

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

VIRAL BULLETIN

24 August 2028

Bartholomew the Apostle
or 10th Sunday after Trinity

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Hawthorn berries ~ near where the Linnet joins the Lark

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10th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 58.9b-end Psalm 103.1-8 Hebrews 12.18-end Luke 13.10-17

Bartholomew the Apostle

Isaiah 43.8-14 Psalm 145.1-7 Acts 5.12-16

1 Corinthians 4.9-15 Luke 22.24-30

We still speak of 'red-letter days', as known from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, in which you find 18 saints and holy days given special provision of collects and readings. In some printings these days had a red capital letter. The current authorised calendar has far more such days, but the BCP honoured only the 12 apostles (Matthias replacing Judas) with just Sts Paul, Mark, Luke, Barnabas, John the Baptist and events for Mary. On two such feast-days some lesser-known apostles are paired up, but St. Bartholomew stands alone, although Scripture specifies nothing about this name beyond inclusion in the lists of the 12 in Mark, Matthew and Luke.

However, it has long been assumed that the Nathanael of the Fourth Gospel is indeed the same man, likely surnamed 'bar-Tholomai' or 'son of Tolemy'. (You may recall the occasion of Jesus addressing his chief follower as 'Simon bar-Jonah', or 'Simon son of John', and then re-naming him Peter.)

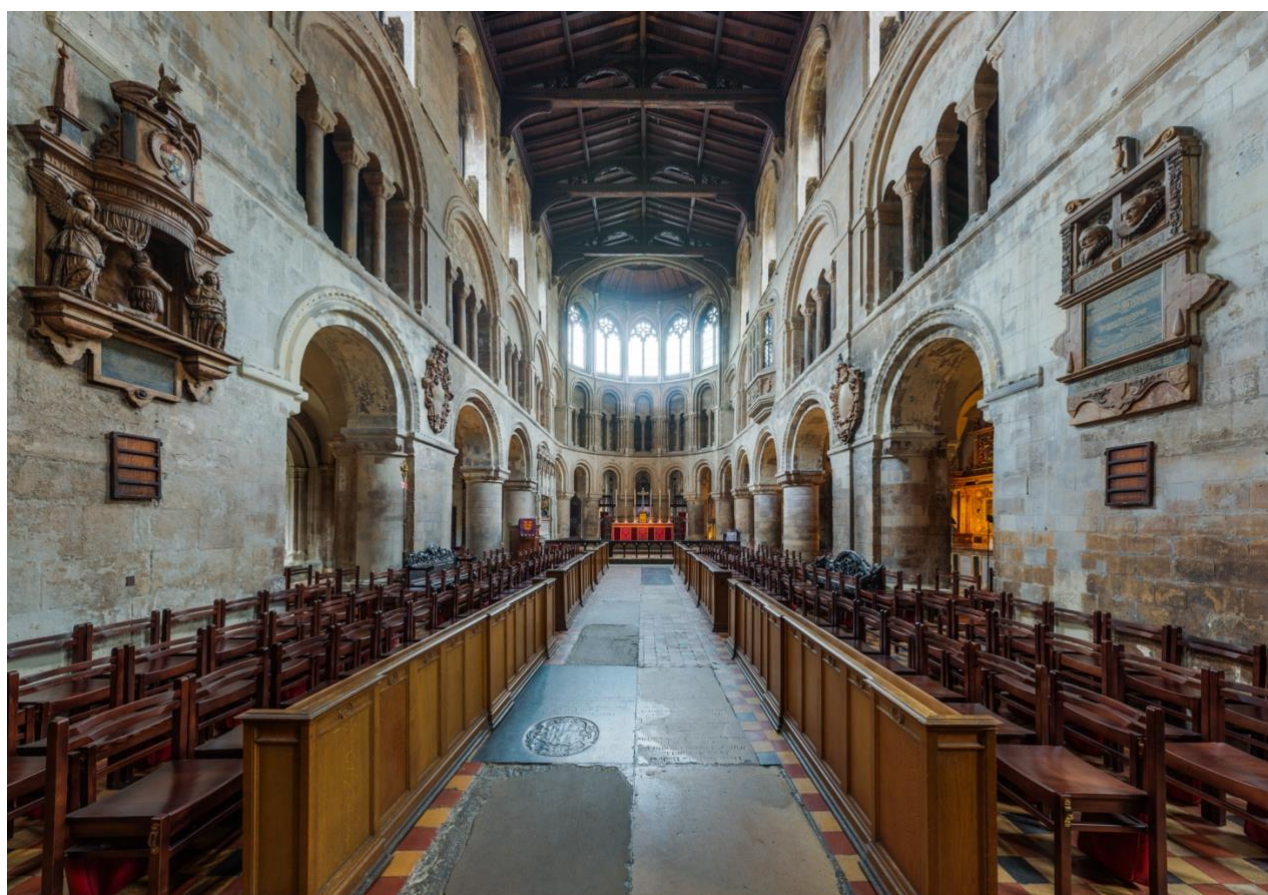
The Bible has other instances of names being changed, to hold some new appropriate meaning. Jacob, 'the supplanter' became Israel, 'he who strives with God'. Still, the custom of giving the father's, or inherited, name, the patronymic, is very ancient. So many of our surnames end in 'son'.

The name Bartholomew has persisted exclusively from early times, possibly helped by the earlier spread of the three synoptic gospels. There is a reference in writings of Eusebius, the 'Father of Church History', to a 2nd Century Alexandrian visitor to 'India' being shown a Hebrew copy of Matthew's Gospel, reputedly left by St. Bartholomew!

In more credible tradition, Bartholomew did serve as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia (in modern Iran), Lycaonia and Armenia. He is believed to have been martyred in Albanopolis, Armenia, by order of its

king, Astyages; he is supposed to have been flayed and beheaded, so strikingly achieving the path to glory of all the apostles. (Unsurprisingly, he is the patron saint of butchers, tanners and leatherworkers.) His relics were said to be taken to St. Bartholomew-in-the-Tiber, Rome, but Frankfurt in Germany claims his burial.

The legendary story captured the mediaeval imagination; there are up to 40 churches in this country with his dedication, with at least six in London. St. Bartholomew 'the Great', said to be the oldest surviving parish church, was founded in 1123 by Rahere, a prominent courtier and later prebendary of St. Paul's, in fulfilment of a vow on recovery from illness. He instituted an Augustinian priory, with adjoining hospital, on a site of former Saxon worship. The hospital, 'Bart's', is even more famous now than the church.



St Bartholomew the Great, London

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An apocryphal gospel under Bartholomew's name was known to St. Jerome and the historian Bede. His feast-day, 24th August, was kept from early times and given more publicity in 1572 by the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in Paris, when a large number of Huguenots (Protestants) were killed.

The name lives on in other contexts. In a small Berkshire town known to me, a central thoroughfare is still Bartholomew Street, while in 1466 was founded St. Bartholomew's Grammar School. This, though recently rebuilt and transformed to be co-ed, retains the motto: 'Schola Sancti Bartholomaei'.

So Nathanael, who was only mentioned in the Fourth Gospel as being called early to the little group following Jesus, and also being among those who, returning to Galilee after the Resurrection, were at the surprising lakeside breakfast, is not separately commemorated anywhere. Yet identifying him with Bartholomew has no written authentication.

Readings for today (the same as in the Book of Common Prayer) concern the apostles in general, their total acceptance of Jesus, the Good News, and the life's work ahead for them. Their previous characters and opinions (such as whether good could come from Nazareth) would disappear in the all-demanding commissioned task they were privileged to undertake.

The incomparable Dr. Eric Mascall, theologian, historian, mathematician and philosopher, wrote 'Pi in the High', verses published in 1959, including 'A Hymn for St. Bartholomew's Day'.

Asking 'Was it he beneath the fig-tree?' he offers:

Beneath a fig-tree once there sat
A very guileless Jew.
He had the firm conviction that
He was Bartholomew.

But then the Higher Critics came
With L and M and Q,
And if you ask him now his name
He hasn't got a clue.

So out upon these men of clay,
This unbelieving crew!
May others treat them just as they
Treated Bartholomew!

Marianne Atkinson

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 24 AUGUST

SUNDAY 24 August 10th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Culford
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW) Bartholomew the Apostle	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Flempton

Monday 25 August **Bartholomew the Apostle** (*transferred from 24 August*)

Tuesday 26 August

6.00pm	A Quiet Space (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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Wednesday 27 August **Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387**

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 28 August **Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430**

9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
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Friday 29 August **Beheading of John the Baptist**

5.15pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
6.00pm	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Saturday 30 August **John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688**

SUNDAY 31 August 11th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Culford
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Monday 1 September **Giles, hermit, c710**

Season of Creation begins

CAPTION COMPETITION RESULT



The judges gazed dimly through the darkness to study this week's entries:

It was Levitation Night at the Summer Book Club.

Henry Allen

... and, most importantly, spotlight on giving up sugar.

Gail Bate

Mary's line of liturgical lamps had sold so well she was offering the last two at a knock-down price.

Steve Robertson

The Hamgee University Press lecturer lit up the room. *

Henry Allen

The scene is set for a best-selling book.

Janet Hayward

Mary was pleased to have got the green light from her publisher.

Henry Allen

But the winner (yet again!) is **Gina Robertson** with:

Mary did her best to throw light on the subject,
but events had taken a dark turn.

* for more information visit hamgee.co.uk

Open Garden

Sunday 31st August

Peter and Claire welcome you
to their garden at 7 Meadow Close
Bury St Edmunds IP33 3LE

2 to 4.30 pm

All welcome

Cake, Cuppas and Chat

Donations towards
a new boiler for
All Saints Church
Bury St Edmunds



News from West Stow

SEPTEMBER IS CANCELLED! Janet and Ann are having September off. So there will be no coffee morning on 3rd September at West Stow. Normal service will resume on Wednesday 1st October.

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

Praying Together ~ September 2025

For the wider community & church

- 1 M For all places of education at the start of a new academic year
- 2 T Beetons Lodge residential home
- 3 W The Presbyterian Church; Lancaster Avenue Gospel Hall
- 4 T St Olave's Road shops and residential area
- 5 F The Beacon Church (Pentecostal)
- 6 S Bridge Community Church

- 7 S** All Saints', Bury
- 8 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at All Saints', Bury
- 9 T All Saints', Bury church hall
- 10 W Julie Hooton, our Benefice Administrator
- 11 T All Saints church monthly coffee morning
- 12 F The Priors Estate
- 13 S The Priors Estate Residents' Action Group

- 14 S** Kings Road & Queens Road housing areas
- 15 M Out Risbygate housing and business areas
- 16 T St Peter's House residential home
- 17 W Jankyn's Place sheltered housing
- 18 T St Andrew's, Timworth
- 19 F *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Timworth
- 20 S All who live in Timworth

- 21 S** St George's, Bury
- 22 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St George's
- 23 T The Anselm Community Centre
- 24 W The Mildenhall Road Estate
- 25 T The Mildenhall Road Estate Residents' Association
- 26 F Chestnut Court sheltered housing
- 27 S Northumberland Avenue Methodist Church

- 28 S** Kingdom Hall (Jehovah's Witnesses)
- 29 M West Road area
- 30 T Westley Road area & Winthrop Road area

Of Bells and Bikes

Deborah Blumfield

May I introduce myself as your Tower Captain at Fornham St Martin. I'm in charge of all that lovely noise on a Tuesday evening and Friday morning, with visitors occasionally interspersed.

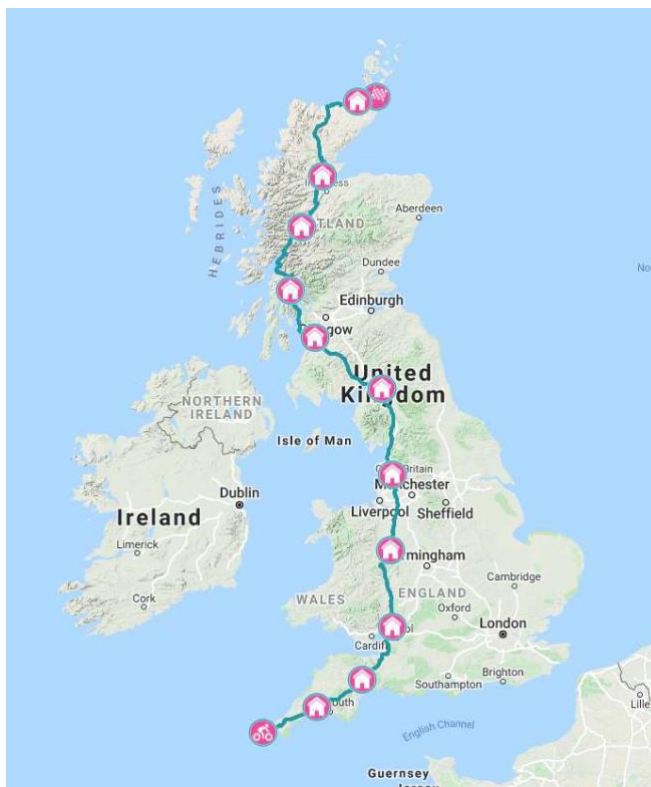
St Martin's church bells were restored and augmented last year and since Easter I have been teaching several lovely people to bell ring and they are doing great. Come and see us, say hello and have a go – see if it's for you 😊

I am also a cyclist and taking on a real challenge from 2nd-13th September: Land's End to John O'Groats on a bike - over 1000 miles in 12 days - averaging 84 miles day – with nearly 16000m (52,200ft!) of climbing!

My partner Peter and I are self-funding the cost of the challenge so everything you donate goes directly to **BREAST CANCER NOW**. It is 19 years since I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and as I am able to do this, be here and live life to the full thanks to modern medicine, let's give something back with a fundraising effort. It's not going to be holiday!!! We will be pedalling hard, lots of uphill ...

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Breast Cancer Now. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. So thank you for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/deborah-blumfield-15>



Fornham St Martin Church

*Book Sale,
Coffee & Cakes*

Saturday 6th September

10:00am - 3:00pm

Over 2000 books and lots of
cakes, scones and pastries.

All Welcome





**The Bury St Edmunds Youth
Concert Band Presents**

PROMS IN THE PARISH

**Saturday 6th September 2025 at 2:30pm
St Mary's Church West Stow, IP28 6ET**

**Tickets priced at £10 for Adults U18's £5
and U10's go Free.**

Light refreshments included in ticket price

**Available from 01284 728714 or
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Wonder Club

Story
Wondering
Craft
Prayer
Cake

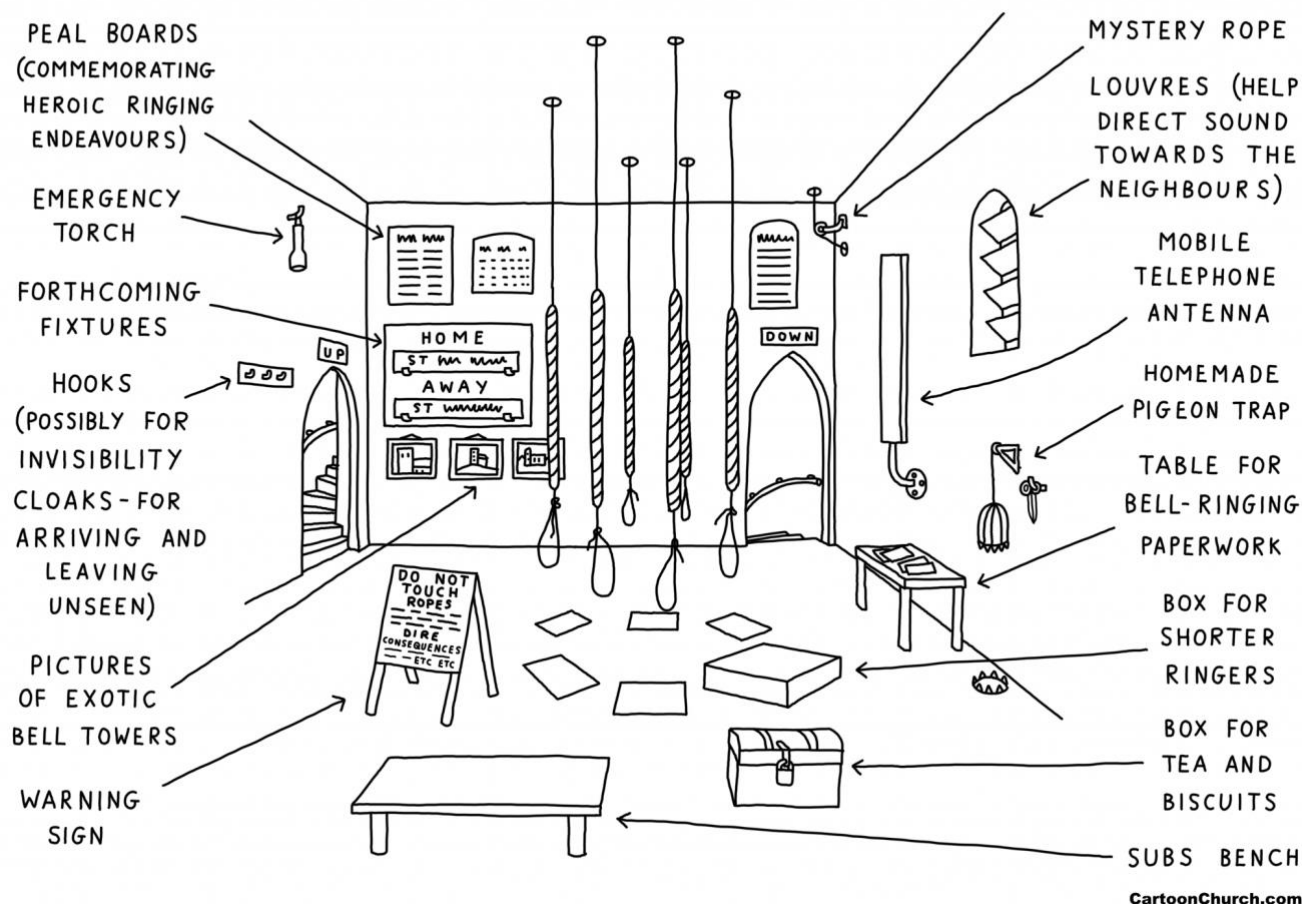


St Lawrence
Lackford

7th September
3pm

THE RINGING CHAMBER

HOME OF THE BELL RINGERS



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the benefice who have permission to officiate.*

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to let Julie Hooton NBTLVB@outlook.com

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have news and details of events which have happened
as well as events which are coming up at your church.

And your photographs are always welcome.