



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

APRIL 12 -19, 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, April 12, 2026–2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist with Reserved Sacrament @ 10:30

Hymns: CP # 525 The Church's One Foundation (verses 1,2,4); CP # 24 Abide with Me (Verses 1,3,4); CP # 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; Jesus Remember Me; CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Readings: Acts 2:14A,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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
- 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 Anglican Church of Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. In the ELCIC, we pray for the congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province. In the Diocese of Rupert’s Land, we pray for our congregations and communities. We pray for all the communities in the world that are finding themselves in the midst of war.

Prayer Requests

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Avet; Sandy and Debbie, Jean, Elizabeth, Ted, Iris, Carol, Mary Jean, Shannon, Gary, Allen, Doreen, and Michael. We pray for the family of Sally McDowell as they mourn her loss and the family of Herb as they mourn his loss.

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.

RECTOR’S MESSAGE

Rector’s Message – Sunday, April 12, 2026

Believing Without Seeing - John 20:19-31

In the spirit and within the Octave of Easter, our call to discipleship encourages us to be very decisive and intentional about our faith ideals. John 20:29 to be specific gives us a powerful insight into believing without seeing -"Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

While we too might be like Thomas not immune from doubting, the world around has made things more complicated for us to see things through the eye of faith. But the resurrected Christ proves to Thomas and to us that just a simple faith could help us where we need to be with Jesus in our Christian journey.

Thomas wasn't there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples (John 20:19-24). When told about Jesus' resurrection, Thomas said he'd only believe if he saw and touched Jesus' wounds (John 20:25). Jesus' appearance eight days later to Thomas, inviting him to touch His wounds might have rendered him flabbergasted (John 20:26-27). Thomas responded with, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28), acknowledging his unbelief and faithlessness of Jesus' resurrection. We all can be in this kind of space in one form or the other as well. To recall again, living in the atmosphere of faith would help us to be where we need to be with Christ, if only we can just exhibit a simple faith in Him who is all knowing! We never read from anywhere in the scriptures despite Thomas' being among other Jesus' disciples who deserted Jesus at His crucifixion that He treated him based on his doubt. No! Not at all, but we read of how Jesus turned Thomas' doubt (inquisitive character so to speak) into a blessing for every disciple there present. How does believing without seeing resonate with you, especially in our world right now? Or would you like to explore more about your faith where you doubt? Jesus is the answer. Jesus is still alive to uplift your spirit of doubt and fill you with courage to face whatever that might be making you afraid.

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). This highlights the blessing for those who believe in Jesus without seeing Him physically, and to those who see His wondrous works among people of every nation. This passage encourages us with faith and trust in Jesus, even when we can't see Him physically. And as 21st-century Christians, we're called to believe and follow Jesus based on the testimony of the scriptures and the Holy Spirit's guidance so that we do not rub ourselves of the blessings we're meant to receive from God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Reverend Wilson Akinwale
Rector

PARISH NEWS

MARGARET'S CHOIR – 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3 pm

Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford Street

Tickets \$25 Adult \$10 Youth - See Mary Stones for tickets

SPRING CRAFT SALE – Saturday, May 2 from 9:30 to 3pm

Table set up will be Friday evening and Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 am. Please be in touch with Linda Robbins for more information.

SALLY MCDOWELL

The family of Sally McDowell have advised that Sally died yesterday at the incredible age of 104. Funeral services are pending. Please keep Sally's family in your prayers.

EVENT REMINDER

If you have events that you would like to see appear in Bart's Buzz be sure to let the office know. I am happy to post whatever is happening – but I need to be informed. Be sure to include the name of the event, the date and time as well as the contact person or any other expectations. This can be sent either by phone, email or in person.

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.
- 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

REV. BARBARA SHOOMSKI - FUNERAL

A funeral will be held for the Rev. Barbara Shoomski this Saturday, April 11th at 11am at All Saints Anglican Church

CELEBRATION OF BLACK EXCELLENCE: A COMMUNITY DINNER

On Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, the African and Caribbean members of All Saints are hosting our third annual Black Excellence Celebration, featuring an array of traditional food and drinks, stories, and music. This year we are introducing a traditional rice dish cook-off. Contestants will bring their very best rice dish (jollof, rice and peas, etc), and we will all vote for our favourite! Everyone from All Saints, the Diocese, and the neighbourhood is invited - this is a great chance to have fun and get to know each other better. Attendance is free. Donations are encouraged for our Rector's Discretionary Fund which is used to help congregation members in special need. All Saints Church, 521 Broadway at Osborne. Parking is available at Canada Life. Contact office@allsaintswinnipeg.ca or 204-786-4765 for more information, or to sign up to enter a dish in the cook-off.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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| Honorary Assistant: | The Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter — 431-335-1166 |
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