnabas is certainly celebrated in the Armenian Apostolic Church as well as the Eastern Orthodox and Russian Orthodox churches. Perhaps that is a clue about where he actually travelled. The account and site of his martyrdom is also quite varied, but the iconography generally used is that of a skin and knives to indicate that he was flayed alive. It is sometimes hard to believe the brutality of man. Wherever and however he was martyred, his supposed relics are to be found in a widespread area. Sicily, Lipari, Benevento, Rome, Frankfurt and Canterbury are all places said to house various bones. He is the patron saint of a wide variety of crafts: tanners, plasterers, tailors, leatherworkers, bookbinders, farmers, housepainters, butchers and glove makers are all to some extent associated with the method of his martyrdom. In the UK there have been Bartholomew fairs since Saxon times, two of them, Smithfield, London and Crewkerne, Somerset are mentioned in the Domesday Book. The oldest hospital still working in Britain is St Bartholomew's (Barts) in London where a public entrance built in the time of Henry VIII is still in use. Readers of popular fiction will know that the chemical laboratory of St Barts was the place where Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were first introduced to one another. Perhaps Holmes could have unravelled the mysterious life of Bartholomew the Apostle!



1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

27 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

41 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ♦
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: ♦
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: ♦
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, ♦
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
- 5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, ♦
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
- 6 They will go from strength to strength ♦

- 7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; ♦
listen, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God, ♦
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts ♦
is better than a thousand.
- 10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God ♦
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; ♦
he will give grace and glory; ♦
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord God of hosts, ♦
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6: 56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever. ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?' ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'