

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

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St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church	St Thomas' Church	St Bartholomew's Church
9:15am Service of the Word Elaine Simkin	9:15am Service of the Word Revd Andy Jones	11:00am Holy Communion Alan Morris / Revd Carol Pharaoh HYMNS: 276, 826, sheet, 603 / 452, 589

This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Harry Bowyer, Brian Cato, Libby Evans, Georgia Gidney, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Stephen Harris, Steven Hindley, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Jessie Lowe, Linda McCaroll, Eileen Marsh, Ted Morgan, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Ellen Mary Wheeler, Arthur Winrow.

Those who have died: Alan Martin, Christine Morris

[Christine's funeral service will be at Overdale on Wednesday 2nd October at 1:00pm]

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Melvyn Ashton, William Bruton, Irene Butler, Sylvia Coop, Paul Dunnington, Allan Fairhurst, Wilfred Hartley, Evelyn Higham, Roy Hindley, Mary Jennings, Dorothy Martin, Annie Moss, Margaret Roberts, John Scotson, Elizabeth Shannon, May Westhead, Ellen Williams

Next Sunday: 6th October 2024 The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Readings: Genesis 2. 18 – 24 / Hebrews 1. 1 – 4 & 2. 5 – 10 / Mark 10. 2 - 16

9.15am	Holy Communion at St George's	Revd Andy Jones
9.15am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'	Revd Angela Wynne
11.00am	Service of the Word at St Bartholomew's	Revd Carol Pharaoh

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Coming Up next week:

Monday 30th 9:30am – 11:00am 9:30am – 11:00am 7:30pm	The week ahead: St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Office Hour – for booking baptisms / other church business Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship St George's Committee Meeting
Wednesday 2nd Oct 10:30 – 11:30am 3:45pm – 4:30pm 7:30pm	St John's Church, Wingates St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Talking Tables Group Café Church: Bible Heroes and Villains - Esther Choir Practice
Thursday 3rd Oct 2:00 – 3:00pm	Daisy Hill Vicarage	Book Club

OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY: starts NEXT SUNDAY

It's that time of year again when we have to do our income survey. If you are 16 years old or older and attend church 12 times or more each year, you'll be given a form and just asked to fill in which box best reflects your income. Even if you have a low or no income or receive a student loan / benefits, we need you to complete a form. Once completed, place the form in the box provided.

The form is anonymous [your name will not appear on it] and no-one from our churches will ever see it.

PLEASE complete one form each [not one per family], but ONLY one even if you attend every week, and do it at the church you attend most often [if you attend different churches within the team]. Please complete only one form and NOT one form every time you attend. You just need to colour in [not tick this year] one box on the form.

Our diocese use the information to determine our annual parish share so we need the information to be complete and accurate.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Readings for Sunday 29th September 2024 St Michael and all Angels

Collect:

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:

grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 28. 10 - 17

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Second Reading: Revelation 12. 7 - 12

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹²Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Gospel: John 1. 47 - 51

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers: St Michael and All Angels

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven,
by his blood your Christ has
ransomed us to you,
and has made us a kingdom and
priests to you our God.
As the angels minister to you in
heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you
here on earth.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
when the angels greeted the birth of
your Son
they sang for joy 'Glory to God and
peace on earth'.
Bless with Christ's peace the nations
of the world.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your Son has promised to your
children
the care of the guardian angels who
look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our
neighbours, families and friends.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
you give your angels charge over
those who trust in you
to guard them in all their ways.
Be with those in trouble...,
rescue them and show them your
salvation.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your angel declares 'Blessed are the
dead who die in the Lord.'
'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit,
'for they may rest from their labours,
for they take with them the record of
their deeds.'
Enfold in your love [... and] all who
come in faith
to your judgement seat in heaven.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
the angels sing by day and night
around your throne:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God
almighty.'
With Michael, prince of the angels,
who contends by our side,
with Gabriel, your herald, who brings
glad tidings,
with Raphael, the protector, who
ministers your healing,
and with the whole company of
heaven,
we worship you, we give you glory,
we sing your praise and exalt you for
ever. **Amen.**

St Michael and All Angels 29th September

Michael-what?

Michaelmas is a shortened form of “Michael’s Mass” (just like Christmas is a shortened form of Christ’s Mass). It is also known as the feast day of Holy (or “St.”) Michael and All Angels.

Celebrated similarly to Thanksgiving, Michaelmas conjures images of crisp autumn days, abundant harvests, and feasting. Festivities focus on the defeat of sin and Satan, often symbolized by dragons.

At the heart of Michaelmas is the recognition of the reality and presence of angelic beings, the Heavenly Host, and their participation and ultimate victory in the war against darkness.

When is Michaelmas?

In the Western liturgical traditions, it is celebrated on the **29th of September**. It is the feast day for Michael and all the Archangels. And, as Archangel Michael is prominently featured in Scripture for his military might, he “headlines” the feast day.

Where did Michaelmas come from?

The Feast of Holy Michael and All Angels came from the dedication of a church (a basilica near Rome) to Michael in the 5th century.

What do we do on Michaelmas?

The answer varies!

Many things are considered traditional for celebration including roasting carrots, polishing off the blackberry harvest (since, according to legend, Satan landed in a blackberry patch and cursed it after being kicked out of heaven), and baking special breads.

Leading up to the day, we remind each other and ourselves that Satan and sin have been defeated in Christ.

It’s a day of considering the reality of spiritual warfare in a world driven largely by rationalism. We remember that angels and archangels are on “our side” and that their angels are always before the Father.

There is a wonder in it for adults, too, that we are allowed to believe in angels without being sentimental. Yes, they are real. Yes, they are near. Yes, they fight with us.

Following the words of the liturgy:

“Joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven as they forever sing this hymn: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.”

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Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but an angel [*just to confuse us all*], and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, and that's not much.

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people." [[chapter 12](#)]

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib."

St. Michael is usually pictured with a sword.



An angel is a heavenly being created by God who carries God's messages between heaven and earth. They appear through the Bible acting on God's behalf.

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek *angelos*, which means 'messenger'. In the Old Testament, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for "angel" is *malak*, also meaning 'messenger'. The prophet Malachi took his name from this word. He was himself a messenger, and he prophesied about the coming of "the messenger of the

covenant", Jesus Christ ([Malachi 3:1](#)).

Biblical information on what angels are like is very sparse and doesn't bear much relationship to what we imagine in the Nativity plays today. Their appearance is described very rarely and may best be interpreted as "changeable" to suit the needs of the occasion. While some appear human and are described as men [[Genesis 18. 2](#) / [Joshua 5. 13](#)] in later biblical passages they have wings. In [1 Corinthians 6. 3](#) / [Jude 1. 6](#), mention of fallen angels implies a capacity for judgement and imperfection.

St. Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. He is one of the three archangels. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. First, in the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. Gabriel is described as, "one who looked like man," as he interprets Daniel's visions. He speaks to Daniel while he is sleeping. After Gabriel's first visit, Daniel becomes tired and sick for days. Gabriel later visits Daniel again providing him with more insight and understanding in an answered prayer.

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In the New Testament, Gabriel, described as "an angel of the Lord," first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He tells him, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth." [Luke 1:13].



After Elizabeth conceived and was six months pregnant, Gabriel appears again. The Book of Luke states he was sent from God to Nazareth to visit the virgin married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." [Luke 1:28].

Gabriel told Mary she would conceive from The Holy Spirit and the baby will be the Son of God. After this meeting, Gabriel is not spoken of again in the Bible and isn't mentioned as one of the angels who appears to the shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus.

In art, Gabriel is most commonly represented in the scene of the Annunciation.

St. Raphael is one of the seven Archangels who stand before the throne of the Lord, and one of the only three mentioned by name in

the Bible. He appears, by name, only in the Book of Tobit and means "God heals."

Disguised as a human in the Book of Tobit, Raphael refers to himself as "Azarias the son of the great Ananias" and travels alongside Tobit's son, Tobiah. Once Raphael returns from his journey with Tobiah, he declares to Tobit that he was sent by the Lord to heal his blindness and deliver Sarah, Tobiah's future wife, from the demon Asmodeus. It is then that his true healing powers are revealed and he makes himself known as "the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" **Tobit 12:15**.



The demon Asmodeus killed every man Sarah married on the night of the wedding. Raphael guided Tobiah and taught him how to safely enter the marriage with Sarah. Raphael is credited with driving the evil spirit from Sarah and restoring Tobit's vision, allowing him to see the light of Heaven and for receiving all good things through his intercession.

Although only the archangels Gabriel and Michael are mentioned by name in the New Testament, the Gospel of John speaks of the pool at Bethesda, where many ill people rested, awaiting the moving of the water. "An angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under" **John 5:1-4**. Because of the healing powers often linked to Raphael, the angel spoken of is generally associated with St. Raphael, the Archangel.

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Finally, just to confuse us all, there are the **seraphim and cherubim** who are heavenly beings but not angels. **Seraphim** [*it's one seraph, more than one seraphim*] means "burning ones" and are referred to in the Bible only in Isaiah 6 where Isaiah has a vision of heaven when he's commissioned by God. They have six wings, two of which they use for flying around the throne of God with the other wings covering their hands & feet. It doesn't say how many there are but it's more than one. Their primary duty is to glorify and praise God constantly. Isaiah quotes the words "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*"

Cherubim [*one cherub, more than one cherubim*] however, stand around the throne of God and from the Biblical description in Genesis and Ezekiel, are nothing like the podgy babies you see in Renaissance art. In Genesis, they guard the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve are evicted and are described as holding flaming swords.

Ezekiel has a dramatic vision of heaven where he sees four Cherubim around the throne of God with four faces and four wings. Presumably they can see and move in any direction which would fit with their guarding role.

The holiest part of the temple in Jerusalem contained the Ark of the Covenant [*yes, as in Indiana Jones*] and features statues of the cherubim.

In the final book of the Bible, Revelation, there's a description of 'Four Living Creatures' in addition to a description of the living creatures in Ezekiel. These amazing creatures have features in common with both the Seraphim, in having six wings and continually praising God; and like the Cherubim, that they number four, are covered in eyes and look like a lion, ox, man and eagle.

Whether these creatures are Seraphim, Cherubim or another sort of angelic/heavenly being, we simply don't know.

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Sunday 29th September

11:00am



**St Michael
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Holy Communion

All Welcome

NOTICEBOARD

A Prayer for Ukraine

On 24 February 2022, Russia's invasion of Ukraine began. Two years on, the people of Ukraine continue to need our prayers and our support. Churches and individuals are invited to use and share these prayers as part of your services. Here we have prayers written by members of the congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv, and a prayer to mark the anniversary.



**God of strength and peace
Send your blessing on the people of Ukraine.
Sustain them in their struggles,
hold them in their fear,
protect them from all danger
and be for them to hope they desire.
For Jesus Christ sake.
Amen.**

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

Sunday School won't be meeting at either St George's but we are meeting at St Bartholomew's this week.

Office Hour

Mondays 9:30am – 11:00am at St Bartholomew's Church

Office Hour runs each Monday in term time for booking baptisms or other church business.

We're still running some limited Saturday morning appointments for booking baptisms. Please e-mail westhoughtonparish@outlook.com for an appointment.

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Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship **Mondays 9:30am – 11:00am at St Bartholomew's Church**

We're back on Monday 9th September at 9:30am – 11:00am and each Monday in term time.

If you have Secondary School supplementary forms for school admissions, please put them in an envelope with your name and telephone number and details of which churches you have attended, and hand them to a Church Warden or a member of the clergy team.

If you can hand the form in by Sunday 13th October that will give plenty of time for us to do the necessary counts.

Once completed they will be returned to you.

Thank you

October – Giving in Generosity **St Bartholomew's Church / St George's Church**

We're planning our Stewardship campaign across the parish. We're running in October at St Bartholomew's and St George's looking at how we can give our money, time and skills in the most efficient ways to further the work, worship and witness of our churches across the parish.

Lots more details to follow in October.

Café Church **St Bartholomew's Church** **Wednesdays 3:45pm – 4:30pm**

Café Church is back on Wednesday 2nd October – see the poster and rota printed later in this pewsheet.

There are refreshments, games & activities and a bible story and song each week.

This term we're looking at biblical heroes and villains continuing in the Old Testament with the story of Esther this week.

Taize Harvest Service

Sunday 6th October 6:00pm

St Katharine's Church, Blackrod

The next Taize Service will have the theme of
"Harvest."

We come together to wait on the Lord,
mainly in silence but with some readings,
prayer and simple music.



The service lasts about 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome.



The Middleton Band **"The Last Night of the Proms"**

Saturday 12th October 7:30pm

St Katharine's Church, Blackrod

Tickets are £10 each in aid of the Middleton Band and St Katharine's Church.

Light refreshments will be included and you are welcome to bring along your own drinks.

Revd Dr Malcolm Wearing

will be Licensed as Team Vicar (SSM) in Blackrod, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton & Wingate Benefice, on Tuesday 29th October 2024, 7:00pm at St James' Daisy Hill. All welcome.



Revd Hannah Lane

will be inducted as the new Vicar of Bolton at Bolton Parish Church on Monday 7th October at 7:30pm

The Bells, The Bells, Let's Ring The Bells!

Over the last 2 weeks members of the Town Council have been to St Bartholomew's for a master class in bellringing with former Mayor of Westhoughton, Ryan Battersby.

Town Mayor, Councillor Neil Maher, writes:

Ryan gave a very interesting talk about the history of the tower and bellringing in Westhoughton. Followed by a demo from Ryan and Ged. The Mayor and Councillor Jackson had a go then and were outclassed by two young apprentices, Grace and Emily!

Westhoughton are very fortunate to have one of the few dedicated bellringers in the area, who play regularly for church events such as weddings, Easter etc. Thank you Ryan and Ged.

Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Gillian Wroe, writes:

On Tuesday evening I attended a bell ringing demonstration in the tower at St Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton, with Westhoughton Town Council colleagues David Wilkinson, Arthur Price and Derek Gradwell. Ryan Battersby started our session with a history of the church and tower, including the devastating fire in 1990, followed by a demonstration by four of the bell ringers.

Then it was our turn!

Under the expert supervision of Ryan we had a go at bell ringing. To be honest I think we were all nervous at first but we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Thank you to Ryan and his team for inviting us along. As we've said on many occasions it's an absolute privilege to represent Westhoughton and to meet the people who enrich our town.

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September 2024 Diary ... what's coming up

Sunday 29th	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity / St Michael and all Angels 9:15am St George's Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas All Age Service 11:00am St Bartholomew's All Age Holy Communion
Monday 30th	9:30am St Bartholomew's Office Hour 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St George's committee meeting at St Bartholomew's

Committee Meetings in September

at St Bartholomew's church

Monday 30th 7:30pm St George's committee

October 2024 Diary ... what's coming up

	October
Tuesday 1st	
Wednesday 2nd	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – <i>Heroes and Villains</i> : Esther 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 3rd	2:00 – 3:00pm Book Club at St James' Vicarage
Friday 4th	
Saturday 5th	10:00 Open Church St James' Daisy Hill 10:30am Bric n Brac n Brew St John's Church, Wingates
Sunday 6th	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – Stewardship I Thank You 9:15am St George's Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's Service of the Word
Monday 7th	9:30am St Bartholomew's Office Hour 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Tuesday 8th	
Wednesday 9th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church - Harvest 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 10th	7:00pm – 9:00pm Deanery Synod meeting at St Bartholomew's
Friday 11th	All Day – setting up for Autumn Fair St Bartholomew's

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Saturday 12th	10:00am – 2:00pm Autumn Fair at St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St Katharine's Blackrod Last Night of the Proms with Middleton Band £10
Sunday 13th	Harvest Services – Stewardship 2 Harvest Thank You 9:15am St George's Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas Service of the Word 11:00am St Bartholomew's Holy Communion
Monday 14th	9:30am St Bartholomew's Office Hour 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Tuesday 15th	1:30pm Holy Communion at Thurstons
Wednesday 16th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 11:00am Monthly Midweek Communion & Luncheon Club 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – <i>Heroes and Villains</i> : Mary 6:45pm St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation Meeting 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 17th	
Friday 18th	St Luke the Evangelist
Saturday 19th	7:00 – 8:30pm St John's Church Wingates Ignite Youth Meeting
Sunday 20th	The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity – Stewardship 3 The Big Push 9:15am St George's Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's Holy Communion 2:00pm St Bartholomew's British Legion Flag Dedication Service. 2:00pm St John's Songs of Praise and Celebration afternoon with Wingates Band <i>Tickets £10 on the door</i>
Monday 21st	9:30am St Bartholomew's Office Hour 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Tuesday 22nd	
Wednesday 23rd	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – <i>Heroes and Villains</i> : Paul 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 24th	
Friday 25th	
Saturday 26th	
Sunday 27th	The Last Sunday after Trinity - Stewardship 4 Response CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR 9:15am St George's Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas Café Church 11:00am St Bartholomew's All Age Holy Communion

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	1:00pm Baptism 2:00pm Baptism
Monday 28th	St Simon & St Jude, Apostles 29th Anniversary of the Consecration Half term week – no meetings
Tuesday 29th	
Wednesday 30th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – CANCELLED: HALF TERM 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 31st	

Harvest Services Sunday 13th October

Harvest Services will be on Sunday
13th October at

St George's Church 9:15am

St Thomas' Church 9:15am

St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am



We're collecting tins, packets, toiletries in aid of Urban Outreach that we continue to support each week through the green Grub Tubs.

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Please use this list as a guide to what we need to help make up our food parcels.

Items highlighted with * are what we need the most.

For food safety / quality reasons, please don't donate any bakery products or items that require refrigeration or freezing.

Donated food can be dropped off at Unit 4 (former Staples / Office Outlet) on Trinity Retail Park, off Bradford Street, Bolton BL2 1HY. Just drive down past Burger King and Arnold Clark Car Sales.

The Hub is open **Monday to Friday** between **10am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 3.00pm.**

Ambient / Long-Life Items

Tinned Soups (Any)
*Tinned Minced Beef
*Tinned Corned Beef
*Tinned Stewing Steak
*Tinned Meat Stews
*Tinned Chicken Stews
*Tinned meat or chicken curry
Tinned Veg Curry
*Tinned Ham
*Tinned Meat Pies
Tinned Fish (any)

Tinned Carrots
*Tinned Mushy Peas
*Tinned Garden Peas
*Tinned Processed Peas
*Tinned Mixed Vegetables
*Tinned Tomatoes
*Tinned Potatoes
*Instant Mash
Dried Rice
Microwave Rice
Dried Pasta
Cuppa Soup

Small cooking oils (max 200ml)
Cooking Sauces (jars)
Gravy granules and cubes
Herbs & Spices (any)
Salt & Pepper
Tomato Puree
Pickled beetroot, onions or cabbage
Salad Cream
Tomato Sauce
Brown Sauce

Coffee Powder
Instant Hot Chocolate
Long Life Fruit Juice (1 ltr or similar)
*Cordial
*Long Life Milk

Tinned Sweet Pie Fillings
Tinned Sponge Puddings
*Tinned Fruit (any)
* Instant Custard Powder
Tinned Custard
Rice Pudding
Sugar
Biscuits
Baking Products
Flour (Plain & Self Raising)
Angel Delight
Evaporated Milk
Trifle Mixes
Jellies

Cleaning Equipment

*Large food bags
Antibacterial Spray
Dish Cloths
Bleach
Toilet cleaner

Toiletries

Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Toilet Rolls
Baby Wipes
*Nappies (all sizes but especially size 4 upwards)

Fresh Fruit and Veg

Apples and Oranges
Carrots, greens and potatoes
Salad items (not containing 'use by' dates)

Thank you for your help and support

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)

Bric-a-brac n Brew

Every First Saturday at 10:30am – 12:00noon

St John's Wingates

Please do come and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We are collecting food donations for Westhoughton Assist.

Refreshments available and books and bric-a-brac stalls in aid of church funds.



Open Doors

St. James Church, Daisy Hill

10 am -12 noon the first Saturday of the month

Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like!

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Café Church Rota Autumn Term 2024

Date	Topic	Leader	Refreshments
	HEROES & VILLIANS (with a Harvest interlude)		
02-Oct	Esther – Brave and true (The story of Esther from a bible storybook)	Andy	Carole / Linda
09-Oct	Harvest – Don't worry (Matthew 6.25-33)	Christine	Jean / Fran
16-Oct	Mary – Whatever you say (Luke 1.26-38)	Angela	John / Lynne
23-Oct	Paul – Total turnaround (Acts 9.1-18)	Carol	Sue / Ged
30-Oct	HALF TERM		

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Café Church

It meets each Wednesday in term time at
St Bartholomew's church
3:45 – 4:30pm

Biblical Heroes & Villains

Esther – Bold and True



The Book of Esther

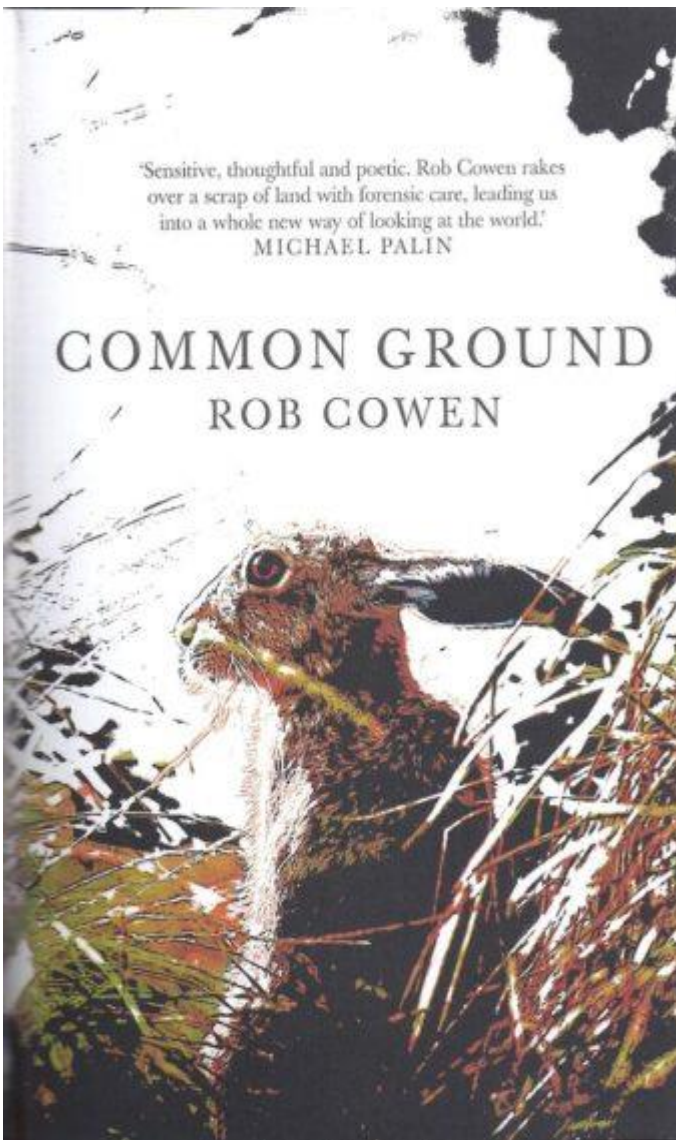
Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Front Cover Book Club

Thursday 3rd October 2:00pm- 3:00pm

at St James' Vicarage

30 Lower Leigh Road



After moving from London to a new home in Yorkshire, and about to become a father for the first time, Rob Cowen finds himself in unfamiliar territory. Disoriented, hemmed in by winter and yearning for open space, he ventures out to a nearby edge-land: a pylon-slung tangle of wood, hedge, field, meadow and river that lies unclaimed and overlooked on the outskirts of town.

Digging deeper into this lost landscape, he begins to uncover its many layers and lives - beast, bird, insect, plant and people - in kaleidoscopic detail. As the seasons change and the birth of his child draws closer, his transformative journey into the blurry space where human and nature meet becomes increasingly profound. In bringing this edge-land to life, Cowen offers both a unique portrait of people and place through time and an unforgettable exploration of the common ground we share with the natural world, the past and each other.

All welcome - contact reverendandyjones@gmail.com for any more information.

next meeting TBC

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**THE PARISH OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW
WESTHOUGHTON**



AUTUMN FAYRE

St Bartholomew's Church
Saturday 12th October
10:00am – 2:00pm

**Crafts, stalls, gifts, tombola, bottles, books,
toys, pick and mix, cakes & bakes, raffles**

FREE ENTRY

**Refreshments, breakfast
and lunches served**

Stalls available – contact Elaine by text

07732 749 871

Raising funds for St Bartholomew's church

**You are invited to
join us for**

Ignite Youth

Saturday 19th October

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 & Catalyst Youth Mission Event:

Saturday 16th November - "Into the Light"

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SONGS OF PRAISE & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN 1.30 PM

CONCERT STARTS 2.00 PM

TICKETS £10

(Including refreshments)

PAY ON THE DOOR

ST JOHN'S WINGATES CHURCH

CHORLEY ROAD

WESTHOUGHTON, BL5 3PL

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

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**THE PARISH OF
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WESTHOUGHTON**



THE PARISH AND TOWN OF WESTHOUGHTON



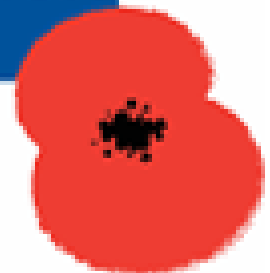
Sunday 20th

October

2:00pm

**The Dedication of the
Union Flag**

**ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION
WESTHOUGHTON
BRANCH**



All Welcome

The Bolton 'Autumn' Community Walks

Aimed at over 55s, but all ages are welcome on a series of 9 'Autumn' Community Walks in September, October and November where we'll explore some of the lovely countryside, fascinating historical places, buildings and stories in and around the Bolton area.

Thursday 3rd October, 2pm: Walker Fold Woodland Trail (**Part of Bolton's 'Walks of Hope'**)

(Meet at Walker Fold Car Park, Walker Fold Lane, Smithills, BL6 6PR from 1-45pm)

Thursday 10th October, 2pm: Seven Acres Country Park Circular

(Meet at the Seven Acres car park off Thicketford Rd, Bolton, BL2 2NA from 1-45pm)

Thursday 17th October, 2pm: Rivington Terraced Gardens Trail

(Meet at the Lower House Car Park (Pigeon Tower Car Park), Rivington Rd, Nr Rivington, Bolton, BL6 7SD from 1-45pm)

Thursday 24th October, 1pm:

Smithills 'Social action event' with the Woodlands Trust (Details to be confirmed)

(Meet at Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Rd, Bolton, BL1 7NP from 12-45pm)

Thursday 7th November, 1pm: Bolton Town Centre Historical Ramble

(Meet at next to Queen's Park Children's Playground, Queen's Park, Spa Rd, Bolton BL1 4RU from 12-45pm)

Thursday 14th November, 1pm: Kearsley Interfaith Trail

(Meet at St John Fisher Catholic Church, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, Bolton BL4 8QQ from 12-45pm)

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 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 or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk – or just turn up on the day.

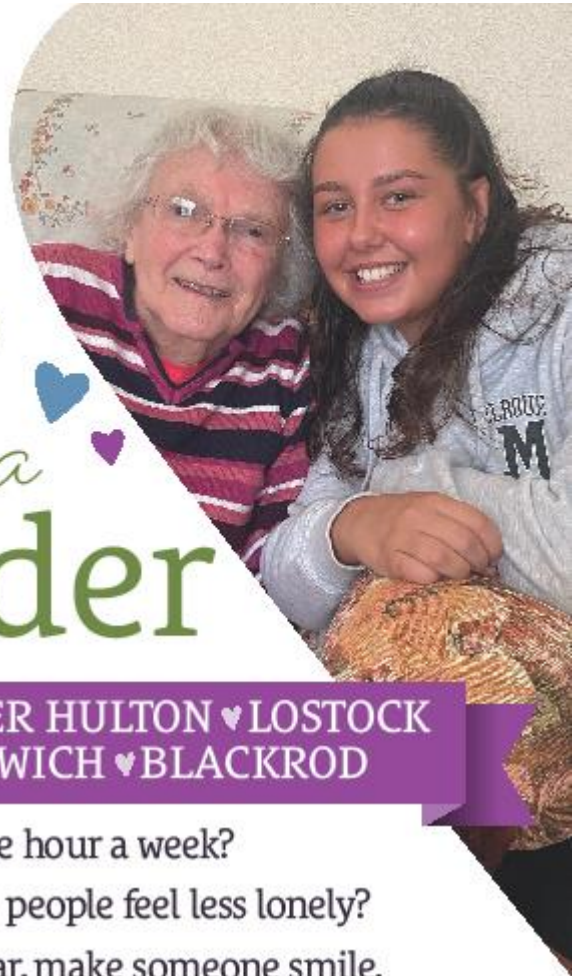
Senior Solutions Charity

The Senior Solutions Charity based at The Winifred Kettle Centre has a recruitment drive to engage with adults who would like to consider volunteer befriending for our charity?

We are receiving referrals daily and due to demand we are looking for volunteers who can spare just one hour a week to visit an elderly person within the community for at least one hour per week to help them feel less lonely and/or isolated once they have been through the DBS process and help make a big difference?

Please see poster on the next page.

Join us *and* befriender



WESTHOUGHTON ♥ OVER HULTON ♥ LOSTOCK
LADYBRIDGE ♥ HORWICH ♥ BLACKROD

Can you spare one hour a week?

Do you want to help older people feel less lonely?

Can you offer a listening ear, make someone smile,
be open minded and caring?

*We are currently looking for kind hearted volunteers who
can help make a difference in our local area.*

1 hour
a week can
make a big
difference
to someone
lonely

Please get in touch today, we would love to hear from you!

Please visit our website www.seniorsol.org.uk and
download our registration form or contact us on 01204 335107
or seniorsolutions55@gmail.com for more information

Senior Solutions

COMBATING ISOLATION, FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS

Winifred Kettle Centre Washacre, Westhoughton BL5 2NG

Tel: 01204 335107 Email: seniorsolutions55@gmail.com www.seniorsol.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1177601



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

From the Diocese of Manchester:

We are delighted to invite you to our first **Lay Leadership Conference** - a unique opportunity to gather together to learn, be encouraged and empowered as leaders. This event is open to **lay people who contribute to the life of their church in Bolton Deanery**. All are invited including ALMs, Readers, and those who hold church officer roles such as Churchwardens, as well as those who volunteer in other ways.

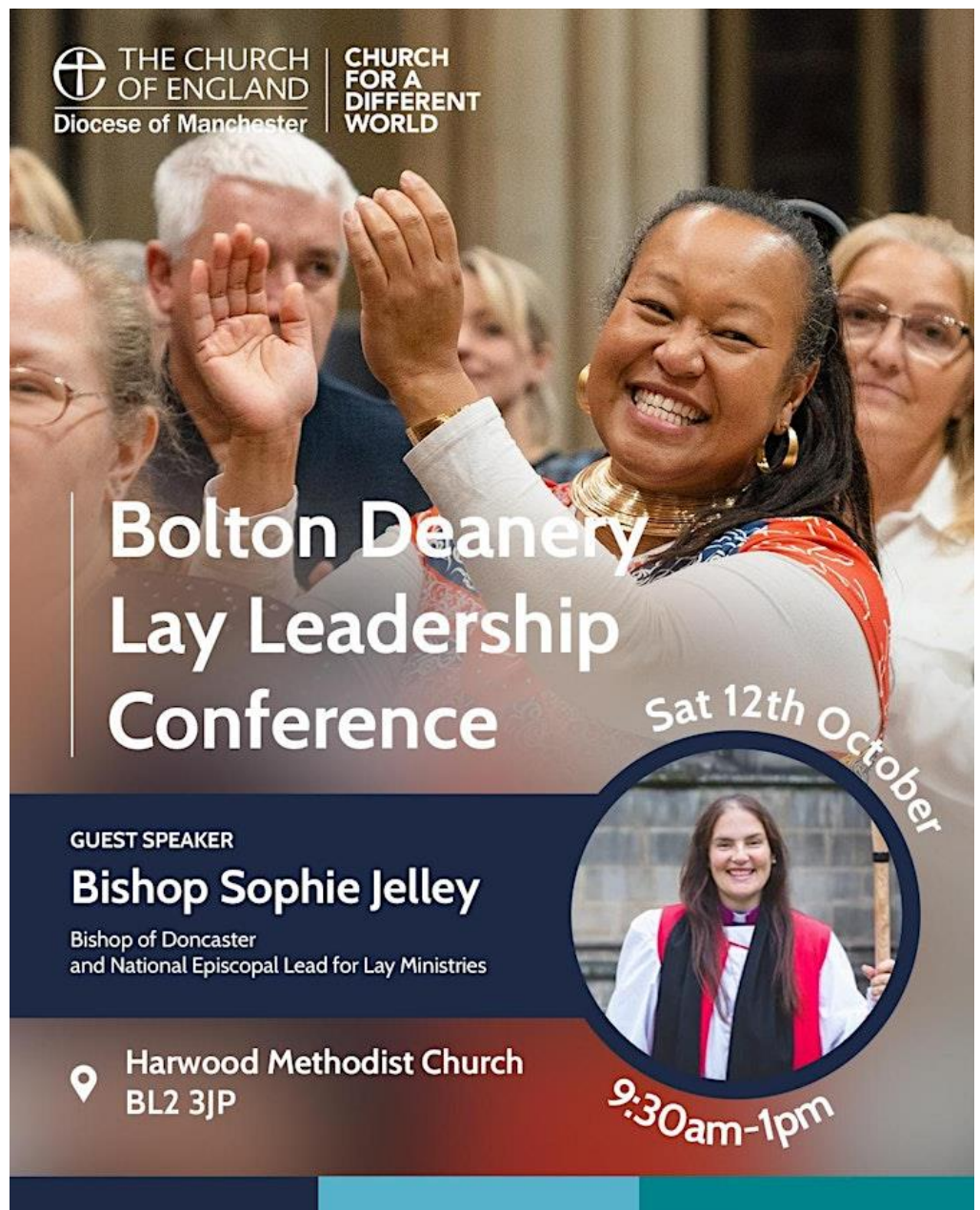
Our key guest speaker will be the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, the Bishop of Doncaster. Bishop Sophie is the **national episcopal lead for Lay Ministries across the Church of England** and she will lead some of our morning – celebrating, encouraging and inspiring us in our lay ministry roles.

There will be chance to meet up with others in similar roles, time to worship together, to pray and be prayed for, and to reflect on the calling we share.

The conference will take place on Saturday, 12th October 2024 from 9.30 am to 1 pm at Harwood Methodist Church, Longsight, Bolton BL2 3HX. Light refreshments will be provided. We will finish before lunchtime.

We hope to see you there, [please register your attendance here](#).

With best wishes from,
Keith Lewis, Deanery Lay Chair and the Revd Simon Cook, Area Dean of Bolton



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Bolton Deanery Lay Leadership Conference

Sat 12th October

GUEST SPEAKER
Bishop Sophie Jelley
Bishop of Doncaster
and National Episcopal Lead for Lay Ministries

Harwood Methodist Church
BL2 3JP

9:30am-1pm

Sing my Soul Autumn Services

Manchester Diocese is working with St-Martin-in-the-Fields, London to bring beautifully inspiring music to local churches. Supported by the Church of England's Strategic Development Funding, the project includes a choral scholarship programme, community choirs and children's choirs.

The choral scholars will be performing 'Great Sacred Music' concerts and leading Evensong in churches around the diocese. All are welcome to attend these services, with no booking required.

The [Sing my Soul Choral Scholars Autumn Schedule](#) is available here.

[Read more about Sing my Soul](#)

The **Diocese of Manchester prayer diary** for October is [available here](#).

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Our Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope

Living and Loving God,
as your pilgrim people in Manchester Diocese
we thank you for the great commission
with which you have entrusted us:
to love and serve, and to bring
our parishes, schools, chaplaincies,
and all our communities
into new life in Jesus Christ.

Through your abundant love
lead us into your Kingdom
and grant us the trust to follow you;
meet our weariness, our griefs and fears
with your tender and comforting Spirit
that we may greet the promise
of each new day with joy and trust.

Teach us to pray in faith, hope and love,
that we may go out into your world
confident in your wondrous mission
and full of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Material for the pewsheets should be sent to

westhoughtonparish@outlook.com

OFFICE HOUR: Mondays 9:30am – 11:00am at St Bartholomew's church or Saturday mornings by appointment e-mail westhoughtonparish@outlook.com