



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 1, 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, February 22, 2026–1st Sunday of Lent **Morning Prayer @ 10:30**

Hymns: CP # 3 Morning Has Broken; Spirit of Gentleness; CP # 522 Rock of Ages; CP # 461 Rock of Ages

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Vestment Colour – Violet

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
 - 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 Ireland. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton. In the Council of the North, we pray for the Diocese of Quebec. In the ELCIC, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of Eastern Synod. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for the anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum on March 1, 1457, in Bohemia. Together we pray for an end to human trafficking and modern slavery. In the WCC, we pray for Ecumenical France, Germany, Monaco. 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, Lorna, Elizabeth, Ted, Michelle, Iris, Susan, Janice R., Carol, Mary Jean, Shannon and Gary.

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 or Val Ross at valerie8ross@gmail.com or to the office at stbartswpg@gmail.com.

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Val Ross in loving memory her family.

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

"He was Tempted but Never Sinned"

As we begin our Lenten journey this week, like Jesus Christ, there is no doubt that we will be faced with many temptations in our walk with one another and through our daily endeavours. However, we are encouraged as disciples of His teaching to stay strong with a call to be "honest... as we allow Christ to search us and know us," (because) He Himself was "confronted with temptation not by grasping with power, but by entrusting himself wholly to the Father. Lent shapes that same postures in us. It reorders our love and strengthens our obedience...A praying Church becomes a discerning Church. A generous Church becomes a credible witness. A disciplined Church becomes a resilient Church" [See and read more on Lent 2026 Episcopal Pastoral Letter from our Bishop].

In our faithful commitment as Christ's disciples, the words of Pope Francis capture the realities of our life during this season of self-reflection, self-examination to renew ourselves body, mind and spirit. That is we are enjoined to:

Fast from **HURTFUL** words and speaking **KIND** words.
SADNESS and be filled with **GRATITUDE**.
Fast from **ANGER** and be filled with **HOPE**.
Fast from **PESSIMISM** and be filled with **JOY**.
Fast from **WORRIES** and **TRUST** in **GOD**.

Fast from **COMPLAINTS** and contemplate **SIMPLICITY**.
Fast from **PRESSURES** and be **PRAYERFUL**.
Fast from **BITTERNESS** and fill your heart with **JOY**.
Fast from **SELFISHNESS** and show others **COMPASSION**.
Fast from **GRUDGES** and be **RECONCILED**.
Fast from **WORDS** and be **SILENT** do that you can **LISTEN**.

This season of Lent is not just about going without meals or any cravings, but about self discipline with all mentioned above in living in that reality of the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11, so that the world around us knows that we are children of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Reverend Wilson Akinwale
Rector

PARISH NEWS

NEW TENANTS

We are pleased to welcome the faith group – Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia to our church. They will be sharing on worship space on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 7 pm and will be holding choir practises on Friday evenings. They are a lovely group of people that are eager to help us where they can. They will begin their tenancy in April but will not be holding services until after the Easter season.

LAY READER AND LECTOR WORKSHOP – Thursday, March 3 at 7pm

All Lay Readers, Lay Administrants and Readers (lectors) are encouraged to join this workshop on Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm.

Thank you to all who share in this ministry. We will be holding this workshop in person to share ideas regarding the Sunday Worship Schedule and the roles and responsibilities of these positions.

If you are not yet involved in this ministry but are interested, please attend the meeting. For those that are currently reading or administering, please let Rev. Deacon Helen know if you are able to attend.

INCOME TAX FORMS

Your donation tax receipts were emailed last week. I know that there have been some issues with people not receiving them and I have heard from a number of you and have printed copies as requested. They are on the front table of the church to be picked up. If you have requested a copy to be mailed that has been done. If anyone else requires a printed copy please let the office know.

THELMA WYNNE BABY SHOWER – February 22, 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – March 1, 2026 after Sunday Worship Service.

The Nomination Committee would like to know of those people that might be interested in any of the following positions: Vestry, People's Warden, Synod Delegates and Alternates. If you are interested, please contact either Ken Joyal or Michelle Jonson.

The Annual AGM Report is attached to this email. I encourage everyone to read the reports. As we have limited printing capacity, we will only be printing the financial information. There will be a limited number of full Reports available on Sunday for those without email access. We will not be mailing them, so if you know of someone that would benefit from a copy perhaps you could drop it off for them. If extra copies are necessary, I will print on Tuesday.

Special Services and Events

Parish AGM – Sunday, March 1, 2026 after the Worship service

PRIVATE EVENTS

February 20-22, 2026 – Girl Guide Sleepover

From 6pm Friday, February 20 to early Sunday, February 22, 2026

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.
- 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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Rupert's Land News – the monthly magazine is now available. See attached.

BISHOP NABOTH'S LENTEN MESSAGE

In case you missed the email earlier in the week, Bishop Pastoral Lenten message is attached to this email.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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