

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church</p> <p>9:15am Service of the Word Elaine Simkin</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church</p> <p>9:15am Service of the Word Christine Andrews</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p> <p>11:00am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh / Revd Andy Jones</p> <p>HYMNS: 690, Gloria I [page 9] 541, 537, 711 / 434, 546</p>
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This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Kathleen Abbott, Brian Cato, Georgia Gidney, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Ted Morgan, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Rev'd Terry Stokes [*former vicar of St James*].

Those who have died recently: John Podmore, John Smout, Edna Boardman, Rachael Harper,

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Ron Bowden, Eric Dyer, Moses Dyke, Emrys Evans, Herbert Fletcher, Cyril Green, Nancy Green, David Guest, Nellie Hallam, William Heaton, Velma Jones, Alexander Mann, John Miller, Jack Ord, Brian Pilkington, Harold Roberts, Joseph Southworth, Horace Whitehead jnr.,

Coming Up this week:

<p>Sunday 12th 11:00am 1:00pm</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Baptism – Theo Oliver CRITCHLOW Baptism – Connor John Wesley ALMOND</p>
<p>Monday 13th 10:30am – 11:30am 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour "Parent" and Toddler Group</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th 11:00am 3:45pm – 4:30pm 6:45pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Midweek Communion Service followed by Luncheon Club Café Church Baptism Preparation Meeting Choir Practice</p>
<p>Friday 17th 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Houghton Weavers' Concert guest artist John Fearnley</p>
<p>Saturday 18th 9:00am - 11:00am 7:00pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St John's Church, Wingates</p>	<p>Warm Spaces – hot drinks etc. in the meeting room Ignite Youth group meeting</p>

Next Sunday: 19th February 2023 The Sunday next before Lent

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Readings: Exodus 24.12 – end / 2 Peter 1. 16 – end / Matthew 17. 1 - 9

9.15am St George's

Holy Communion

Revd Andy Jones

9.15am St Thomas'

– service to be set

11.00am St Bartholomew's

Holy Communion

Revd Carol Pharaoh / Elaine Simkin

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Readings for Sunday 12th February 2023**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: Genesis 1. 1 - 2. 3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Second Reading: Romans 8. 18 - 25

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, ²¹in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6. 25 - end

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And

can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

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.**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH, WESTHOUGHTON

Sunday 12th

February 2023



**THE
CREATION
GENESIS 1**



LIGHT & DARK



SKY AND EARTH



LAND AND PLANTS



SUN, MOON, STARS



FISH AND BIRDS



ANIMALS AND HUMANS



GOD RESTS

The Second
Sunday before
Lent

11:00am

The
Creation

Holy Communion

All Welcome



NOTICEBOARD

Syria and Turkey Emergency Appeal



As your church gathers to worship this weekend, we are sure those impacted by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria will be on your mind.

Christian Aid's partners, who have been working in north west Syria since 2012, are already responding. You may find the following resources useful as your church gives, acts and prays this Sunday.

Pray

Join us as we pray for those who have been affected and those providing emergency relief. [Here](#) you will find a prayer that you can use in your service.

Prayer for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray,

those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;

those who have lost loved ones;

those who wait for news and

those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen.

Act

People are facing crisis on crisis, to help you talk about this with your church you will find more information about the emergency [here](#).

Give

Christian Aid are already working with their partners to provide winter kits to people seeking shelter. If you would like more information on how you can help please [click here](#).

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



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Thousands of women, men and children have died or are injured in the aftermath of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It's not too late to save lives. **Please donate what you can today.**



People desperately hunting for survivors in Kahramanmaraş, Turkey.

Even before these devastating earthquakes, there were more than 4 million people in need of aid in north-west Syria. Now extreme weather events and spiralling food and fuel prices are making the situation even worse.

By donating today, you can give warmth and hope by helping us to provide winter survival kits that include blankets, mattresses, food parcels and heating material.

How to donate:

Hand in your donation to your church representative

Call **020 7523 2269** to donate by phone

Visit **caid.org.uk/TurkeyEarthquake** or scan the QR code to donate online

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Thank you



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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**



Archbishop Justin Welby / Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Recording Attendance for School Admission

We are 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.

Sunday School – St George's / St Bartholomew's

As it's the Second Sunday of the month, the Sunday school is not running at St Bartholomew's or at St George's this week. We're back next week.

Office Hour

Mondays 10:30 – 11:30am at St Bartholomew's church

for booking baptisms / other church matters.

Children's Society Box Collection

The boxes are now due for emptying. Please bring along your box to church and we will arrange for the funds to be sent to the Children's Society.

Thank you all for your continued support.

If you would like your box collecting, please contact us on 01942 815820.

If anyone would like a box for the Children's Society, please let us know.

Andrew & Christine Jolley

Parish representatives for The Children's Society.



Study Group Series **“PRAYER”**

Monday 27th February

The Lord's Prayer

Monday 27th March

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Monday 17th April

The Prayer of St Francis

At St. Bartholomew's church 7:30pm

ALL WELCOME

If anyone missed the first session in January looking at leading intercessions in our services, it is being repeated on Thursday 23rd February at 2 pm at St Bart's Church.

With thanks and best wishes
Carol

Admission to Communion Course

Will run on Sunday 5th March from 1:00pm at St Bartholomew's Church

Café Church runs each Wednesday in term time at St Bartholomew's church

3:45 – 4:30pm

For this session we're finishing the story of Moses in the Old Testament.

This week we're looking at the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments

Wednesday 15th February – led by Carol



IGNITE YOUTH

Will be meeting monthly at St John's Church Wingates on a Saturday evening from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Future dates for this term:

18th February – this Saturday evening

18th March

22nd April

Warm Spaces

We're going to open up the back room at St Bart's as a "warm space" on Saturdays from 9:00 – 11:00am starting on 4th February for a trial period. Hot drinks served, all welcome.



Easter Experience

Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March

We'll be running the Easter Experience for our local schools this year. If you can help set up [Sunday 26th March from about 2pm] or on the days, please see Christine Andrews or sign up on the lists in church.

You can just sign up for a single morning or afternoon as available or more. We're after help staffing the stations but also providing refreshments.

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

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Monthly

Midweek Communion and Luncheon Club

Wednesday 15th
February 2023

11:00am

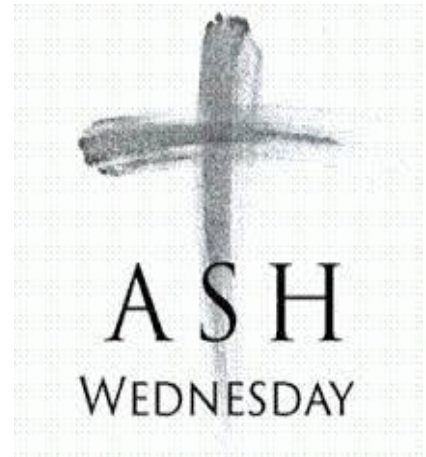


St. Bartholomew's Church

All welcome



THE PARISH OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
WESTHOUGHTON



Ash

Wednesday

Wednesday
22nd February



10:30am St James' Daisy Hill

7:30pm St Bartholomew's

7:30pm St Katharine's Blackrod

Holy Communion Service

All Welcome

You are invited to
join us for

Ignite Youth

Saturday 18th February

7 – 8:30 pm

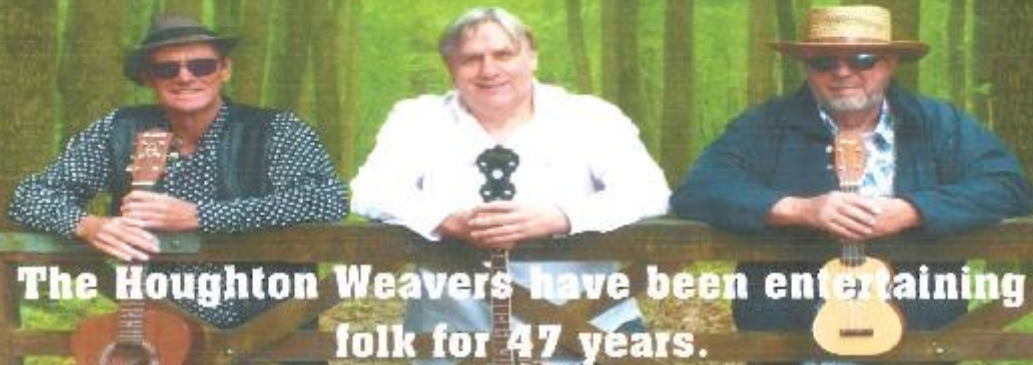
at St John's Wingates

Food, fun and worship
for Years 6 and above

Please RSVP to igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

Next Ignite Youth: 18th March and 22nd April

THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS



The Houghton Weavers have been entertaining folk for 47 years.

Promising a fun packed show with plenty of laughter and old favourites such as Blackpool Belle, Matchstick Man and Wild Boyer

Appearing at St. Bartholomew's Church

With guest artist John Fearnley

on Friday 17th February 2023

Tickets £12.50 (inc. supper) available at St. Bartholomew's Church and Geetees or phone 07816 855384

Doors open 7.00pm Show starts 7.30pm

SOLD OUT

If you have a ticket, please remember to bring your own drinks & glasses to the concert.

Coming up: dates for the diary

Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday –

Services as above

We will also be running a **Lent Course**, likely to be on Tuesday afternoons at St Katharine's, Blackrod and repeated on Thursday evenings at St. Bartholomew's. Dates and details to follow.

Thursday 23rd February –

Prayer Study Group **2:00pm** St Bartholomew's

We're going to rerun the first session on "Leading Intercessions" for anyone who missed it first time round. Everyone who leads the prayers in our churches, or is thinking about helping in this ministry is invited to come along.

Monday 27th February –

Prayer Study Group 7:30pm St Bartholomew's
"The Lord's Prayer"

Friday 3rd March –

World Day of Prayer

Joint Service at St Bartholomew's church 7:00pm

Friday 17th March –

Songs for St Patrick's Night

St Bartholomew's church 7:30pm tickets £10 – see poster later on in this sheet

Saturday 25th March –

Bolton Chamber Orchestra Concert

at St Bartholomew's church 7:30pm – ticket prices to be set

Programme of French Music.

Committee meetings:

Monday 13th March

7:00pm St Bartholomew's Committee

7:30pm PCC Meeting

Monday 20th March

7:30pm St George's Committee

Westhoughton Parish Eco Church

Church members from St George's, St Thomas' and St Bartholomew's are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 21st March [NB NEW DATE] at 7.30pm** at St Bartholomew's church to explore and work and develop an action plan for Eco church across the 3 churches. This will be a great opportunity to work across the three churches, to share ideas and work together.

Please let Revd Andy know if you are interested in attending.



5th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Vacancy for Foundation Governor

St George's School Governing Board currently has several foundation governor vacancies. The Governing Board is therefore extending this invitation to members of the parish and the wider Team and church community to consider becoming a foundation governor.

What does it mean to be a school governor?

School governors are responsible for promoting high standards across the school to ensure that all the children receive the best educational experience possible. The role of governor is a strategic one, so we do not get involved in the day to day running of the school, but we help set the direction and the vision for the school, supporting and constructively challenging the Head Teacher and other school leaders to ensure that the children achieve their full potential and are prepared for the next stage of their education.

What is a Foundation Governor?

Foundation governors are appointed by the Church council and have a particular responsibility within our Church school to preserve and develop the Christian character and ethos of our school.

What skills or experience do governors need?

Governors do not need to be professionals or experts in education. In fact, the best governing boards are those with a range of people from different backgrounds and with different experiences. Governors do need to be interested in the school and in the welfare of all the children at St George's, and they need what is known as "soft skills" - the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, work as part of a team, question and make connections between different types of information. Access to IT is also a requirement, as much of our communication is via email and all of the governor documentation is accessed via an online gateway. The only other requirements are the time and willingness to get involved.

What kind of time commitment is required?

Governors are expected to attend three governing board meetings a year, one each term. Governors will also sit on one of two committees, again attending one committee meeting each term. Governor meetings usually commence at 6.30pm on a weekday evening and last approximately one and a half to two hours. The summer term full governing board meeting usually takes place during the school day. It is important that governors spend some time reading the documentation in advance in preparation for the meetings. In addition, governors are asked to take responsibility for monitoring and evaluating different areas within the school, e.g. health and safety, the quality of education, special educational needs etc., which involves

visiting the school and meeting with school staff once or twice a year. Training will be provided to help new governors with this.

Such a commitment isn't onerous when it's spread over the school year and it really is a privilege and worthwhile to see the benefits for the children of our school. The skills that you will gain are also transferrable in a variety of ways and this type of voluntary role is highly valued by employers and various organisations.

What do you need to do next to become a Foundation Governor?

If this is something that you wish to consider, please speak to any of the clergy or church wardens within the parish and wider team. You could also email Revd Andy Jones at reverendandyjones@gmail.com or email St George's school office at office@stgeorges.bolton.sch.uk

If you would like to find out more about being a governor, please contact me via the school office and I will be happy to talk to you and provide you with more information. Yours faithfully



Gillian Buxton Chair of Governors

Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2022

With thousands of individual donators of food and money & over 350 individual volunteers; together we were able to make and distribute

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6146 people during Christmas 2022!



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YORKSHIRE TIMES

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THE SCOTSMAN

'Brilliant! Makes being on stage look so effortless'

JOHN KIRKBY
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AGAINST POVERTY

WHEN?

Friday 10th
March 7.30pm

WHERE?

Ellesmere Road
Recreation Club, BL3 3JT

TICKETS

£6 per person
£10 for 2 tickets

Event Hosted by the LAMB Church Partnership. Tickets are now on sale! To buy your tickets or for any other enquiries contact us at info@standrewschurchoverhulton.org.uk

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH,
WESTHOUGHTON**



**Songs for
St. Patrick's Day
Friday 17th March**

7:30pm

***As many of the favourite Irish
songs as we can fit in and a
pasty supper***

Tickets £10

Please bring your own drinks & glasses.

Tickets from

Joan 07816 855384

Sue 07951 552613



In aid of St Bartholomew's building maintenance appeal

From the Diocese of Manchester:

Growing Good launch

Are you looking for ways to reach out to your community and welcome more people into your church?

Greater Together Manchester are hosting a free workshop that will explore the connection between **social action, discipleship and growth.**



Taking place on Saturday 11th March, **10am to 1pm**, at St Bride's Church, Old Trafford. All are invited, the session is open to any member of a church who would like to get involved.

The workshop will launch a free, six session Growing Good toolkit which helps churches explore how they can be faithful and fruitful in our local communities. It is a free discipleship course that can be run by individual churches or by a Mission Community.

The principles underpinning the Growing Good toolkit are based on three years of research by Theos. Feedback on the course has been really positive from churches of all different traditions.

Bishop David will open the event, and staff from the Church Urban Fund, who have been involved in writing the course, will be delivering the rest of the day.

[Bookings are now open](#), we would love to see you there.

Thank you from Bishop Mark Ashcroft

A message from Bishop Mark following his farewell service:

"Sally and I are very grateful to all those who attended our farewell service, for all the love and kindness expressed and to those who sent good wishes by card or email.



"We are also very grateful for the generous gift of a garden shed and glad that it was not handed over in person at the Cathedral!

"Most of all we are thankful to God for the privilege of serving in Manchester Diocese in so many different ways over the years and the wonderful colleagues that we have served with.

"May you continue to know God's blessing."

Office move

We are pleased to share that our diocesan offices are moving from Church House, Deansgate, Manchester to St. John's House, Bury.

Following the sale of Church House in June last year, and the subsequent refurbishment of St. John's House, the move will take place from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th February. We will be up and running in the new offices from Monday 27th February.



The fully refurbished offices offer better working conditions and more meeting spaces, that can be used by the entire diocese.

All email addresses and telephone numbers will stay the same, but our mailing address will change to **155-163** The Rock, Bury, BL9 0NE.

Please make a note of this and direct all post to our new address.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new building in the coming weeks.

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March 2023

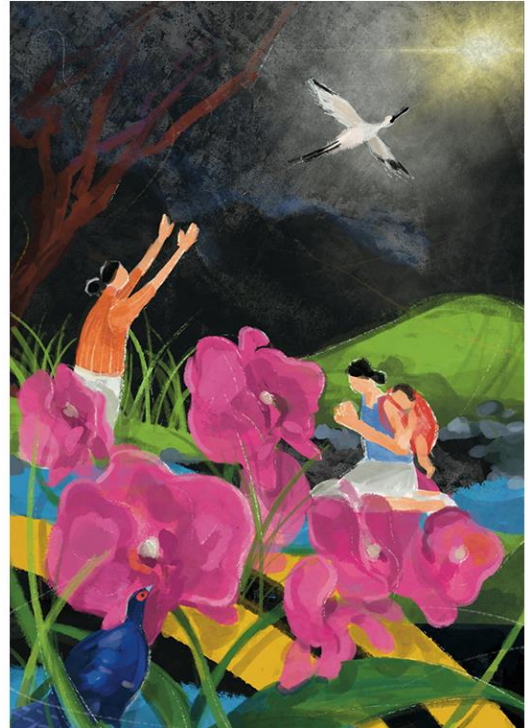
Artwork: Taiwan 2023

The artist, Hui-Wen HSAIO, has used several motifs that highlight Taiwan's best-known features to express how the Christian faith brings peace and a new vision to Taiwan.

The women in the painting are sitting by a stream, praying silently and looking up into the dark. Despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that the salvation of Christ has come.

Two endangered species are featured: the Mikado pheasant and the Black-faced Spoonbill, which are both of unique significance to the Taiwanese people. The Mikado pheasant is endemic to mountainous regions of Taiwan and is usually regarded as one of Taiwan's national birds. The Black-faced Spoonbill migrates thousands of miles every year to spend the winter in Taiwan. Their distinctiveness symbolizes a characteristic of the Taiwanese people—confidence and perseverance in times of difficulty.

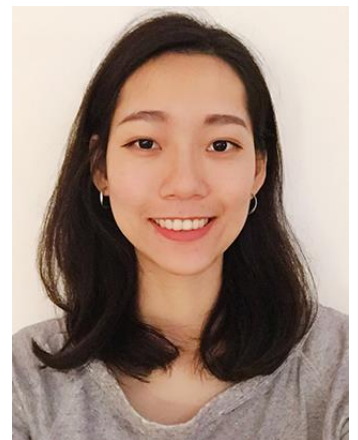
The green grass and Phalaenopsis (Butterfly) orchids stand out against the dark background. They are the pride of Taiwan, which has a worldwide reputation as the "Kingdom of Orchids." In recent decades, Taiwanese orchid's exports have increased, and Butterfly orchids have frequently been featured in international competitions. This beautiful island is known by its rich natural resources. Green grass represents the Taiwanese as simple, confident, strong and under God's care.



"In my exhibitions, I compose my artwork to express my observation, gratitude, and faith. I cherish my God-given talents and serve God with my artwork. I humbly hope people will know God through my art".

"As a woman, I want to explore the female identity through my artwork. The subjects of my art always depict the relationship of mothers, women, and people".

Hui-Wen HSAIO was born in Tainan, Taiwan, in 1993. In 2017, she received her bachelor's degree in Visual Communication Design at Kun Shan University in Tainan. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Intermedia Art Therapy (Intermediale Kunsttherapie) at MSH Medical School in Hamburg, Germany.



We are hosting our local area service at St Bartholomew's on Friday 3rd March at 7:00pm

The Bolton Unity Project's 'Spring' Community Walks



Everyone is welcome on a series of 5 'Spring' Community Walks in March and April in and around the Bolton area.

Thursday 16th March, 2pm

Last Drop Village to Turton Tower

(Meet in centre of Last Drop Village , Hospital Rd, Bromley Cross, Bolton, BL7 9PZ)

Thursday 23rd March, 2pm

Smithill's Hall to Horrock's Fold (with the Woodlands Trust Guides)

(Meet at Smithills Hall Country Park Car Park, Smithills Dean Rd, Bolton, BL1 7NP)

Thursday 30th March, 2pm

Moss Bank Park to Barrow Bridge

(Meet at the Moss Bank Park Café, Moss Bank Park, Moss Lane, Bolton, BL1 6LY)

Thursday 20th April, 2pm

Entwistle Reservoir

(Meet on Entwistle Reservoir Dam, Batridge Rd Car Park, Green's Arms Rd, Turton)

Thursday 27th April, 2pm

Bottom O'th Moor, Horwich (with the Horwich Heritage Centre Guide)

(Meet outside the Jolly Crofters Pub, Chorley Old Rd, Horwich, BL6 6RE)

All are circular walks and are fairly gentle, about 2-3 miles (an hour to 1½ hours walking).

If you would like to participate in any of the walks please contact Keith Armstrong on tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk.

Bolton Unity Festival – Date for Your Diary – Easter Monday
10th April



The Bolton Unity Festival is back!!

Easter Bank Holiday Monday 10th April, 11am to 3pm
Premier Suite, University of Bolton Stadium
Ahead of Bolton's match v Cambridge United

More details to follow over the next few weeks!

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