



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

MARCH 1 TO 8, 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, March 1, 2026–2nd Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist @ 10:30

Parish AGM following the service

Hymns: CP # 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; CP # 165 Just As I Am; CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; CP # 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor; CP # 423 How Great Thou Art

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4A; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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 The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for the bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. In the ELCIC, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for the people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto. 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.

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Be Born again, Be Renewed!

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again" (NIV).

Like I have mentioned in the past weekly messages, as Jesus' disciples our faith has to be genuine. That is to be called in spirit and in truth to understand Jesus Christ's mission for His Church and those around us .

In John 3:3. Jesus tells Nicodemus (whom by all intents and purposes would understand who this Jesus is, but he doesn't seem to understand until he has this encounter with Him), that being "born from above" (or "born again") means a spiritual rebirth – seeing God's kingdom requires a new perspective, one rooted in God's Spirit. Now in our modern world, what is this about? It's about:

- New beginnings: Letting go of old ways, admitting one's wrongdoings, confessing them and embracing a life aligned with God.
- Spirit-led living: Prioritizing love, compassion, and purpose over worldly measures.
- Transformation: Seeing ourselves and others through God's lens, not society's.

So Jesus is saying here, "Hey, you gotta start fresh." Being "born from above" means experiencing a spiritual shift – like a reboot for your soul. It's about:

- Perspective change: Seeing life through God's lens, not the world's.
- New values: Prioritizing love, kindness, and purpose over power, accolades, self-aggrandizing or societal status.
- Inner transformation: Becoming more like Jesus, embracing compassion and forgiveness no matter what this might be or look like for us.

Again, let's think of it like this way: Just as a seed grows into a new plant, we too can become new people, rooted in God's love and spirit.

- Empathy over judgment: Seeing people as God sees them, with love and compassion.
- Purpose over plans: Aligning your life with God's bigger story - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV).
- Forgiveness over grudges: Letting go, just like Jesus does for us.
- Community over individualism: Connecting with others, building each other up. It's about living like Jesus, in small and big ways. And it is beyond only doing good works, it's about doing faith works in the act of resisting evil in the face of challenges and tough situations that need the mind of Jesus Christ to love mercy, act justly, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

Do you want to explore more what this looks like in your everyday life? First, you must be born again and be renewed. for example, you might:

- Help to volunteer or help a difficult neighbor whom you know is in need, to show kindness, even when it's hard.
- Want to also remember our [5 Marks of Mission](#) as Christians to explore faith that inspire our growth, especially in the world around us that is so volatile, divided and sometimes makes us very vulnerable - examples are too numerous to mention.

John 3:3 - "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again"

*The Reverend Wilson Akinwale
Rector*

This message can be viewed on our website [HERE](#)

PARISH NEWS

NEW TENANTS

We are pleased to welcome the faith group – Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia to our church. They will be sharing our 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. Those that had been printed and were on the front table in the church have now been mailed. If anyone else requires a printed copy please let the office know.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – March 1, 2026 after Sunday Worship Service.
Please bring a bag lunch – coffee and tea will be provided.

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.

THANK YOU FROM FRONTENAC SCHOOL – FOR DONATION FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

“Frontenac Staff would like to thank you for your generous donation. We will be using the funds to update our recess equipment for the children to start using this spring! We appreciate the donation and thank you for your continued support.” Frontenac Staff

BLACK HISTORY MONTH THANK YOU

A huge thank you is going out to the Black History Team for the service last week - the presenters, the host, and inspiring thoughts from speakers Willard Reeves and Renee Cable. A wonderful chance to get together as a church community - celebrating our own family and looking ahead to future accomplishments. An especially warm thank you goes out to June James for her leadership, and appreciation for the contributions she has made to the Black Community over the last 50 years. The cost of the luncheon was paid by June.

Special Services and Events

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

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

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