



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – The Second Sunday before Lent

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 226, 379, 453, 676**

9.15am All Age Eucharist at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 226, 379, 453, 676** Communion: **464, 387**

*On the first week of the month, we offer prayer for healing. If you wish to receive anointing and prayer, please come to the rail first at communion, as directed by the sidespeople.*

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:** Canon Colin Craston, Colin Kurme, Brenda Lever, John Woodward

**And on their anniversaries this week, we remember:** Walter Beresford, Jane Briscoe, Alice Gregory, Robert Hall, Janie Howe, Harold Impett, Hilda Makinson, Annie Sawyer, Ian Twist, John Wilding, William Woods, James Woodward.

**This week:** Please take away a copy of the February Parish Prayer Diary

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Word Search Bible study continues at St. Bartholomew's church at 7:30 – 8:30pm, this week looking at "Prophecy, then and now" studying the minor prophets. Lent study course starts on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – see Lent leaflet.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Holy Communion Service 10.00.

### Coming Up in February:

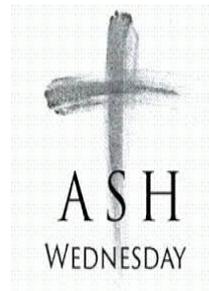
**The Children's Society Boxes** are now due for opening, please bring them along to Church or if unable to do so please ring us to arrange for their collection. If you do not have a box and would like, or if you would like more information on the work of the Children's Society, please contact us on 01942 815820. Thank you for your continued support. *Christine and Andrew Jolley-Parish Reps.*

### Women's World Day of Prayer

The ecumenical service will be held at Sacred Heart RC Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:00pm. The theme this year is "All God's Creation is Very Good" and has been prepared by the women of Suriname in South America. It is hoped that women from all churches in Westhoughton will help organise and/or participate at the service. For anyone interested there is a **planning meeting on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Further details from Barbara Delafield 07474 890546.

**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.

**Belonging to God** – the course for children wishing to receive communion before confirmation will run again starting this month. Please see clergy/wardens for details.



### **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.

**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 interested please have a word with me or drop Kirsty a line and we meet as a group mid – late February.

**Smartie Tube collection:** at St. George's / St. Bart's – please take a tube and eat the smarties but please fill the tube with spare change [5p / 20p]. When it's full, do bring it back and swap it for another tube of smarties.



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## The Collect:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading:

**Proverbs 8. 1,22 - 31**

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – <sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

## New Testament Reading: Colossians 1. 15 - 20

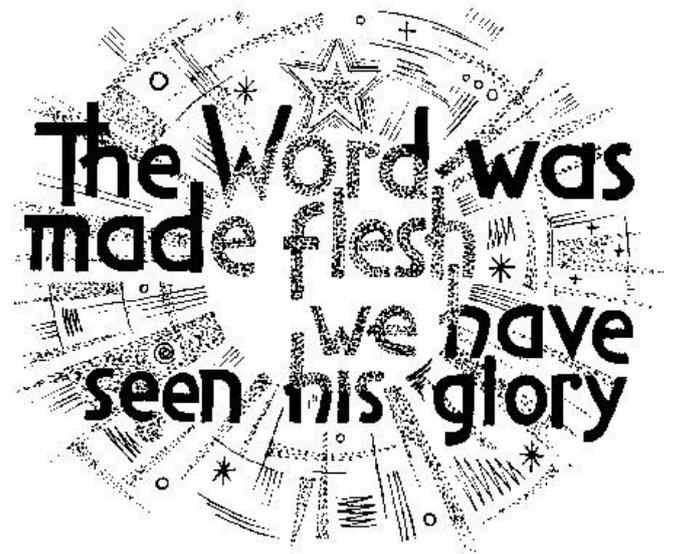
<sup>15</sup>Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## The Gospel:

**John 1. 1 - 14**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and

without him not one thing came into being. <sup>4</sup>What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



## Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Next Sunday's Services: Sunday next before Lent

**2 Kings 2. 1-12: 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6: Mark 9. 2-9**

<b>8.00am</b>	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle
<b>9:15am</b>	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
<b>9:15am</b>	St. George's	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton
<b>11.00am</b>	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle

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