



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

MAY 31 TO JUNE 7, 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 31, 2026– Trinity Sunday

Morning Prayer @ 10:30

Hymns: CP # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy; CP #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; CP # 525 The Church's One Foundation; CP # 460 Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2, 4A; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto. In the Council of the North, we pray for the Territory of the People. In the ELCIC, we pray for The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan MOR The Rt. Rev. Paul Graf, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province. In the WCC, we pray for Ecumenical Angola, Mozambique. 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: 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 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 – MAY 31, 2026

The Great Commission

For years we might have been made aware of "***The Great Commission***" as part and part of our Christian mission. This to me resonates with "living in the community of the Trinity." From our Gospel reading this Sunday in Matthew 28:16-20, as believers we're given the marching orders to fulfill a purpose of God's mission in the world. To juxtapose the second reading in our Lectionary in Paul's final benediction to the Corinthians in 2 Cor 13:11-13, like folks in the Church at Corinth we are given the maintenance manual. Jesus sends us out with His authority, and Paul reminds us to go out as a family, not as lone wolves. A church that does both will look a lot like Acts 2: they had favor with all people ***and*** they devoted themselves to fellowship [Communion]. ***That is the Spirit of the Pentecost! That is the Spirit behind the Doctrine of Trinity!*** However, lone wolves often start strong but end wounded. No one to restore you (2 Cor 13:11), no one to remind you "***I am with you***" (Matt 28:20) when it gets hard. We need to be mindful that none of us is indispensable in our Christian journey.

On the one hand, for us as the 21st century church we're facing the same tension Christians in Corinth faced being lone wolves: from our global divisions that cut across the spectrum, political/economic/digital polarizations, misinformation, racism to various misgivings among ourselves, we need to remind ourselves the same task Jesus gave to His disciples to reach a global, post-Christian world! For us to "***Go***" might look different, but the command hasn't changed from Matt 28. And "***all nations***" in 2026 means your new neighbour/friend/coworker from Ethiopia or Egypt or from the Caribbean or Africa to your social media platforms, your chat groups to new immigrant or refugee family in your city looking for a greener pasture and opportunities in your country, we are all encouraged to "***Go***" and make a difference in their lives. You don't need to fly to Galilee at this point! Even at the moment Galilee needs help. The "***going***" is crossing cultural barriers wherever you are. And to be clear with this, sometimes we miss the point, many churches do programs instead of discipleship in order to be missional in our approach. Sorry such programs might lack the desire or revival that might spark something extraordinary. Jesus said "***teach them to obey,***" not just "***teach them facts;***" we sometimes see ourselves unconsciously re-shaping Christ's message to align with what people want to hear rather than a message that that could challenge or spark us to start engaging in a discourse in the way we all want to see the Church thrive in the world that is fast becoming very secular in thinking with consumerism.

On the other hand, Paul in 2 Cor 13:11 wrote to a church fighting over leaders, status, recognition, anti-instruction and misinformed-theology among other vices. But he doesn't say "***cancel them.***" Rather he says "***restore, comfort, agree, live in peace.***" And for us too with the social media rewards outrage of our time, cultural biases vs. racism/ethnicity vs. status, fame vs. recognition in the body of Christ among ourselves, Paul's command is radical and clear: ***pursue peace without sacrificing truth.*** That being said, restoration doesn't mean no boundaries. It means the goal is ***healing wounds,*** not ***winning!***

Finally, our unity is the proof of our mission. Jesus said "***I am with you.***" Paul said "***God of peace will be with you.***" Same purpose, same promise. From ***Jesus' High Priestly Prayer I***

shared with you in the last two weeks' message, John 17:21 ties it together: unity is the apologetic. Thus, in 2026 when the world sees Christians unified across theological and ecumenical lines while making disciples, that's Pentecost-level witness - "*Shared Way, Shared Witness*" [Montreal 2026]. The moment we refuse to acknowledge other peoples' differences, a division is set to be in the offing, *The Great Commission* loses its credibility and is watered down! But the Spirit of God makes things happen and possible; from Matt 28 Jesus' presence with us means we're not alone in this task. And in Paul's 2 Cor 13 "*Fellowship [Communion] of the Holy Spirit*" means we're not alone in the community. The same Spirit who empowered the 120 at Pentecost is the One who restores broken relationships and gives boldness to witness. That's "*The Great Commission!*" Thanks be to God. Amen.

With every blessing,

Rev. Wilson

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREAT-GRANDMA HELEN

Rev. Deacon Helen's granddaughter Brittany, husband Paul and big brother Lincoln welcomed baby boy Lyle, born Friday, May 29 – weighing 6 lbs 7 oz. Congratulations to Great Grandma Helen and all of her family.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – SUMMER CLOSURE

Effective June 26, 2026 the Administration Office will be closed for summer vacation. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. During my absence a variety of people will be handling some of my tasks. Worship Bulletins and readings will be prepared in advance and Rev. Deacon Helen, Rev. Wilson and Ken Joyal will be responsible for their distribution. Bart's Buzz will not be sent during this time, but if there are items of importance please contact either Rev. Wilson or Rev. Deacon Helen and they will see that the information is sent out. If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know before June 26.

UPPER HALL STORAGE RENOVATION

As mentioned before, we are in the process of adding new storage to the Upper Hall. As such, things are a bit topsy-turvy. New cabinetry arrives next week, so we hope this is all short lived.

GROW HOPE 2026

If you weren't in church April 26th - 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.

URBAN RETREATS GARDEN TOUR

Event Details:

Date & Time: Saturday, June 20, 2026, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, rain or shine

Tour: Self-guided tour of 12 beautiful Norwood gardens in support of 1JustCity

Tickets: \$20, available at:

- Online at 1justcity.ca/gardentour
- Country Roots Market & Garden
- Jensen's Nursery & Garden Centre
- Lacoste Garden Centre
- Ron Paul Garden Centre
- St. Mary's Nursery & Garden Centre
- Schriemers Market Centre
- Shelmerdine Garden Centre

Manitoba Tea, Craft, Plant & Bake Sale:

Date & Time: Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Norwood Community Centre, 87 Walmer Street

Admission: \$5 cash at the door

Enjoy plants, artisan goods, baked treats, door prizes, tea, and bannock. **Garden tour tickets will also be available at the Community Centre on the day of the event, June 20.**

More information can be found at: 1justcity.ca/gardentour

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)

June 27, 29 – Metropolitan Baptist

Friday, September 26 – Metropolitan Baptist Service at 4pm

Friday, November 21 or 28 or December 12 (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](#)

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**](mailto:info@alongsidehope.org)

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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