



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 15th July 2018 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 713, 655, 646, 491**

9.15am School Leavers' Service at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 713, 655, 646, 491** Communion: **220, 443**

- 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, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Edith Ibbotson, Sandra Isherwood, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Kath Morris, James Wright, Mohammad Ali Zane.

Those who have died recently: Edith Higson, Anthony Baxter Sewell

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: Adam Capstick, Stanley Clare, James Cowley, Ronald Hawthorne, Ken Holt, Miriam Lancaster, Ken Miller, Harry Partington, Henry Pendlebury, Hilda Stuart, Blanche Twist, Donald Williams, Audrey Yearsley.

Also this week we pray for those leaving our church schools for high schools this week: for those from St George's school worshipping together this morning and those from St. Bartholomew's school at their leavers' service on Tuesday.

This week: -

Wednesday 18th July: Holy Communion 10.00am followed by the Luncheon Club.

ALSO: Dementia Friends talk: Wednesday 18th July. 7.30pm (drinks from 7.15pm) at St John's Church, Wingates. Steve from Home Instead will be joining us to talk about supporting those with Dementia and supporting those who live with and care for people with Dementia. As churches we can then start to think about how we can help and support those affected. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 21st July: we pray for Lee Wellington Armstrong & Natalie Jane Haslam being married at St. Bartholomew's church at 1:30pm

Coming Up in July:

We pray for those being married at St. Bartholomew's in July & August:

Ashley Thomas Wall & Laura Elizabeth Mitchell [28th July 12:30pm]

David Andrew Scully & Danielle Amanda McClurg [4th August 12 noon]

George Harold Kirkwood & Gillian Crank [18th August 2pm]

Drew David Roberts & Emily Iddon [31st August 1:30pm]

Team Rector update: the post has been advertised with a closing date at the start of August.



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The Collect:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 7. 7 - 15

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1. 3 - 14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ ⁴before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to

set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6. 14 - 29

¹⁴King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Services: Mary Magdalene / Eight Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Song of Solomon 3. 1-4 / 2 Corinthians 5. 14-17 / John 2. 1-2, 11-18

8.00am	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Rev. Kirsty Sreeton
9:15am	St Thomas'	All Age Service of the Word	Elaine Simkin
9:15am	St. George	Holy Communion	Rev. Angela Wynne
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Rev. Kirsty Sreeton

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