

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEASON OF CREATION

Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. page 3

September 6, 2026

Welcome to the Church of St. Bartholomew. We are a Christian church in the Anglican tradition. We are the church in the community and a community in the church. It is a privilege to gather here this morning on what has been a site of worship and storytelling for thousands of years - the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin, who have acted as guardians and stewards of this land and its waterways. As they have passed on their traditions through storytelling and worship, we do so as well.

If you are visiting St. Bartholomew's, we hope you find peace and welcome within these walls. Here generations of the faithful, the seeking and the lost have come to find meaning, holiness, friendship and an encounter with the divine. Your presence adds to the great cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. People have often spoken of St. Bartholomew's as a "thin place" - a tradition in Celtic Christian spirituality where the veil between the material world and the spiritual realm diminishes, making it easier to encounter God. We hope this is your experience here too.

If you are new to Anglicanism, or it has been a while since you have been to church, and you are not quite sure what happens and when, do not worry. Anglican worship has a particular structure, and we do love our books! It can seem like a lot of page-turning and book-juggling. There is a rhythm to it, but it can take some getting used to. Don't feel you have to be on the right page all the time. Let the liturgy wash over you. If you would like some help, ask a neighbour - they will be glad to point you in the right direction, but being on the right page isn't necessary. Just let things unfold. Our worship service in the summer months is found in the green Book of Alternative Services in the pew rack in front of you. Most hymns can be found in the blue Common Praise hymn books, and the hymn numbers in this bulletin reference the hymn numbers in the book

When it comes to "posture", there is a lot of standing up and sitting down! Generally, we stand up to sing and to profess our faith (such as at hymns, the Gospel and the Creed); we sit to hear the word (readings, sermon); we kneel or stand to pray. If you cannot stand or cannot kneel, you can sit.

We do take up a collection of funds at the Offertory - around the middle of the service. Sidespeople will pass an offering plate along the pews and if you are moved to contribute, there are visitor envelopes in the pew racks in which you can put your offering, or you can scan this QR code with your phone to make your donation securely on-line.



When it comes time for Communion, everyone who is baptized, regardless of their denomination, is welcome to receive the bread and the wine. We use the common cup for wine, so if you would prefer not to drink from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest as the chalice is offered to you. Intinction, or the dipping of the bread into the wine, is not permitted. If you are not baptized, or wish to receive a blessing, you are welcome to come to the Altar rail at the time of Communion, cross your arms as the priest approaches, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available (just let the priest know). And, if the steps leading to the Altar rail are a challenge because you have mobility constraints, let a sidesperson know you would like Communion brought to you in your pew. For questions about baptism, please speak with the priest.

Children are welcome in the church for worship. There are seasonal activity packs on the credenza in the narthex and in the box under the table by the porch door to keep young hands and minds engaged. There is also a children's room in the parish hall with stations of activities where you can take your child during the service if they would prefer to have a bit more room to move. The audio from the service is broadcast into the hall so you can hear the liturgy.

Again, welcome to St. Bartholomew's. We are blessed that you are here.

A reminder: please ensure your mobile phones/devices and notifications are turned off or are set to silent or do not disturb mode.

PRELUDE

HYMN 363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord

Duke Street

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 (sung by the cantor)

*Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign. Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; * let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in this people * and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand; to wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples; to bind their rulers in chains * and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgement decreed; * this is glory for all God's faithful people. Hallelujah!*

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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HYMN 450 You Call Us Lord, to Be

Rhosymedre

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Gospeler The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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LITANY (*response: hear our prayer*)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE (*please stand*)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN 369 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Ebenezer

Generous financial support is our expression of gratitude which along with our time and talents enables us to provide worship at St. Bartholomew's and support God's work in service in our community and beyond. Thank you for your offering.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GREAT THANKSGIVING (SUPPLEMENTAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Presider Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

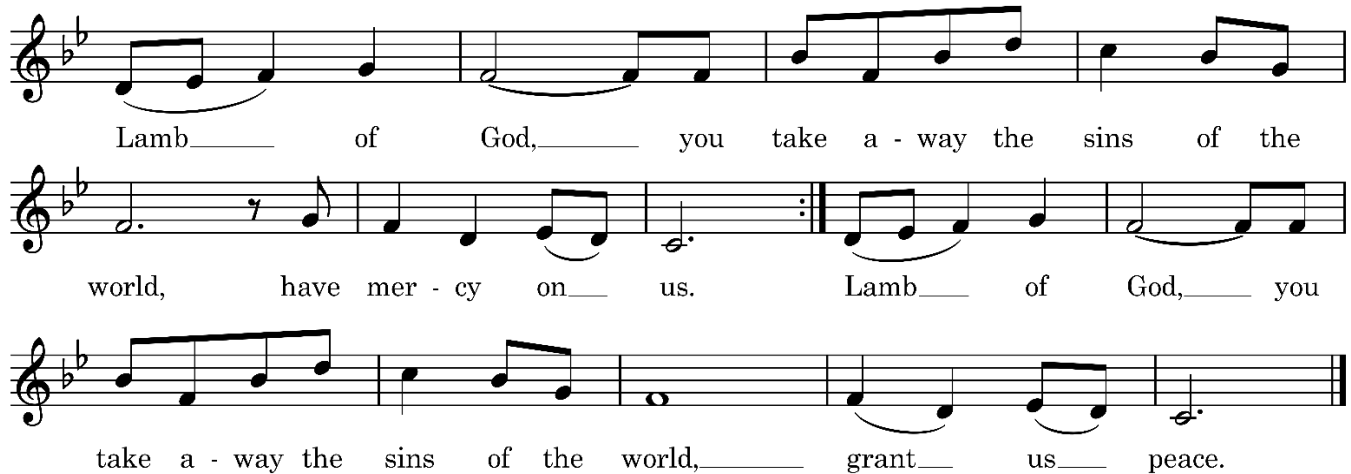
Presider Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD 3

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Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains
we have gathered and made into this one bread.
All So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into
your kingdom.
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



THE COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail. After receiving the bread, you may either drink from the cup or cross your arms to indicate your wish to honour it. Dipping the wafer in the wine is not allowed. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require it. Please advise the priest. If the steps to the rail are a challenge, please advise the sidesperson and communion will be brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN 494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Comfort

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*please stand*)

DOXOLOGY

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BLESSING

HYMN 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
SIDESPEOPLE: Naomi Francis; Tony Kellett | READERS: Sally Doherty; Naomi Francis
CANTOR & INTERCESSOR: Martha Patterson | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sally Doherty; Diane Harper

Please join us in the parish hall & labyrinth for lemonade & iced tea after this service.

Next Sunday, September 13, we return to two services: 8:30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. BAS Sung Eucharist, with our “Welcome Back” breakfast between the liturgies.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's
by Moira Phillips.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider contributing to Sunday's flowers to celebrate an event or to remember a loved one. Consult the flower chart in the parish hall to select a date and then contact Pamela Mallon to confirm and provide details for the bulletin. A \$100 donation is suggested. Mark cheques Altar Flowers as tax receipts will be issued. Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishops Carla Blakley and Larry Kochendorfer; our Diocesan partners, Kairos Ottawa and St. Paul University; retired clergy of the Diocese; St. Mary's, Russell and the Reverend Tom Hubschmid; all who labour for the good of our society; students of all ages beginning another school year, along with their teachers and their parents and guardians.

Canada: Members of the Governor General's Foot Guards, the CAF and those serving in diplomatic missions and NGOs.

Parish: Marie, Sue A., Ian, Jason, Linda D., Henri, Gabrielle, Michael, Elaine, Stephen, Martine, Pat, David, Felix, Judith, Linda, Pierre, Kate M., Lauren, Richard, Isabel, Erica, Jane, Ron, John, Natasha, Margareta, Angeleigha, Susan, Christine, Harriet & family, the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home.

THE CALENDAR

The time of trial

At face value, *Lead us not into temptation*, no matter how familiar, is the most puzzling petition in the Lord's Prayer.

There are two points we must always bear in mind when we read the scriptures. First, that we read them in translation. While the words we read may have been the most suitable the translators could provide, language changes and so translation may change its meaning in our ears, even to the extent of becoming misleading. Second, that our scriptures, here the New Testament, were written for people in a particular context. We may miss a message if we cannot imagine whom the writer was addressing. The church of the first century believed the apocalypse was imminent. St Peter wrote *The end of all things is near* (1 Pet. 4: 7 - NIV). Three weeks ago, *The Calendar* mentioned that this may position the petition *Thy kingdom come* rather differently from the way we think of it every day.

The translations we normally read and recite present words we learned by heart. Temptation is part of our lives, but we don't expect God to provoke it. The problem was created in translation. The Greek for temptation, *peirasmos*, also means trial, as in something we must endure. St James was upbeat about trials *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds* (Jas 1: 2 - NIV). We often take the same approach, hoping every cloud has a silver lining. But the trial of the early Christians was persecution, dished out with violence and death. The translation could mean *Save us from persecution*, perhaps as close to home as the need for daily bread. In fact, one version of the Lord's Prayer in the BAS gives us *Save us from the time of trial* instead of *Lead us not into temptation*. Save us, perhaps, from what Jesus endured in Gethsemane. We can be reassured about temptation too, if we listen to St Paul: *God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it* (1 Cor: 10: 13). Malcom Guite understands why evil exists and what is going on:

*Oh do not bring us to the time of trial,
Deliver us, deliver us from evil.
How is it that your own petitions fail
As evil slams its hammer to the anvil?
For you were brought to trial and not delivered,
You let the prince of darkness do his worst,
The sun shrank from that sight, the whole world shivered,
The fount of blessing let himself be cursed.*

*How is it? Is it that your dereliction
Makes possible the answer to my prayer?
Am I delivered by your bitter passion,
As you face every evil for me there?
Unanswered answerer, forsaken friend,
Bring me to my beginning through your end.*

from Parable and Paradox (2016)

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LADY CAREW TAPESTRY BACK ON DISPLAY

Stitched on the back of the tapestry are the words “Worked and Presented by Julia Carew - 1910.”

Lady Carew was born in Hamilton, Canada West (Ontario) on 9 October 1863. By 1871 she was living with her grandparents in St Helier, Jersey, but moved to London in the next few years. There she married Baron Carew, an Anglo-Irish peer. Carew was a friend of Earl Grey, who became Governor General of Canada in 1904. Grey’s tenure of Rideau Hall ended in October 1911. It is probable that when Grey left Canada, he donated the tapestry, directly or indirectly, to St Bartholomew’s. However, for two-thirds of a century it was packed away out of sight until 1974, when it was found in a cupboard.

Lady Carew was one of the finest embroiderers of her time, having studied at the Royal School of Art Needlework in London. In 1902, *The Sketch* celebrated her as “the best needle and tapestry-worker in Society...famed for her exquisite skill.” Lady Carew spent many hours working on her pieces, which she found to be a calming influence away from the “bustle and fatigue of everyday life.”

The design of the Carew tapestry is deceptively simple. The Irish harp at the centre, with the crown above it, symbolized Anglo-Irish people who remained loyal to the Crown. The harp and Crown are surrounded by two garlands of shamrocks, roses and thistles - representing people of Irish, English and Scottish origin - tied together with a blue ribbon. Around the edge of the tapestry are two sinuous branches bearing maple leaves.

Lady Carew died on 28 September 1922. She had no children.

St Bartholomew’s is very blessed to have custody of this beautiful and historic artifact. After the tapestry was removed from the narthex wall in preparation for the renovations in 2024, it was discovered that the frame was in poor condition, ill-fitting plexiglass was used as the “glass” and that the tapestry itself had shifted down over the course of time and was fixed by metal tacks to disintegrating velvet. Many thanks to the people who were part of the process of assessing the tapestry and arranging for the talented team at Wall Space Gallery & Framing to repair, remount, create a custom framing solution and reinstall this significant artistic offering and its history: Pam Mallon, Seanagh Murdoch (of Strands Embroidery), Sandy Beeman, Doris Berscheid-King, Tony & Joan Kellett, Barry Walker, Laura Macdonald, Canon Catherine. The new installation features a custom-made poplar frame stained to match the wooden rod on which the tapestry hangs, acid-free velvet and museum grade glass to block UV rays and prevent fading and deterioration of the piece.

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

We return to two services on Sundays beginning September 13. And to celebrate our time together in the summer and the beginning of a new season in the calendar, we will gather for breakfast together starting at 9:30am. Mark this date on your calendars so you know what time church starts!!

SOUL FOOD: THE FEMALE MYSTICS SEPTEMBER 17

This autumn, our Soul Food series will feature worship honoring some of the female mystics of the Church. On Thurs Sept 17, come for a soup supper at 5:45pm and stay for a service at 7pm featuring music paying tribute to Hildegard von Bingen, the 12th century German abbess, mystic and composer.

BIKE-UP FOR BELONG! RIDE FOR REFUGE OCTOBER 3

St. Bart's has organised a team! To support our Community Ministry at Belong Ottawa you are invited to walk, ride, roll, and rally on Oct 3rd to help the clients at The Well, St Luke's Table and Centre 454.

For more information on how to get involved and support this initiative visit: <https://tinyurl.com/StBartsMovers26> or chat with our Team Captain Darlene Holden.

FALL POETRY GROUP THURSDAYS SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 15 7-9PM

Starting *after* Soul Food on Thursday 17 September and the four Thursday evenings following, the poetry group will meet to look at some poems/songs of Leonard Cohen, with the book Leonard Cohen, The Mystical Roots of Genius by Harry Freedman to guide us. Contact Robin Dunbar for more information.

HER HEART MATTERS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 1PM

An important and informative presentation on women's heart health by Marion Martell, Women@Heart Program Ambassador, Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre, University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Hunger never takes a holiday. Donations of non-perishable items for our local foodbank (administered through the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre) are gratefully received and can be left in the mauve bins outside the parish office.

BAZAAR 2026

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 12NOON - 4PM

Our bazaar is only 2 months away! We always need your contributions of jams, jellies, preserves, knitting and craft items (warm scarves, gloves, baby clothes are always popular in this latter category). Home baking will be needed, so if you are making pies and loaves with summer harvests to put in the freezer, please remember the bake table. If you are traveling, keep your eyes open for small and interesting souvenirs. We welcome donations of classic china, jewellery, works of art and any other items you might like to donate! We can pick up your donations anytime. If you would like to join the bazaar team - or know of young people who would like to help with set up, pack up and carry boxes, that would be great!

In 2025, proceeds from our bazaar contributed towards the over \$25,000 of outreach funding St. Bartholomew's issued to: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Vanier (to support their ministries); The Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre; Inuuqatigiit Centre for Children, Youth and Families in Ottawa; Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF); St. George's College, Jerusalem (to help rebuild their programming and pilgrimage offering in the Holy Land.)

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except statutory holidays or when indicated. For access to the building on Mondays, please make arrangements through the parish office *in advance*.

EVERY WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

BRIDGE CLUB MONDAYS 2-4 P.M. Resumes September 14. All are invited to come and play bridge. Please contact Mary and Richard Capson for further details.

PINT & A PASSAGE MONDAYS 7 P.M. Join the conversation (and the chaos!) at the Clocktower Pub at Beechwood & MacKay to discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. On **September 7**, we will discuss Matthew 18:21-35

WEEKLY MEDITATION THURSDAYS 8 A.M. On Zoom Our meditation group is a member of the WCCM, a global spiritual community united in the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition. Visit (wccm.org) for information about the organization and contact the Parish office for Zoom co-ordinates. We meet in person on the first Thursday of the month.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS 10 A.M. on Zoom. Contact the Church Office for details and the Zoom link.

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