



## **BART'S BUZZ**

**FOR THE WEEK OF**

**MAY 24-31, 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, May 24, 2026– Day of Pentecost**

#### **Holy Eucharist with Reserved Sacraments @ 10:30**

**Hymns:** CP # 460 Lord, The Light of Your is Shining; CP # 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; CP # 24 Abide With Me; CP # 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-36, 37; Corinthians 12:3B-13 John 20:19-23

**Vestment Colour** – Red

## 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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Kathryn Otley, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa. In the Council of the North, we pray for the Territory of the People. In the ELCIC, we pray for Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College – High School. In the WCC, we pray for Ecumenical Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles. In the Diocese of Rupert’s Land, we pray for our Congregations and Communities, especially the clergy and people of: St. Stephen and St. Bede – The Rev. Dr. Chris Salstrom, Incumbent

### Prayer Requests

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Avet; Jean, Elizabeth, Ted, Iris, Carol, Mary Jean, Shannon, Gary, Doreen, Michael, Florence, Colleen, Lucie, David, Donna, Janice and Val. Please pray for the family of Deborah Watson as they mourn her passing.

*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.*

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE – MAY 24, 2026

### *Pentecost: "Come, Holy Spirit Come."*

This Sunday marks the Day of Pentecost in our Church Lectionary. And in the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2:1-21, the Day of Pentecost event with the coming of the Holy Spirit came to empower God's people; ordinary believers to be witnesses of Jesus to every nation, breaking barriers that divide people. Thus the core theme here is that God is reversing Babel (See Genesis 11:1-9 - Indeed, this theological parallel highlights how God moves from judgment in the Book of Genesis to restoration in the Book of Acts of the Apostles). At Babel, language divided humanity. At Pentecost, the Spirit of God enables the Gospel to cross every language and cultural barrier so that all people can hear and respond. A day like this reminds us of singing a song like this: **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea...*

The Spirit's work in Acts 2 wasn't a one-time event. It's the pattern for us as the Church even today! In this passage, the Spirit empowers ordinary people to witness, not just only Church leaders, teachers, or those we often see at the altar. But here there was a group of 120 disciples of Jesus in an upper room (Acts 1:15), praying and waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit as they had been commanded by Jesus (Acts 1:4-5). These were not just disciples or preachers of the Gospel or the temple priests, they were ordinary everyday people. In our day and time, the Spirit can as well work through anyone with an open mind and a willing heart: whether you're students, nurses, project programers, parents, immigrants or refugees. One does not need a platform or title for the Spirit of God to move; the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is enough.

In our 21st century reality, many believers feel unqualified or silent in this secular, digital, pluralistic world. However, Acts 2 says the qualification is being filled with the Spirit, not being impressive with titles, superiority of race, colour, language, ethnicity or culture. The Spirit breaks barriers of all these: language, culture, and nationality. Acts 2 lists Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Romans, Arabs, Egypt, Libya etc. in order to settle what might be any hindrance for people to freely express their faith. The Gospel crossed ethnic and geographic lines instantly.

And for us in the 21st century of the global and digital world, barriers now look like accomplishments, titles, fame, superiority of race, the eloquence of language, ethnicity, power or influence, politics, social class or generational divides. The Holy Spirit still enables believers to speak into those spaces. That looks like a cross-cultural mission, translating the Gospel into any space that is devoid of class or status; professional or layperson; refugee or immigrant. The Spirit is now calling us as a Church that reflects Acts 2:9-11 in diversity. The Spirit is calling us to bring boldness and clarity in a divided and confused world at the moment. On this Day of

Pentecost, the crowd that was “bewildered” with some among them becoming very judgemental while others sneered and said, those filled with the Holy Spirit, "were filled with new wine," and "were drunk.” But Peter didn’t have to apologize to inform them of their ignorance for making them understand where the Spirit of God is at work; nothing can stop it! He gave a clear, biblical explanation centered on Jesus’ death, resurrection, and Lordship.

For us today, we live in an age of information overloaded, skepticism and misinformation. The temptation is to stay quiet or water down the good news message of Jesus that looms so large in our time at the moment. But Acts 2 says the Spirit gives clarity and boldness to name Jesus as Lord, even when people mock. The Spirit’s work is tied to salvation and prophecy, not just experience. Peter quotes from the Book of Prophet Joel Chapter 2:28-32, that the Spirit’s outpouring leads to prophecy, dreams, visions, and “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” The “last days” means now, and “all people” means sons and daughters, young and old, captive and free, educated and uneducated. And for us too, the Holy Spirit’s work isn’t just emotional experience, it’s evangelistic and missional experience to bear witness to the truth. It points us to repentance and faith in Jesus. It points us to freedom from sins to reconcile us with God through the work of the Holy Spirit. Thus, that means the Spirit’s presence is validated by transformed lives and people coming to Christ by what they proclaim in word and deed, and by also boldly testifying to the manifestations of what God is already doing in the world, as Apostle Peter boldly stood and did.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

With every blessing,

*The Reverend Wilson Akinwale*  
*Rector*

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **DEBORAH WATSON – MESSAGE FROM HER FAMILY**

Thank you so much for the prayers for us over the years. We have been lucky enough to enjoy Debbie’s company in our home as she suffered through dementia for 5 1/2 years now after a lengthy hospital stay. She had been dealing with it for at least 10 years prior to that.

Last Tuesday here in our home while we were around her, she took her last breath. Very peaceful. Expected yet unexpected.  
We miss her so.

## **FOOD BANK STORAGE**

The Food Bank Ministry is a long-standing and vital part of our parish's community ministry. Last evening Vestry approved a request for an upgrade to storage for Food Bank. Cabinets are being purchased and we have applied for a grant to pay for these renovations.

Many thanks to Carol and Dave Bailey for her thoughtful consideration of this renovation. If you have any questions, I'm sure Carol would be happy to answer them.

## **GROW HOPE 2026**

If you weren't in church April 26<sup>th</sup> - you missed the opportunity to listen to Kim Umbach from Alongside Hope. She was in Winnipeg to be present at the kick-off of Rupert's Land Grow Hope Project.

Our project this year will be raising money for the Congo (DRC) - where people who fled their homes and abandoned crops during armed conflicts are now returning to face a huge food crisis - The project aims to put cash for seed and food assistance in their hands.

*Grow Hope 2026* is a Diocese of Rupert's Land fundraising effort for Alongside Hope – the Anglican Church of Canada's main international development organization. Any monies donated to Grow hope go to support a local farmer to produce a crop here in Manitoba. The farmer: Fred Wiebe and Sons, sell the crop in the fall and the proceeds go to the Alongside Hope account at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Any money donated *grows hope* 3 times: once through the land, skill and time of Fred Wiebe and his sons, secondly through a 4 times match by the Government of Canada at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and finally, most importantly, through the dedication and commitment of Church World Service, hope grows for families in Kasai Central province of DR Congo.

I am hoping that St. Bartholomew can work towards raising \$1,000. I need your help - for ideas about how we can get there. Some suggestions are to have a Grow Hope focused Sunday or month of Sundays, or direct a portion of funds raised at a special musical or food event to Grow Hope. As well, individual donations can be made either through the Parish (clearly labeled Grow Hope) or directly to the Diocese of Rupert's Land (again labeled Grow Hope).

There is a pamphlet in the narthex 'Hope rises in the DRC ' - Please take one home with you ..

## **COMMON CUP (CHALICE)VS INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS**

At Vestry, the issue of the use of the Common Cup vs individual communion cups was discussed. Many parishes have adopted a hybrid approach with both options being offered. It was determined by Vestry to take this discussion to the congregation to get an idea of their thoughts on this. The cost to buy a tray and individual cups would be about \$150. Someone would have to be responsible for cleaning the cups after the service.

If this is something that concerns you, please let your People's Warden, Cheryl Kytaychuk, know or email the office.

## **RUPERT'S LAND NEWS**

The May edition is attached to this email.

## **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**

**Friday, May 29** – Girl Guide Sleepover (from 6pm Friday to Saturday morning)

Monday, June 29 – Metropolitan Baptist

Friday, September 26 – Metropolitan Baptist Service at 4pm

Friday, November 21 or 28 (To be advised) Metropolitan Baptist at 4pm

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**

### **St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church**

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