



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 21st January 2018 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 604, 102, 510, 477**

9.15am All Age Communion at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 97, 102, 488, 477**

At Communion: **446, 342**

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, Maureen Chadwick, 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:** Raymond Collins, Eunice Freakiy, Elaine Horrocks

**And on their anniversaries this week, we remember:** William Aspinall, Joseph Brocklehurst, Eric Cook, Phyllis Eastham, Ethel Fairhurst, Nellie Goodacre, Matthew Lee, Frank Leyland, John Lowe, Alfred Naylor, Joseph Smalley, Mary Smalley, Vincent Smith.

### This week:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** St. Bartholomew's committee will meet at 7pm followed by the PCC at 7:30pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** WordSearch Bible Study at St Bartholomew's 7.30pm – Prophets – all doom and gloom? The major Prophets.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January:** Holy Communion Service 10.00.

### Coming Up in January:

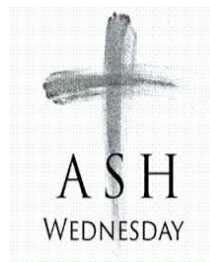
**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January:** is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### **Wordsearch / Lent Group:**

Once the current course ends it will be followed immediately by a Lent course running every Tuesday evening in Lent also at St. Bartholomew's church from 7:30 – 8:30pm which will end with a short service of Compline [further details to follow].

**St. Bartholomew's Choir:** if you'd like to join the church choir, do see Ed. You need to be able to attend choir practices each Wednesday from 7:30pm for about an hour and the Sunday service. Previous experience not necessary, just an eagerness to sing.

**"My Beloved Son"** is a musical drama for Easter being planned ecumenically in Westhoughton. Weekly rehearsals will start on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan at Westhoughton Methodist Church with performances on the evenings of Good Friday and Holy Saturday [30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March] at St. Bartholomew's. Anyone wishing to sing, please contact the Methodist minister, Lesley at [lesleydinham@gmail.com](mailto:lesleydinham@gmail.com) or 'phone her on 01942 581 337.



### **Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

At our 10:00am Communion service at St. Bartholomew's we'll be joined by Year 6 pupils from our church schools.

There will also be a Communion service at St. Bartholomew's church at 7:30pm that evening.

**A leaflet detailing all services and events from Ash Wednesday to Easter will be available shortly.**

**St. Bartholomew's Parade Service in February:** will be on the LAST SUNDAY of the month [25<sup>th</sup>] and focus on Thinking Day with our uniformed organisations.

**'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Week:** For the past few years the Church of England have joined together for a week of prayer. The idea is to run a number of prayer events for congregations and communities to come together and pray for the world to which we all belong. For 2018 the prayer week is 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May. We're looking for a number of volunteers (ideally representatives from each church in the team) who are up for discussing ideas and putting on one / a few events over the week of prayer. If you are interesting please have a word with me or drop Kirsty a line and we meet as a group mid – late February.



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## The Collect:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 14. 17-20

<sup>17</sup>After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup>And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup>He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup>and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## New Testament Reading: Revelation 19. 6-10

<sup>6</sup>I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' <sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

## The Gospel:

John 2. 1-11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding

twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



## Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Next Sunday's Services: Fourth Sunday of Epiphany/Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5: Hebrews 2. 14-end: Luke 2. 22.40

8.00am	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Rev'd Kirsty Sreeton
9:15am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Rev'd Angela Wynne
9:15am	St. George's	Holy Communion	Rev'd Kirsty Sreeton
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle

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