Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

# **Sunday 24th August 2025: The Feast of St Bartholomew**

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word:

grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same;through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING** *1 Corinthians 4.9-15* There is no pride or glory in being an apostle for Christ, says Paul. In a strongly ironic tone he contrasts his life with that of comfortable Christians.

**GOSPEL**  *Luke 22.24-30* Jesus had to admonish his own chosen Twelve, when they began to argue about their own importance. His kingdom is one in which everyone seeks not to dominate but to serve, as he himself was the servant of all.

**POST COMMUNION** Lord God, the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**services this Sunday**

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 5pm Sung Evensong

**Service on 31st August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

St Peter’s, Brimpton **10am** Benefice Communion

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891

You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve:

**The Four Movements of Reconciliation**

## You are invited to a talk

## **by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Mary Gregory**

## **on Saturday 4th October at 9.30am at Aldermaston Parish Hall.**

## A person in a robe holding a staffThe Street, Aldermaston, Reading RG7 4LW

Bishop Mary grew up in rural Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.  She went to university in Birmingham where she read English Literature.  On graduating, Mary joined the Prison Service, serving for ten years as an officer and, latterly, as a governor.  It was in the Prison Service that Mary first developed her interest in reconciliation, coming to understand that the first movement of reconciliation is personal; that we are to be each reconciled to ourselves. Mary was consecrated as Bishop of Reading on 27th February 2025

**Tickets £5 each** to include a continental breakfast

(gluten free options available)

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