

# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



## SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship today

#### Sunday Services

<p><b>St George's Church</b>  <b>9:15am</b>                  Service of the Word                  Revd Andy Jones</p>	<p><b>St Thomas' Church</b>  <b>9:15am</b>                  Service of the Word                  Revd Angela Wynne</p>	<p><b>St Bartholomew's Church</b>  <b>11:00am</b>                  Holy Communion                  Alan Morris / Revd Andy Jones    <b>HYMNS: 301, 826, 296, 294/659, 310</b></p>
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#### This week we pray for:

**Those who are ill:** Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Christine Greenhalgh, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Alan Simkin.

**Those who have died recently:** Alice Makin, Amy Greenwood, Jack Kemp

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** Wilfred Barmby, Martha Bowling, Frances Corfield, Mary Edwards, Isabell Lee, Alan Martin, Revd Gordon Smethurst.

#### Coming Up this week:

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 2:00pm	St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Service of Commemoration</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b> ----- 9:30 – 11:00am	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>NO Office Hour [half-term break]</b> <b>"Parent" and Toddler Group</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 3:45 – 4:30pm 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Café Church - Joseph</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 7:00pm	St James' Church	<b>Team Confirmation Service</b>

**DON'T FORGET – the clocks go BACK one hour on Sunday morning.**

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

#### Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### Next Sunday: The Third Sunday before Advent

**Readings: Job 19. 23 – 27a / 2 Thessalonians, 2.1 – 5 & 13 – 17 / Luke 20. 27 - 38**

<b>9.15am Holy Communion at St George's Church</b>	<b>Revd Carol Pharaoh</b>
<b>9.15am Holy Communion at Thomas' Church</b>	<b>Revd Andy Jones</b>
<b>11.00am Service of the Word at St Bartholomew's Church</b>	<b>Alan Morris</b>

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[westhoughtonparish@outlook.com](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)

## Today's Readings

### Collect:

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7. 1 – 3, 15 - 18

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

### New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1. 11 - 23

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Gospel Reading Luke 6. 20 - 31

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

### Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Focus on Vocations:

### This week: St Bartholomew's choir

#### **Carole Bullough:**

I have been a chorister for many years. Having an interest in music I started to learn to play the piano when I was 7 years old. It then felt like a natural progression to join the church choir 4 years later when I was 11.

I have loved every moment of being in a choir. I feel that the role of the choir in leading the congregational singing is an essential, part of praising God. For me, without music and the choir at a church service, something is missing. This was highlighted to me recently when the lockdown restrictions were lifted. The choir returned to participating in Sunday services, after what felt like a very lengthy absence! I was absolutely thrilled about this. It was also uplifting to know that others felt the same. We received such positive feedback from the congregation after the service on that first Sunday morning of the choir's return.

For me, music and being a member of the choir is an integral part of worship.

#### **Carol Evans: My Journey to the Choir**

I joined the choir some 35+ years ago just before our new Rector, Revd Simon Tatton-Brown, came when we only had two choristers in the choir.

I do enjoy singing hymns and my new interest brought me to learn how to read music and piano lessons which helped with my choral singing.

I enjoy the choir. It's not just singing hymns on Sunday; we have choir practice every Wednesday night when we learn the hymns for Sunday and anthems for forthcoming special occasions. We also sing, when requested, at other celebrations, one being weddings and if the couple are regular parishioners then that's extra-special. Sometimes, after a few years, we've also sung at their children's weddings.

The congregation only see us now when we come down for communion but if we weren't there at all, I'm sure they would notice very quickly.

I never want my church, our church to be without a choir, so why not come along to a practice and see what we do – you may enjoy it!

## Ed McHale

I joined the local church choir at about the age of eight which involved two practices and two Sunday services each week. When my voice broke it was suggested that I play the organ instead and for the last 45 years or so that's what I've been doing. I also sang with Salford Choral Society for over 20 years [until I came to this church and choir practice nights clashed] and am a founder member and for over 30 years have sung with St Ann's Hospice Festival choir raising funds for the Hospice.

I started at St Bartholomew's in mid-November 15 years ago, one of the attractions being working with the choir here. We've gained and lost members over the years but the patience and dedication of our choir always astounds me as we come out each week of the year to practice and lead the worship at our services. Music and singing were the first things people wanted back after the Covid restrictions and it's been wonderful to be leading the way to the new normality.

We rehearse each Wednesday in church from 7:30pm and welcome anyone of any age if you enjoy singing. If you're interested, do come and have a word.

## Demystifying the Organ



**St Paul's Church, Sale M33 7YA / 19 November, 2pm**

*An introduction to the organ, aimed at pianists.*

Whether you want to start the journey to becoming an organist, or just want to know the basics, perhaps to play the occasional voluntary or so you can cover a service when no-one else is available, this short course is for you.

We will introduce the basic working of a typical church pipe organ, help you understand how to get a pleasing sound by selecting the right stops and give advice on preparing a piano piece for performance on the organ.

For further information or to reserve a place, please email [kfayle@icloud.com](mailto:kfayle@icloud.com).

**or see Ed**

## NOTICEBOARD:

### 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.

### Card Reader

We now have a card reader at St. Bartholomew's church that we'll have out in the narthex at our services and events if you wish to donate to the upkeep of our churches that way and don't have any cash on you.

It's just like any card machine – you enter the amount you wish to give and simply touch-and-go or enter your card and PIN. If you enter your mobile number, you can have a receipt sent directly to your 'phone.

There will be instructions by it and someone to demonstrate it if you're not sure.

The cost to the church is minimal [less than 1p per transaction] so it's an easy and effective way to give to our churches.

Many thanks.

### New Facebook Page

Following discussions we've been having about building maintenance especially focussing on the tower at St Bartholomew's, we've agreed to start a new Facebook page dedicated to St Bartholomew's church in particular. It's not just for the St Bart's tower fund-raising and building work but will also contain lots of news about events relating to St Bartholomew's church.

It's [@Westhoughtonparishchurch](#) so for those who know about these things, please do follow it, like our posts and share them with others.

## Sunday School – St George’s / St Bartholomew’s

We’re not meeting this week at St George’s but we are meeting at St Bartholomew’s this week.

## November – Café Church

### Wednesdays in term time at St Bartholomew’s

We’re meeting on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3:45 – 4:30pm** as we start looking at the life of Joseph.

This week we’re starting with Joseph the Dreamer [[Genesis 37. 1 – 11](#)] led by Christine.

## Office Hour

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

We’re **not** running on 31<sup>st</sup> October [half term] but will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## Toddler Group

### Mondays 9:30 – 11:00am at St Bartholomew’s church

Will be running on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY:

Many thanks to all who filled in a form helping us to complete this again.



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THE PARISH OF  
**ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**11:00am**

**All Saints' Sunday**



**Holy Communion**

**All Welcome**

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
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# Parish Memorial Service

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**2:00pm**

**A service at which we  
remember our loved ones by  
name, in silence or by lighting  
a candle**



**All Welcome**



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
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# Remembrance

## Sunday

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November**



**10:00am Civic Service**

*Attendance limited*

**11:00am Laying of Wreaths & Two  
Minutes Silence at the War Memorial**

**11:30am Holy Communion Service**

*There is NO SERVICE at St. George's this Sunday*

## Dates for the Diaries: November 2022

**Committee Meetings:** all at St Bartholomew's church

St Bartholomew's Committee Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm  
 PCC Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm  
 St George's Committee Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7:00pm

### Wiggle Worship at St James' Church

There is an exciting new service starting at St James' Church called 'Wiggle Worship'. This is aimed at younger toddlers and pre-school children with their parents or grandparents. It will start at 9.00 am and run for an hour each Wednesday during term time, starting after the October half term.

### Team Retreat 2023

Malcolm is leading a retreat to Foxhill Conference Centre in Cheshire next year. It is a really beautiful location, nestled in the Helsby hills, and surrounded by woodland, which is wonderful to walk in. The weekend is fully catered and there are single en-suite, and some twin rooms with private bathrooms. The cost for the weekend will be £180 PP, or there is an option to just do part of the weekend during the day on Saturday for £40 PP. Travel will be by car/shared lifts, it is around 45 mins from Bolton. Dates are May 2023, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, at Foxhill Retreat Centre <https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/> Please get in touch with Malcolm as soon as you can if you are interested in going. Malcolm's email address is [malcolm@revmw.co.uk](mailto:malcolm@revmw.co.uk)

**Sunday 20th November** at 6 pm at St John's Church there will be a **Team Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday**. This will be an evening of worship, readings and reflections led by the Team Worship Band.

**Sunday 27th November** at 6 pm at St Katharine's Church Blackrod is an **Advent Sunday Taize Service**

## Discover Great Sacred Music at your local church!

During this term, the HeartEdge Manchester Choral Scholars are taking Great Sacred Music on tour to churches throughout the Diocese of Manchester. Come to your local, or tour around with us!



- **Saturday 5 November, 1pm - Bolton Parish Church**
- Saturday 12 November, 1pm - Remembrance at [Rochdale Parish Church](#)
- Saturday 19 November, 12 noon - Underneath the Stars at [St Anne, Clifton](#)
- Saturday 26 November, 1pm - An Advent Sequence at [St John's, Brooklands](#)

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## Team Confirmation 2021

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 7:00pm  
St. James' Church, Daisy Hill

Please note that the service starts at **7:00pm** and not 7:30pm as we'd been led to believe.

We pray for all our candidates as they take this new step in their faith pilgrimage including from Westhoughton Parish:

Harry Belch, Abigail Thornton, Elizabeth Buxton, Thea Darby, Enzo Sugden, Imogen Robb-Leigh, Thomas Whittle

## Christmas Dinner on Jesus:

This year we've agreed to collect **500 packets of luxury biscuits.**

It's the **200 – 300g packets** as they can't fit the larger boxes and tins into the hampers.

Please check that the use by date is after Christmas Day and PLEASE don't bring them yet as we have nowhere to store them.

We'll be collecting in our churches between Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November and closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please don't bring them earlier as we have nowhere to store them.



## St Katharine's Fair

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am - noon

St Katharine's Church, Blackrod

usual raffle, cake stall, refreshments etc.

## St James' Fair

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am

St James' Church, Daisy Hill

**St John's Christmas Fair**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

St John's Church, Wingates



Thursday  
Worship @  
St John's

Join us at 6.30pm  
for our Church Family Service

The service is on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays and  
lasts for 30-40 minutes

All welcome!

**Next Service is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November [to avoid the clash with the Confirmation service.]**



You are invited to  
join us for

# Ignite Youth

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

7 – 8:30 pm

at St John's Wingates

Food, fun and worship  
for Years 6 and above

Please RSVP to [igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com](mailto:igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com)

Next Ignite Youth: 10<sup>th</sup> December

# *Parent and Toddlers*

## *Morning Session*

*St Bartholomew's Community*

*Room. (Parish Church)*

*Every Monday Morning 9.30am to 11am*



*Come and join us for refreshments,  
play conversations and fun...*

*it's free...grandparents welcome*

*{sessions are term time only...babies and pre-school children welcome}*

# Remembrance Sunday

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November



We will mark Remembrance Sunday at our churches across the team this Sunday. **There will be no service at St. George's church that morning** and there will be a joint service at St. Bartholomew's.

The pattern of services at St. Bartholomew's church will be:

- 10:00am Civic Remembrance Service **LIMITED NUMBERS ONLY**
- 11:00am Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence at the War Memorial
- 11:30am Holy Communion Service [Sung with hymns]

**At the 10:00am service, numbers are strictly limited on a first come- first seated policy. Once all seats are filled, the doors will be closed and no further people can be admitted.**

The outdoor Act of Worship at the War Memorial including the two-minute silence will be open to everyone and that will be followed by our usual service of Holy Communion at 11:30am.

## **Town Christmas Lights Switch On & Carol Service**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm**  
**St. Bartholomew's Church**

**Christmas songs from local schools, and carols for all.**

As last 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.



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# **PASSION FOR BOLTON**



**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY TO  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN BOLTON?  
COME AND JOIN US!**



## **CHILDREN'S TEAMS' HUB**

**TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022, 7-9PM,**

**HARWOOD METHODIST CHURCH, BL2 3HX**

**LEADING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP- SHARE YOUR BEST IDEAS &  
RESOURCES/PRAYER/REFRESHMENTS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU  
INTEND TO JOIN US, PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL:**

[racheleden@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:racheleden@manchester.anglican.org)



## Bolton Unity Project's 'Historical' Autumn Community Walks



Everyone is welcome on a series of 5 'Historical' Autumn Community Walks in October and November where we'll explore some of the fascinating historical places, buildings and stories in and around the Bolton area.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1pm**

**Bolton Town Centre Historical Ramble**

*(Meet at Queen's Park Café, Nr Spa Rd Car Park, Bolton, BL1 4RU from 12-45pm)*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm**

**Clifton Country Park 'Wet Earth Trail and Colliery'**

*(Meet at Clifton Country Park Car Park, Clifton House Rd, Clifton, Salford, M27 6NG from 12-45pm)*

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 2-3 miles (an hour to an hour and a half) in total.

If you would like to participate in any of the walks please contact Keith Armstrong on [tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk](mailto: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's Annual Concert of Remembrance and Annual Remembrance Weekend Events

Bolton's annual Concert of Remembrance, held in the beautiful Albert Halls featuring the wonderful The Lancashire Artillery (v) Band, many excellent musical performances from local artists and an Act of Remembrance conducted by the Vicar of Bolton Revd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle. The concert always proves to be moving and thoroughly entertaining.

Bolton takes pride in hosting this special concert to remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our great country and those whose lives were, or indeed still are, affected by conflicts all over the world. All proceeds from the concert will go to the 3 Bolton Cadet Forces.

We will remember them. Wear your Poppy with Pride.

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**10th November**  
**Doors open 6.15pm,**  
**concert commences 7pm.**  
**Carriages approx. 10pm**  
**Albert Halls, Bolton**  
**Tickets £7.50**

**Featuring The Lancashire Artillery (v) Military Band**

All proceeds to the 3 Bolton Cadet Forces

Concert Tickets available from: [www.octagonbolton.co.uk](http://www.octagonbolton.co.uk)  
Or by calling the box office on **01204 520661**

Enquiries to the mayors office on **01204 331090**  
or email: [mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk)



Performances by **The Lancashire Artillery (V) Band** and musical performances by local artists

**Act of Remembrance** conducted by The Vicar of Bolton Rev. Canon Dr. Chris Bracegirdle

Please note the concert will contain strobe lighting and sounds and scenes depicting war

**Bolton Council**



Please join The Mayor of Bolton for the . . .  
**Annual Remembrance  
Weekend events**



**Annual  
Remembrance  
Concert**



**Armistice  
Day  
Service**



**Annual  
Remembrance  
Service**

**Thursday**

**10th November**  
Doors open  
6.15pm, concert  
commences 7pm.  
Carriages approx.  
10pm  
Albert Halls, Bolton  
**Tickets £7.50**

Proceeds to the  
3 Bolton Cadet Forces

**Friday**

**11th November**  
10.50am  
Victoria Square

Remembrance Service  
led by the Vicar  
of Bolton.  
The service will include  
a two minutes silence  
and maroon fire

**Sunday**

**13th November**  
10.40am  
Victoria Square

Remembrance Service  
led by the Vicar  
of Bolton.  
The service will include  
a two minutes silence  
and live gun fire.

Concert Tickets available from: [www.octagonbolton.co.uk](http://www.octagonbolton.co.uk)  
Or by calling the box office on **01204 520661**

Enquiries to the mayors office on **01204-331090**  
or email: [mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk)

**Bolton  
Council**

## CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD DIGITAL AWARDS

The Bishops of Bolton and Middleton awarded nine Church for Different World awards in recognition of churches that are reaching out to their communities in new and innovative ways.

This is the first time that the Church for a Different World awards, now in their sixth year, have had a digital focus.

Over the past two years there has been a digital revolution in our churches. As a result of the pandemic we have seen the growth of online worship and new ways of keeping in touch with people to offer pastoral support and tackle the issue of social isolation. Discipleship groups have met online and churches have reached out to their communities via Facebook, deepening relationships and showing that the church is there for everyone.

The Bishop of Bolton, Mark Ashcroft, said: "We have been hugely impressed by the innovation shown by many of our churches over the past two years as they have found new ways to support their communities, offer different forms of worship online and deepen relationships with people using a variety of technologies."

The Bishop of Middleton, Mark Davies, said: "We are proud of the way churches have adapted and developed new skills, while remaining true to their priorities of growing, nurturing and serving. We hope that by sharing their ideas with one another our churches will be encouraged to try new things that have been shown to work well in different contexts."

Among the award-winning projects for 2022 are:

### **St James Daisy Hill**

Developed their page on the national website, A Church Near You, to include video tours, online jigsaws and links to community groups.

**See link below:**

[Home \(google.com\)](#)





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@Westhoughtontowerbellringers

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Or to [westhoughtonparish@outlook.com](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)

**OFFICE HOUR:** Mondays 10:30am – 11:30am at St. Bartholomew's church [just drop in] or Saturday mornings by appointment e-mail [westhoughtonparish@outlook.com](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)