

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023 EASTER DAY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church 9:15am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones	St Thomas' Church 9:15am Holy Communion Revd Angela Wynne	St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones / Elaine Simkin HYMNS: 205, 215, 678, 193/217/219, 218
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**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Kathleen Abbott, Harry Bowyer, Brian Cato, Georgia Gidney, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Ted Morgan, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Rev'd Terry Stokes

Those who have died recently:

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Sally Adamson, Peter Bell, Elsie Critchley, Ronald Farnworth, Arthur Fisher, James Higham, Ethel Howard, Velma Jones, Lily Marsh, Hetty Pendlebury, George Rushton, John Wild.

Coming Up this week:

Monday 10th		Easter Monday Bank Holiday – no groups running
Wednesday 12th 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Choir Practice
Saturday 15th 11:00am	St James' Church	Coffee Concert – Cello & Piano recital

Next Sunday: 16th April 2023 The Second Sunday of easter

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Readings: Acts 2.14a,22 - 32 / I Peter 1. 3 - 9 / John 20. 19 - 31

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's

Revd Andy Jones

9.15am Service of the Word at St Thomas'

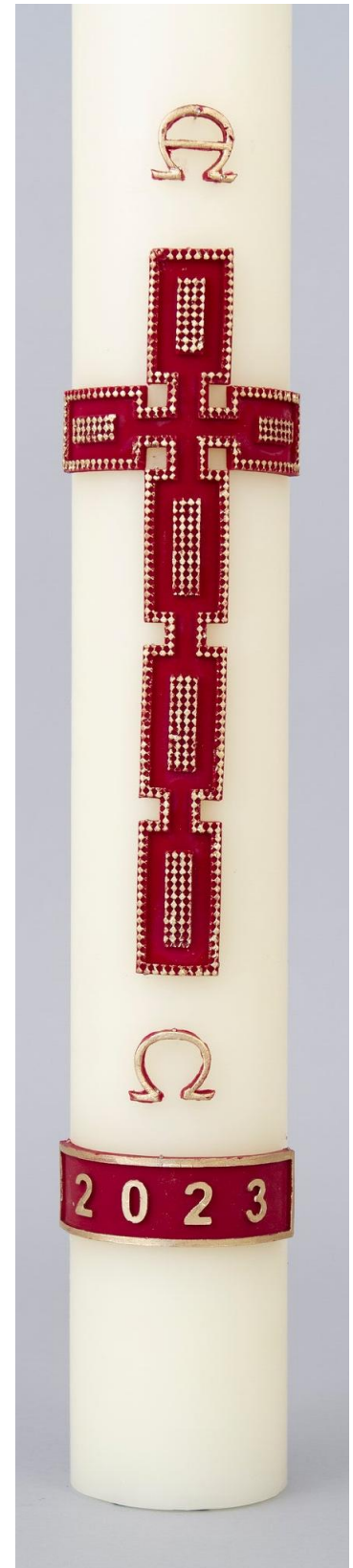
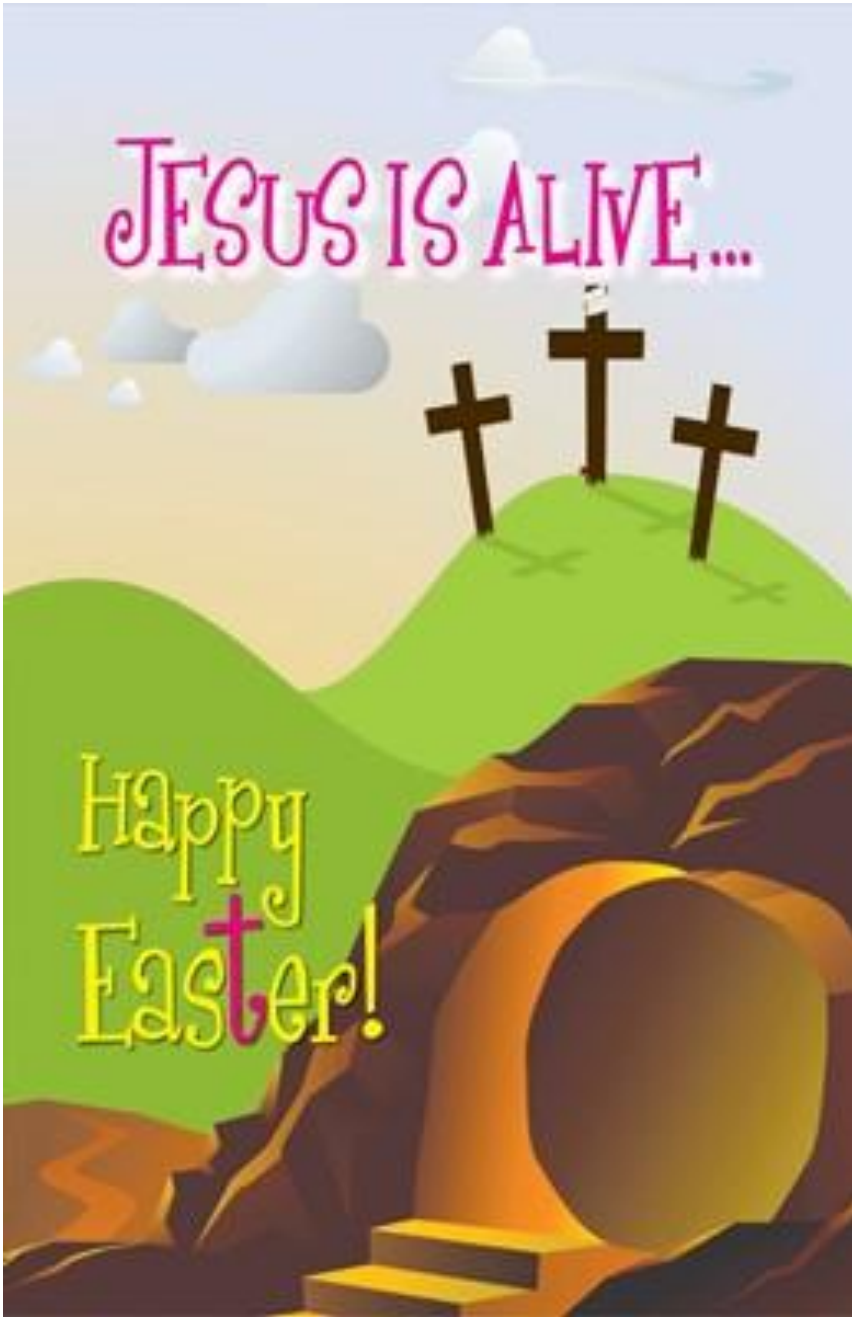
Elaine Simkin

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Revd Carol Pharaoh/Alan Morris

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**We wish everyone a happy,
peaceful and blessed Easter
from all at Westhoughton Parish**

St Bartholomew

St George

St Thomas

Readings for Sunday 9th April 2023

Collect:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10. 34 - 43

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 1 - 4

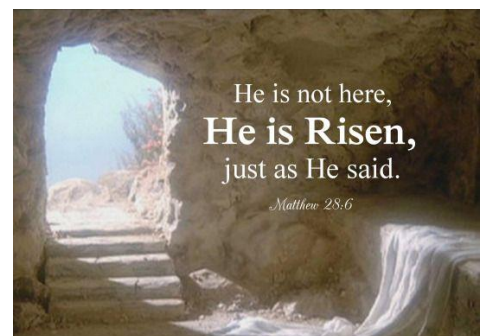
¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20. 1 - 18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together,

but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



Post Communion Prayer:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions – Easter Day

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us [and ...] with
the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of
Easter ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,
work or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease
through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to
the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit
upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his
resurrection,
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to
eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
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Easter Day



Sunday 9th April

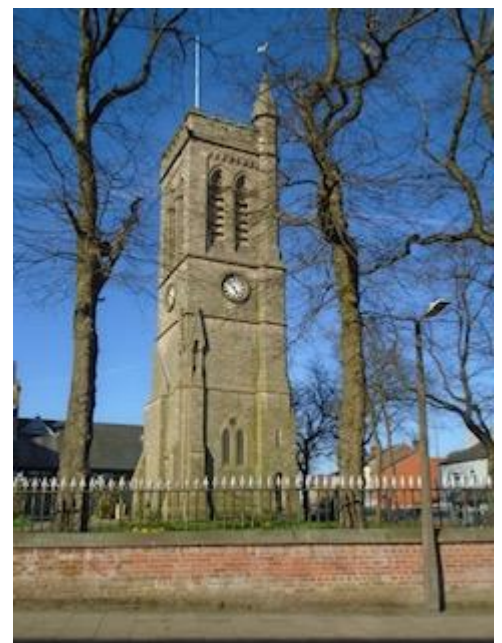
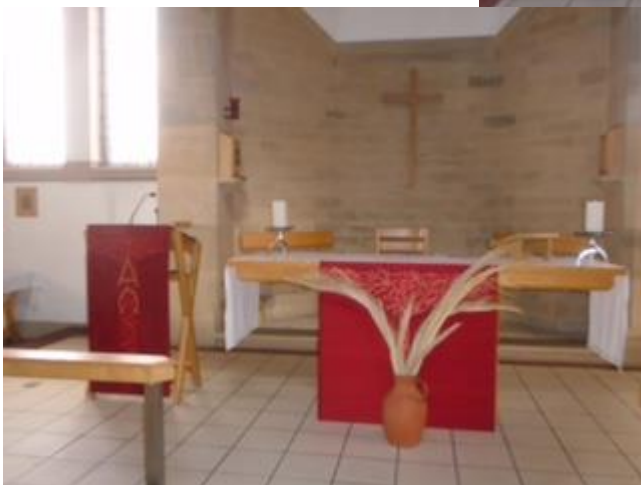
11:00am

Holy Communion service celebrating the
Resurrection of Jesus.

Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

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Some pictures from Holy Week with thanks to Alan Morris





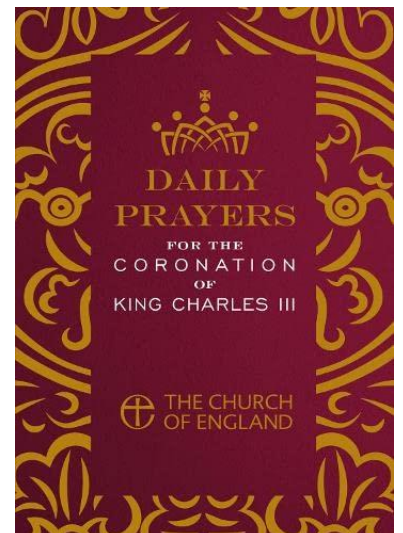
The Bishop of Manchester's Easter Message

As we head into the Easter weekend, Bishop David shares a message of faith, love and hope.

Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

We have to hand out today [1 copy per family] a booklet of **Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III**. They contain a reading, prayer and short explanation of an aspect of the Coronation Service for each day from Easter Day to the day of the Coronation itself.

Please collect one from any of our churches this Easter Sunday.



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.

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

There is no Sunday School running this morning at either St Bartholomew's or St George's.

Office Hour

Mondays 10:30 – 11:30am

We're taking our Easter break, returning on **Monday 17th April.**

Please note: we're not running on any of the Bank Holiday Mondays in May [1st, 8th, 29th].

Midweek Communion Service

Wednesday 19th April 11:00am

St Bartholomew's Church



Our next Monthly Midweek Communion Service is on 19th April at 11:00am and will be followed by the Luncheon Club.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 24th April 7:30pm

St Bartholomew's Church

We're holding the Parish Annual Meeting at St Bartholomew's Church on Monday 24th April at 7:30pm to which everyone is welcome.

It's the meeting at which we receive our annual reports and accounts for 2022 and elect our church officers and committees for 2023 / 24.

If you're contributing a report to the Annual Reports, please send to Kath Norman [PCC secretary] as soon as possible.

Electoral Roll Update:

In preparation for our Annual Meeting we're updating our Electoral Roll. This is simply a membership list of the church and allows people to vote at our AGM.

You can add your name to the electoral roll until mid-April. After this we can make amendments or corrections but cannot add any names until after the AGM has taken place.

If you wish to join the electoral roll you need to be baptized and aged 16 or over, be a member of the Church of England and be resident in the Parish or have attended worship regularly at churches in the Parish for six months. Forms will be available in our churches.

- If you're on the current roll, nothing changes – you'll stay on
- If you wish to join, please collect a form from one of the wardens
- If your details have changed, please complete a new form [change of name / address]
- If you're not sure whether you're on the roll, do ask me and we can check

Elections: - there are nomination forms in our churches if you wish to stand for election to any of the officers / committees. We need to elect

- 2 Parish Wardens
- 2 Deputy Wardens for each church
- 4 Deanery Synod members [3 year term serving until 2026]
- 2 PCC reps from each church

All these elected will serve automatically on the PCC and their respective local church council [St Bartholomew's or St George's or St Thomas']

In addition we also elect members to each church council and need people to serve as sidespeople at each church who will be appointed by the PCC at its first brief meeting immediately after the AGM.



Study Group Series “PRAYER”

Final Session: Monday 17th April 7:30pm The Prayer of St Francis

Led by Andy

Easter Lilies – St Bartholomew’s

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies for the Easter flower arrangements at St Bartholomew’s please see Jean Tonge.

Many thanks



Parent & Toddler Group - St Bartholomew’s

We’re now on our **Easter break** but we’ll restart on Monday 17th April.

Advance note – we won’t be meeting on any of the three Bank Holidays in May [1st, 8th or 29th] but will be open on 15th & 22nd May.

Café Church

Is taking its **Easter break** and will return in the summer term on **Wednesday 19th April 3:45 – 4:30pm** as we start to look at some **Easter themes**

IGNITE YOUTH

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

Future date for this term:

22nd April

Dates for the diaries – events coming up

Coronation Weekend

Friday 5th May

Afternoon Tea at St Bartholomew's church

Sunday 7th May 11:00am

Civic Celebration Service at St Bartholomew's church

Sunday 7th May 7:30pm

Coronation Concert at St Bartholomew's church

A concert of Choral works given by the Brixii Singers



Organ Recital

Saturday 3rd June 7:30pm

Organ Recital at St Bartholomew's church

Ed McHale

A concert pieces transcribed for organ, admission by donation & refreshments

Cathedral Evensong to celebrate Bolton Deanery –

Sunday 23 April at 5:30pm at Manchester Cathedral

For anyone arriving early, there is also an Organ Recital at Manchester Cathedral that afternoon at 3:00pm given by the Cathedral Director of Music, Christopher Stokes

Archdeacon's Visitation –

Our nearest service is on Tuesday 13 June at Bolton Parish Church starting at 7:00pm

Consecration of the new Bishop of Bolton (Revd Matthew Porter) –

Thursday 22 June at York Minster



YOU'RE INVITED

TO A FAREWELL & CELEBRATION
SERVICE FOR CANON CHRIS
BRACEGIRDLE



On **April 30th at 3pm** at
Bolton Parish Church

Any questions, please contact:
Ian: lecturer@boltonparishchurch.co.uk
Evelyn: evelyn.weston001@gmail.com

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 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.

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CONCERT SERIES

*Austin &
Friends*

Cello recital from the
Wigan Young Musician
of the Year 2022,
Austin Thomas
supported by
Simon Passmore (piano)
and Danny Norbury (cello)

Austin is appearing by kind permission
of Chetham's School of Music.

11am Saturday
15th April 2023
St James' Church
Daisy Hill
BL5 2EH

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**FREE
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EASTER BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
10th April 2023

PREMIER SUITE
UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON STADIUM
BL6 6JW
11AM - 3PM

**SPECIAL
GUESTS**

DANCE AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES
COMMUNITY STALLS
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See also next page

Fun for all the family!

Looking for something to do on Easter Bank Holiday Monday, 10th April? Then why not come on down to the Bolton Unity Festival organised by the Bolton Unity Project at the Premier Suite of Bolton Wanderers' University of Bolton Stadium on the ground floor of the East Stand just down the steps between Subway and Luciano's on Middlebrook Retail Park.

The event is free to attend and will include music and dance performances, fun activities for families and individuals, carnival processions, Easter Egg hunt, music/art/craft workshops, Lofty, special guests, as well as a huge 'market place' of over 50 stalls and activities hosted by voluntary and community organisations and services from across Bolton.

You can arrive any time between 11am and 3pm although the event is likely to be quieter between 11am and 1pm as the event is followed by Bolton's match v Cambridge United at 3pm so it could get busy as fans start to arrive.

Organ Concert:



If anyone is in the Royton area of Oldham and fancies an organ concert, Ed is playing at St Paul's Church in Royton [OL2 5JS] on **Sunday 30th April at 5:00pm**. *It's the President's recital for the Oldham Rochdale and Tameside Organists and as I'm the President, I can't really refuse.*

It's free entry with retiring collection and there's plenty of parking. Follow the satnav as it's impossible to find the church otherwise!

It's the usual light mix of anniversaries, local composers and the odd piece you wouldn't expect.

Ed



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Or to 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