

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

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SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church</p> <p>NO SERVICE THIS MORNING</p> 	<p>St Thomas' Church 9:15am</p> <p>Service of the Word Revd Angela Wynne</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church 10:00am</p> <p>Civic Service</p> <p>11:00am Two minute silence at the War Memorial</p> <p>11:30am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones / Revd Carol Pharaoh</p> <p>HYMNS: 580, 506, 828</p>
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This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Cassie Buono, Brian Cato, Maurice Ginniff, Christine Greenhalgh, Dawn Grundy, Jenny Harris, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Mike Johnson, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, John West.

Those who have died recently: John Jones

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: James Andrews, John Aspinall, Doris Atherton, Patricia Box, Michael Bridge, Mary Etches, Phillip Godfroy, Peter Harper, John Henderson, Alice Lister, Doreen Maryland, Norman Mather, Dorothy Peavy, Ann Savage, Thomas Smith, George Twist, Robert Walmsley, Irene Wadeson, Christine Watkinson, Edith Westby, Herbert Wilkinson, Tom Woodford.

Coming Up this week:

Monday 15th 10:30am – 11:30am	St Bartholomew's Church	Office Hour
Tuesday 16th POSTPONED	Online Bible Study Led by Revd Angela Wynne	PLEASE NOTE – this will now run next Tuesday 23rd Nov
Wednesday 17th 11:00am 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Midweek Communion Service & the Luncheon Club Choir Practice
Saturday 20th 10:30am - 1pm	St James' Church, Daisy Hill	Christmas Fair – held in the church

Further details on all events at the end of this pewsheets. Do keep any news, views and feedback coming.

Next Sunday: 21st November Sunday before Advent

Christ the King Sunday

Readings: Readings: Daniel 7. 9 - 10 & 13 -14 / Revelation 1. 4b - 8 / John 18. 33 - 37

9:15 am Holy Communion at St George's Church

Revd Carol Pharaoh

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Revd Angela Wynne

11:00am Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd Carol Pharaoh/Alan Morris

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Today's Readings

Collect:

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Daniel 12. 1 - 3

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. ¹'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴'For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

¹As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'



Post-Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Homily: Christine Radford

Remembrance Day 2021

11-11-11. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, that is 11.00 a.m. on 11 November. The day and time we commemorate the signing of the Armistice in 1918 – the document that brought to an end the First World War.

On this day and at this time, we continue to remember and honour all those who gave their lives, not only in the First World War but also in the Second World War and all subsequent conflicts.

We use a red poppy as a symbol, to remind ourselves of the sacrifices made by our soldiers, and they decorate our lapels, our streets and our war memorials at this time of year.

After the war, poppies grew in profusion in Flanders, that part of northern France where the fiercest and bloodiest battles of the First World War were fought, because they thrive where soil has been churned up -as it had been with a vengeance! Their vivid colour reminds us of the millions who lost their lives on both sides in that war, literally spilling their red blood on those self-same fields.

Today, we honour the memory of those who died, by holding a solemn service. We acknowledge what they did, we deliberately and consciously remember them. Remembering is important. If we forget what they did and why, then their sacrifice was in vain. We all owe them our gratitude.

We are very fortunate. Most of us are unlikely to be asked to make the kind of sacrifices that those soldiers made in the name of freedom. We enjoy great freedom in this country, lockdowns or not.

We are free to come to church and worship, we are free to choose our careers, we are free to choose where we want to live, whom we want to marry, whether or not to have children, what we want to wear, what we want to eat we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives.

We enjoy our freedom, but that freedom came at a price. Many courageous men and women gave their lives to pay the price for the freedom that you and I enjoy.

And there is another, even greater freedom, which was also achieved by a great sacrifice: the freedom that we have because of Christ Jesus. And that also came at a great price.

Jesus died to set us free from the consequence of sin. We do not deserve it, it comes to us as a gift from God, but this gift wasn't free- Jesus paid its price. It cost him everything. We owe Jesus our deepest gratitude. And he asks us to consciously remember what he did for us, by setting aside time to worship him. The words of the Communion service are unequivocal: do this in remembrance of me. Deliberate remembering is important.

On Remembrance Day we set aside time to remember those who gave their lives in war. We acknowledge their sacrifice - We wear a poppy, we speak the words of remembrance, we listen to the bugle, we listen to the names of those from our communities who died.

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Remembering is not the same as nursing hatred, however. Jesus asks us to remember, but also to forgive. Most of us find the task of forgiving an enemy very difficult- and make no mistake – we are called upon to forgive, however hard it might be, so we have to call on God to give us the strength to do it, if we truly wish to follow his commands.

On this day above all others, in remembering the sacrifice of our war dead, we remember the cost of hatred and of war. Although we naturally think first of our own war dead, we should never forget that our enemies have paid a similar high price. Most of them were ordinary people who loved family, friends and country and who were loved in return and mourned as much as our people are mourned.

God loves all mankind equally, the good and the bad. Them and us. Jesus died for them as well as for us. Yes, we have to make a stand against what we know to be wrong, but when war is over, we are wrong if we continue to hate our former enemies.

And that is as true for all our former enemies, for someone who has grievously wronged us, at work, at school, in our neighbourhood or family, as it is of enemies in war!

We must not be hypocritical when we say, 'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'

Father, we thank you for the freedom that we enjoy. We are thankful for all those who paid the price for that freedom and we remember them all before you today.



NOTICEBOARD:

Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Sunday



10:00am Civic Service at St Bartholomew's – numbers at this will be strictly limited and once the church is full the doors will be closed and we cannot admit any more people.

11:00am Two minutes silence at the War Memorial – the outdoor Act of Remembrance is open to all

11:30am Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's – this is also an open service

PLEASE NOTE that under Covid restrictions the 10:00am Service at St. Bartholomew's will have a strictly limited attendance.

No seats can be reserved.

Once the maximum permitted attendance is reached, the doors will be shut and no more people will be allowed to come into the building.

If attending the service, please sit in the seat[s] allocated.

Everyone must have a seat and there will be no standing room at this service.

We ask people to consider attending the outdoor service at the War Memorial only or the 11:30am communion service.

There will be no parades of flags at this service.

This is a very difficult service to plan under the on-going Covid restrictions which are in place for the health and safety of all and we ask for everyone's co-operation in helping this event to run smoothly.

Do remember that last year we were unable to mark this with any commemorative services or events.

Recording Attendance for School Admission

We have been asked to start recording physical church attendance for school admission purposes.

Parents will need to sign registers or, in the case of St Thomas, have their card stamped if they physically attend the service – nothing else will count.

The dedicated email account for parents to submit their attendance or intention to attend is no longer operating.

CONFIRMATION 2021 –

We must express our thanks to all who made the Confirmation service such a success this year. We have a great team who led two sets of classes this year, weekly on Thursday evenings at St Bartholomew's church or on two Saturday mornings at St John's church in Wingates.

On the day, there was another fine team effort from those who cleaned the chairs after the Sunday morning service, set out the everything we needed from anointing oil & confirmation candles to service sheets and all those things we didn't know we'd need like cotton buds. Even St. George's font made a guest appearance for the baptism during the service.

The service went really well with two of our candidates reading the Bible passages from Jonah and the Gospel of Mark [Jesus calling the first disciples] and the hymns were sung brilliantly:

- Be Thou my vision
- One more step along the world I go
- Brother, Sister let me serve you
- Lord for the years
- Christ be our Light

Our current spacing of the seats with the wider central aisle also helped with moving everyone around efficiently.

We're also especially grateful to all the families who followed what was very difficult guidance which limited those who could attend the service. It did allow us to seat everybody without crowding and we didn't have to turn people away or lock the doors; we hope that everyone felt safe despite the numbers attending and that everyone was able to celebrate afterwards with a wider group of family and friends at various parties.

Below are those confirmed from St. George's church.



You are invited to
Team Youth Church

Please come & join us!
Saturday 20th November
7pm – 8.30pm
@ St John's Wingates

Food, fun and worship for Year 6 and above

RSVP by Wed 17 Nov to parishteammusic@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY- OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS

Bible Study groups based on Old Testament Characters are running in autumn. Some of these sessions will be face to face and others will be online on zoom. All are invited and welcome to attend any of the sessions. The attached gives details and times of dates of these. If people would like to attend an online session, please contact the leader in charge and the zoom details will be sent accordingly. **Please note** that the afternoon session planned for 18th Nov has been cancelled and the session on 16th November will now run **one week later** on 23rd November.

SESSION	Evening ONLINE	Face to Face
ABRAHAM Following God's call	Tuesday 23rd Nov 7 pm	Thursday 9 th December 7.30 pm
	Leader: ANGELA W	Leader: ANGELA W Venue: St Katharine's

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Christmas Dinner on Jesus:

In past years, we've collected mince pies, cream crackers, biscuits and one year [as I hope we've all forgotten] Christmas puddings.

This year we're aiming at collecting 700 packets of Brandy Sauce (500g tetrapak carton) OR Custard (1kg Tetrapak carton). It's liquid not the powdered sort.



Please check that the use by date is after Christmas Day and we'll be collecting in our churches between Sunday 21st November and closing date Sunday 5th December. Please don't bring them earlier as we have nowhere to store them. Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

Toy Services: Sunday 12th December

We're planning our Toy Services for Sunday 12th December at St. Thomas' [9:15am] in aid of Fort Alice and St. Bartholomew's [11:00am] in aid of Bolton Lions.

Please bring unwrapped toys for these services, if you are able.

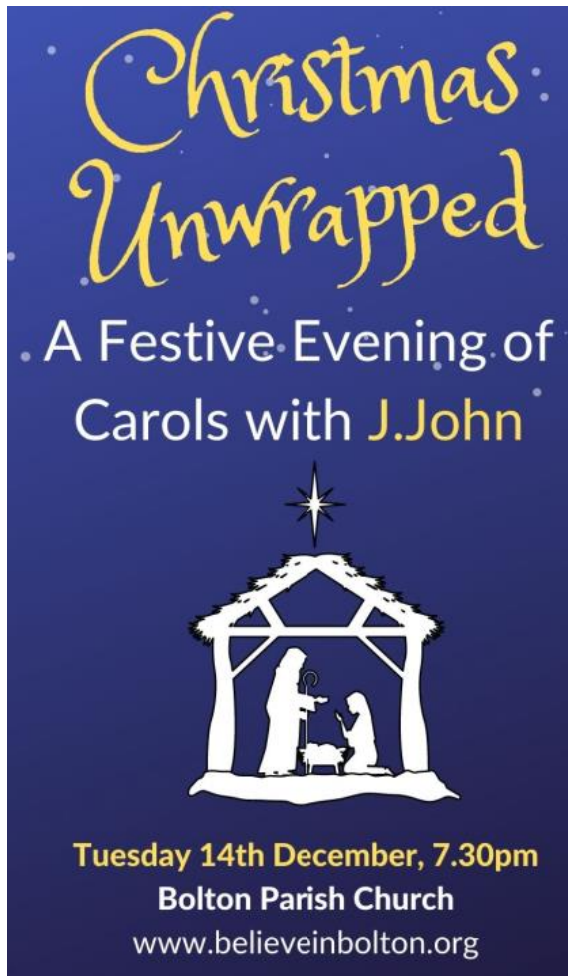
Wednesday Midweek Communion Service:

It's this week on **Wednesday 17th November at St Bartholomew's Church** at its new time of **11:00am**.

This is so we can follow the service with Luncheon Club at lunch time rather than as elevenses!



**Believe in Bolton 'Christmas Unwrapped' Christmas Carols Event,
Bolton Parish Church, Tuesday 14th Dec, 7-30pm**



Following the success of the Believe in Bolton event last year, we would like to invite you to this year's event: Christmas Unwrapped.

Join us as we come together as a town on Tues 14th Dec at 7-30pm in the inspirational setting of Bolton Parish Church as we sing carols, listen to readings and stories, and hear a short message about the gift of Christmas from international speaker and author, J. John.

This event is free and you can just turn up on the evening so make sure you put the date in your diaries and come along with family and friends and enjoy what will be a fantastic occasion.

So join us on Tuesday 14th December, 7.30pm at Bolton Parish Church

For more information please visit our website: www.believeinbolton.org or visit our Facebook page.

Town Christmas Lights Switch On & Carol Service

Friday 26th November 7:00pm

St. Bartholomew's Church

Christmas songs from local schools, and carols for all.

This year a limited number of schools will take part in person with the other schools asked to contribute a short film that we can include as part of the service.

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SERVICE IS STRICTLY LIMITED AND ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY. Tickets will be available from the Town council and a small number at our churches. Please do not attend the service if you do not have a ticket as there will be none available at the door and we cannot admit anyone without a ticket.



Share the light with the Christingles

Join us at our Christingle

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration so we can support more vulnerable children.

Sunday 28th November
Advent Sunday

St. Bartholomew's Church

3:00pm

This service will be open to all. This year [for Covid reasons] we'll be making the Christingles in advance, so there's no need to come with an orange.



christingle.org

University of Bolton donates bronze busts of benefactors to help Bolton Parish Church celebrate its 150th anniversary

Bronze sculptures of five important benefactors have been donated by the University of Bolton to Bolton Parish Church as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The works of art were unveiled at a ceremony at the Parish Church, attended by dignitaries from the town.

One of the busts is of the current Vicar of Bolton, Rev Chris Bracegirdle, which also represents all his predecessors over the church's 150 year history, was unveiled by the Bishop of Bolton, the Rt Rev Mark Ashcroft, at the ceremony.



The other sculptures feature:

Mr Peter Ormrod - a Bolton cotton manufacturer and banker who personally financed the £47,000 rebuilding cost of Bolton Parish Church.

Revd Canon James Slade - Vicar of Bolton from 1817 to 1856, who dedicated his life to improving the conditions of the people of Bolton for almost 40 years.

Dr Samuel Taylor Chadwick - a doctor and philanthropist who was passionate about the importance of education and cared deeply about public health issues. He donated funds to set up a clinic and hospital ward and the Mechanics Institute which was the forerunner to the University of Bolton.

Mr Thomas Henry Markland CBE - a Bolton businessman and philanthropist who created a Trust Fund (The Markland Trust) in 1966 for "the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Church and for the promotion of the works sponsored by the Parish Church including educational, religious and missionary works".

The bronze busts, which weigh 30kg each, were sculpted by Dr Nadey Hakim, a talented artist whose work has been displayed internationally and includes portraits of the Queen, Pope Francis, and Emmanuel Macron.

Dr Hakim, who is also a pioneering surgeon and an Honorary Doctor of the University of Bolton, said he was honoured to have been involved in the church's anniversary celebrations and had been "greatly inspired" by the people being commemorated.

He said: "It was extraordinary to be asked to sculpt five pieces and has been a very humbling experience."

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Mr Markland's son John also attended the ceremony. As he unveiled the bust of his father, who died in 1977, he said: "I am sure my father would have derived a great deal of pleasure to see the strength of the links between the Parish Church and the town's institutions and the University of Bolton."

The Bishop of Bolton said: "The sculpture of the current Vicar of Bolton represents all those who have come before. It is a great privilege to be here today."

The University's President and Vice Chancellor, Professor George E Holmes DL, who also attended in his capacity as a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, told the invited guests: "The University's connection with the community is very important to us."

"We should reflect on the significance of these five individuals and celebrate their contribution to this town."

"It has been a privilege for us at the University to be involved in this historic celebration."

Bolton Parish Church was consecrated and reopened by Bishop James Fraser, the Bishop of Manchester, on St Peter's Day, 29 June 1871.

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