



## **BART'S BUZZ**

### **FOR THE WEEK OF**

### **JANUARY 4-11, 2026**

### **ST. BARTHOLOMEW ANGLICAN CHURCH – WINNIPEG**

#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that we live and work in Treaty 1, 2 and 3 Territory, which is the ancestral traditional land of the Indigenous peoples, and is common home to everyone in virtue of God, our Creator's, gracious gift.*

#### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To embrace, encourage and empower people in their faith journey; to discern and participate in God's Work in the world."*

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026– 2nd after Christmas – Epiphany of the Lord**

### **Holy Eucharist**

**Hymns:** CP # 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory; CP # 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (V1-5); CP # 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; CP # 137 What Child is This; CP # 123 Once in Royal David's City

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Vestment Colour** - White

## **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Local, National, and International Leadership we pray for

- Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Shane Parker
- National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer
  - General Secretary (Lutheran World Federation) The Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt
  - National Indigenous Archbishop, The Rt. Rev. Chris Harper
  - Bishop— Rt. Rev. Naboth Manzongo
  - Outgoing Executive Archdeacon, The Ven. Simon Blaikie
  - Incoming Executive Archdeacon, The Rev. Dr. Iain Luke
  - Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod, Bishop Jason Zinko
  - Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, The Most. Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson
  - President of the Elder's Conference (Northern Province) in the Moravian Church in Canada, The Rev. David E. Bennett and District President (Canadian District) of the Moravian Church in Canada, Mr. David Jones

In the Anglican Communion Worldwide, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. In the ELCIC, we pray for Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University. In the Diocese of Rupert's Land, we pray for our congregations and communities.

### **Prayer Requests**

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Sally; Avet; Sandy and Debbie, Jean, Kathy, Lorna, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Ted, Michelle, Iris, Lorraine, Susan, Janice R., Carol, Gary and Georgina, Denise, Janice B. and the Barnard family.

***Please communicate all prayer requests either by the form available at the back of the church or by email to Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter at [helenhunter3339@gmail.com](mailto:helenhunter3339@gmail.com) or Val Ross at [valerie8ross@gmail.com](mailto:valerie8ross@gmail.com) or to the office at [stbartswpg@gmail.com](mailto:stbartswpg@gmail.com).***

***Phone calls to the parish office at (204)257-8594 on Tuesday or Friday are another way of communicating.***

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Message from the Rector's Desk**

#### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:10-11).

#### ***TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM – TREASURE***

Like the Magi, when they heard about the goodnews of Christ's birth, they had a mission to find out exactly what the mystery behind this news was. Thus, they were led to where Baby Jesus was born - "When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy" (Matthew 2:10). What this new year offers you depends on what you offer the new year. Our attitude should be all about perspective and intention to apply this either to our personal spiritual or corporate growth as a Church. Instead of waiting for the new year to bring opportunities, like the Magi, we're encouraged to be proactive and shape our own path. This mindset aligns with the theme of our personal growth and self-improvement as well, especially if we consider our Five Marks of Mission as Christians and Anglicans - ***TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM – TREASURE***. The Anglican Five Marks of Mission are a beautiful framework for living out faith in action.

What are you offering the new year? It's about being intentional and generous. Just as the Magi brought valuable gifts, we too can offer our time, talents, and resources to shape our year as Christ's people. Let us think about what we want to achieve or experience in the new year and now consider what we are willing to offer or invest like the Magi:

- **Gold:** What valuable skills, time, or resources can you leverage in proclaiming the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ? (e.g., dedicating time to support people in need of help instead of criticizing them, helping to support people in the community to share the good news by our loving service, learning a new skills for spiritual growth and church development, etc.)
- **Frankincense:** How will you prioritize self-care, relationships, or spiritual growth? (e.g., meditation and self-reflection, quality time in prayer, reading the Word, spending quality time with our loved ones and those who need support, especially those we think that might be vulnerable among us)
- **Myrrh:** As a Church and faith community, what sacrifices or adjustments are needed for our growth? What habits or patterns are we willing to let go of or sacrifice for growth?  
Are we letting go and letting God? (e.g., limiting time on things that would not inspire us or others around us, unhealthy habits of not thinking positively of our ministries, pulling down instead of lifting ourselves up, especially in a time like this in our world where negativities have taken toll on our human endeavours, etc.)

As people of God, what the Magi did is meant for us to be holistic, outward-focused, and rooted in our faith journey this year. What's your take on this Magi mission to the star - Jesus? Are you willing to be part of a faith community and Jesus movement exploring new horizons for the Church?

Once again Happy New Year and may your journey this year like the Magi be a rewarding one. Amen.

*The Reverend Wilson Akinwale*  
*Rector/Incumbent*

## **PRIVATE EVENTS**

The Girl Guides meet in the Upper Hall on Monday and the Scouts meet on Wednesday.

Please check the Event Schedule on our website - [Events | St Bartholomew Anglican Church](#)

## **ST. BART'S MUSIC LIBRARY**

We are looking to expand our music library. If anyone has CD's that we could borrow to download please let the office know. If anyone has any other ideas to help with our Worship Music let Rev. Wilson know

## **WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING**

We have started recording our weekly worship services. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@st.bartschurch> or on our website - [Weekly Service Recording | St Bartholomew Anglican Church](#)

**St. Bart's Website -** <http://www.stbartsmb.ca>

## **ALONGSIDE HOPE - PREVIOUSLY - PRIMATES WORLD DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Just a reminder to St. Bart's Parishioners about the good work the Alongside Hope/PWRDF is doing in our world. Please check out their website – <https://pwrdf.org/> - to see all the valuable work they are doing.

**ALONGSIDE HOPE NOW ACCEPTS E-TRANSFERS!** It's a quick, easy and secure way to send your gift. Here's how:

- Set up Alongside Hope in your online banking as a payee, using the email address [\*\*etransfer@alongsidehope.org\*\*](mailto:etransfer@alongsidehope.org).

- Choose Alongside Hope from your list of payees and fill in the amount you'd like to give.
- In the memo field, add your mailing address, phone number and email address. This is very important, so that we can properly record your gift and send you a tax receipt.

That's it! Your funds will be auto-deposited and you will receive an email confirmation. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at 1-866-308-7973 or **[info@alongsidehope.org](mailto:info@alongsidehope.org)**

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