



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday before Advent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am All Age Communion at St George's

10.00am Civic Service

11.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

1.00pm Baptism Service at St Bartholomew's

2.00pm Baptism Service at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 357, 725, 746, 715**

Hymns as announced

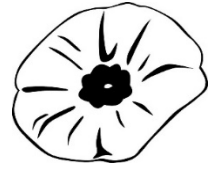
As Service sheet

Hymns: **A&M 648, 580, 621, 758**

Olivia Dunn

Sydney Raine Larkin

We pray for the children, their Parents, godparents, family and friends on their baptisms today



- We welcome everyone to worship today; if this is your first time with us, please introduce yourselves to the clergy, wardens or sidespeople
- During the Administration of Holy Communion we keep silence or join with the singing of the communion hymns.
- At communion please come forward following the direction of the sidespeople to the communion rail.
- Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please mention this to the clergy before the service.
- There are large print service and hymn books available if you need them.
- Coffee is served after all the services (except the 8am service)
- There is an induction loop at St. Bartholomew's – please switch hearing aids to the "T" setting

We pray for:

Those who are ill: Irene Booth, Arthur Cutler, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Mavis Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Simon Kelly, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Frances Payne, John Peacock, Arthur Robinson, Sue Taylor, Ruth Warburton, Jenny Whitfield, James Wright.

Those who have died recently: David Hoyles, Doreen Taylor

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: James Andrews, John Aspinall, Doris Atherton, George Bailey, Patricia Box, Michael Bridge, Doreen Clarke, Anthony Cowburn, Cedric Eastham, Mary Etches, Phillip Godfroy, John Henderson, Lily Knowles, Alice Lister, Doreen Marland, Norman Mather, Ann Savage, George Twist, Irene Wadeson, Robert Walmsley, Christine Watkinson, Edith Westby, Herbert Wilkinson, Tom Woodford.

This Week:

Wednesday 15th November – Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's followed by The Luncheon Club.

Thursday 16th November 7:30pm: St. George's Committee meeting at St. George's church

Saturday 18th November 7:30pm: Organ Concert at St. Bartholomew's church. An eclectic programme with a chance to hear the organ [and organist] put through its paces, including some items not usually heard on a Sunday! Free admission [retiring collection] and refreshments served.

Also today we pray for Michael Barrow and Joanne Kimberley Shields Sadler being married at St. Bartholomew's at 2:00pm

And it's St. John's Early Bird Christmas Fair open 11:00- 2:00pm, usual stalls, refreshments, Father Christmas in his grotto.

*** **NOTE: WORDSEARCH:** the next meetings will be on 21st November and 5th December – this is one week later than advertised. The meetings on 14th & 28th November are cancelled. ***

Looking Ahead – November & December:

Monday 20th November 6.45pm – 7:30pm: St. Bartholomew's committee meets followed by the PCC at 7:30pm

Tuesday 21st November - Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew's in aid of Bolton Hospice 10am-1pm.

Friday 24th November 7:00pm: Community Carol Service and Switch on of the Town's Christmas Lights.

Saturday 25th November 7:30pm: - Bolton Chamber Orchestra Concert at St. Bartholomew's.

Also it's St. Katharine's Christmas Fair open 10:00- 1:00pm, usual stalls, gifts, refreshments, Father Christmas.

Sunday 26th November 5:30pm: - A farewell service is being held in Manchester Cathedral to mark the retirement of the Ven David Bailey, Archdeacon of Bolton. Everyone is welcome to attend and we pray for David and his wife Kathryn as they prepare to move to Ripon.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: Between our churches and schools, we're aiming to collect 500 boxes on mince pies. The collection will start on SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER – all boxes must have a sell by / use by date after Christmas Day.

The Westhoughton Parish CHRISTINGLE will be held at St Bartholomew's Church on **Sunday 3rd December**. 2.30pm to make Christingle (please bring an orange), 3pm Service. All proceeds to The Children's Society. Everybody Welcome. Christine Jolley, Parish Rep. TCS 01942 815820.

Friday 8th December 7:30pm: Christmas with Salutation Brass at St James', Daisy Hill. Tickets £8 [accompanied under 18s free] – an evening of seasonal favourites, refreshments served.



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The Collect:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Micah 3. 5-end

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, 'Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' ¹²Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

New Testament Reading: I Thessalonians 4. 13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the

Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel: Matthew 25. 1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'



Post Communion Prayer:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Next Sunday's Services: Second Sunday before Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18: I Thessalonians 5. 1-11: Matthew 25. 14-30

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| 8.00am | St Thomas | Holy Communion | Revd Angela Wynne |
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| 9.15am | St George | Holy Communion | Canon Chris Bracegirdle |
| 11.00am | St Bartholomew | Holy Communion | Revd Kirsty Screeton |

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