



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

JUNE 7 TO 14, 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, June 7, 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist @ 10:30

Hymns: CP # 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; CP # 24 Abide With Me; CP # 615 Just As I Am; CP # 525 The Church's One Foundation

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Vestment Colour – Green

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 The Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron University College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College. In the ELCIC, we pray for The congregations of the Saskatoon area of the Saskatchewan Synod. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for The School of Theology at Moravian University (formerly Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary) in Bethlehem, PA. 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, Janice, Val and Derrick. Please pray for the family of Deborah Watson as they mourn her passing.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Adams in loving memory of her brother Percy Freeman, who passed away May 27/26.

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

“I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE” (Matthew 9:13)

Friends, in our Gospel reading this Sunday from Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, Jesus begins with calling Matthew (the tax collector) to be one of His disciples. To be a tax collector at that time is one of the most challenging jobs one can ever think of. Why? Tax collectors are regarded as "sinners and unclean" whose lives are not worthy of any emulation because they are reputed to engage in acts of corrupt practices. But Jesus came to disrupt this system to show many that His desire is to have "mercy" on *all* not a "sacrifice" regardless of the unworthiness of anyone caught in any societal unwelcomed practices. So may I ask you, who's that "**Matthew**" in your life? The coworker who's too messy? The family member who's too political and nasty? That church member who always feels to be recognized and calling for attention and accolades for every good deed? That child who is off the cause of doing things wrongly or not getting things right? That addictive spouse or a family member you have given up hope of? But Jesus didn't wait for them to 'clean up.' Like for Matthew Jesus joined them messy where they are to prove that humanity in all of us often fails us, but we all need the "*mercy*" of God to be saved (Psalm 130:1-5)

As 21st century believers in the teachings of Jesus Christ, the word "**Unclean**" still falls in the categories we use against people whom we hardly know their story: That homeless fellow, that ex-con, that single mom trying hard to look after her family, that divorced human who is struggling with the pieces of his/her/their life, that mentally ill person on your street looking for help? The list is just endless... In all this "**What Would Jesus Do?**" Jesus touches the untouchable, and reaches out to the outcast/misjudged, the condemned, and the same in our response too as His followers with Marks 3 and 4 of our Marks of Mission: "to respond to human need by loving service" and "to transform systems that dehumanize people and to pursue peace and reconciliation with every human being." Still Jesus looked and touched "unclean" people. Churches that won't touch addiction, depression, those who suffer injustice, these churches are missing the point here! We can tie this theology up with John's Gospel "*Word became flesh*" (John 1:14). Jesus didn't stay "clean" in heaven. He left everything behind and embodies our humanity on earth to touch lepers, blind, broken, and the vulnerable. And if He's risen and alive and reigns, He's still touching us today in every area of our shortcomings.

Now with the woman "who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years" (Matthew 9:20), who's your "bleeding woman"? That coworker/family or friend battling with cancer, that neighbor with grief, the teen with doubts as a result of a society that refuses to validate their human feelings? Just remember, these are not projects - they're people Jesus still touches and/or would touch through you and your actions! That is what makes us His.

Finally, with the dead girl awaiting life through the "Touch" of Jesus, who's "dead" around you? Grieving, oppressed, despairing? Jesus wants us to speak of resurrection and life with faith in Him to those dead issues in our lives. From Mark 5 of 5 Marks of our Mission, when we care for all God's creation we bring life to dead spaces around us. We need to get this clear, that the 21st century church is either a hospital for the "sick" or a club for the "clean" where Jesus founded for Himself and for all to find healing and restoration. Let's join Him (The Founder)

there. And I pray that may He make us contagious with His "*mercy*" in our walk with Him. Thanks be to God. Amen.

With every blessing,

The Reverend Wilson Akinwale
Rector

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL SERVICE – DEBORAH WATSON

The funeral for Deborah Watson will be held at St. Bartholomew on Friday, June 12 at 11 am. The family will be hosting a reception in the upper hall after the service.

SLEEPERS NEEDED FOR THE THELMA WYNNE PROJECT

The Thelma Wynne project is running out of sleepers (age 0 to 12 months). These sleepers are desperately needed to complete the layettes - and the demand is high. Sleepers can be delivered to St George Crescentwood (168 Grosvenor at Wilton), or donations of money can be made to St George's, clearly marked for the Thelma Wynne Project. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

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

Service of Thanksgiving for St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

Sunday, June 28th, at 10:30 am

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (3 St. Vital Road)

Please join us for a service of Holy Eucharist and a secularization (closing) of the church building. If you plan to stay for the reception, please let Cathy know by June 15th by emailing cathymondor@gmail.com or by texting (204) 256-6157 to ensure sufficient refreshments are ordered.

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.

GROW HOPE 2026

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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NABOTH

- 1) The 19th Anglican Consultative Council will meet from June 27 to July 5 in Belfast, hosted by the Church of Ireland. One of the “instruments of unity”, the ACC is the only global forum for discernment amongst Anglican churches, where lay and clerical representatives participate along with bishops. The Anglican Church of Canada will be represented by The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw (Toronto), the Rev. Marnie Peterson (Richmond, BC), and lay Canon Anita Gittens (Toronto).

Please consider including the Council and our Canadian representatives in the prayers of your parish, especially on Sundays, June 28 and July 5.

- 2) General Synod in 2025 adopted the celebration of the Feast of the Creator on September 1 (transferable to a Sunday within the Season of Creation). This is in harmony with a wider ecumenical movement to recognize a specific day to celebrate God’s act of creation. Last month, the Consultation on Common Texts added this observance to the Revised Common Lectionary under the name “Feast of Creation in Christ”. Provided lectionary readings may be found here: <https://www.feastofcreation.com/revised-common-lectionary>. The year A readings for 2026 are;

First reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3 or Genesis 2:4-25

Psalm: Psalm 148:1-14

Second reading: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

Gospel: John1:1-5

(WE HAVE ADDED THESE READINGS TO OUR SEPTEMBER 6TH SERVICE)

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

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**

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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