

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church</p> <p>9:15am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church</p> <p>9:15am Holy Communion Revd Angela Wynne</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p> <p>11:00am Holy Communion Revd Malcolm Wearing / Elaine Simkin</p> <p>HYMNS: 103, 510, 102, 503 / Choir – "Gaudete", 494</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: Lillian Swarsbrick, David Markland, Catherine Markland, Joan Higham, Jean Gorringer, Alice Edge, James Hibbert

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Eric Baldwin, Edna Crompton, Mary Dolphin, Thomas William Gibbs, Alice Heathcote, Robert Parker, Ethel Smalley, Joseph Brian Smalley, Alice Wallwork.

Coming Up this week:

<p>Monday 16th 10:30am – 11:30am 9:30am – 11:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour "Parent" and Toddler Group St Bartholomew's Committee Meeting PCC Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th 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>START OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Monthly Midweek Communion followed by the Luncheon Club Café Church Baptism Preparation Choir Practice</p>
<p>Friday 20th 1:00pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting</p>
<p>Saturday 21st 6:45pm EARLY START</p>	<p>St John's Church</p>	<p>Ignite Youth Group – Year 6 and above</p>

Next Sunday: 22nd January 2023

Epiphany 3

NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany 3 Calling the first disciples

Readings: Isaiah 9. 1 - 4 / I Corinthians 1. 10 - 18 / Matthew 4.12 - 23

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's Church

Elaine Simkin

9.15am Service of the Word at Thomas' Church

Revd Angela Wynne

11.00am Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's Church

Revd Angela Wynne

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Readings for Sunday 15th January 2023

Collect:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49. 1 - 7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – ⁶he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 1 - 9

¹From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait

for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 1. 29 - 42

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post-Communion Prayer:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
WESTHOUGHTON

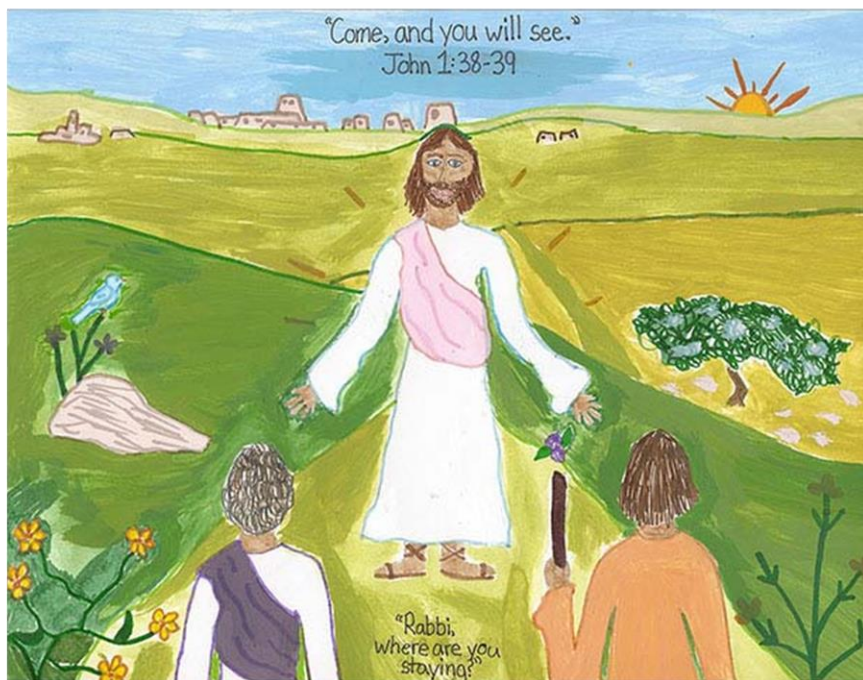
Sunday 15th

January 2023



11:00am

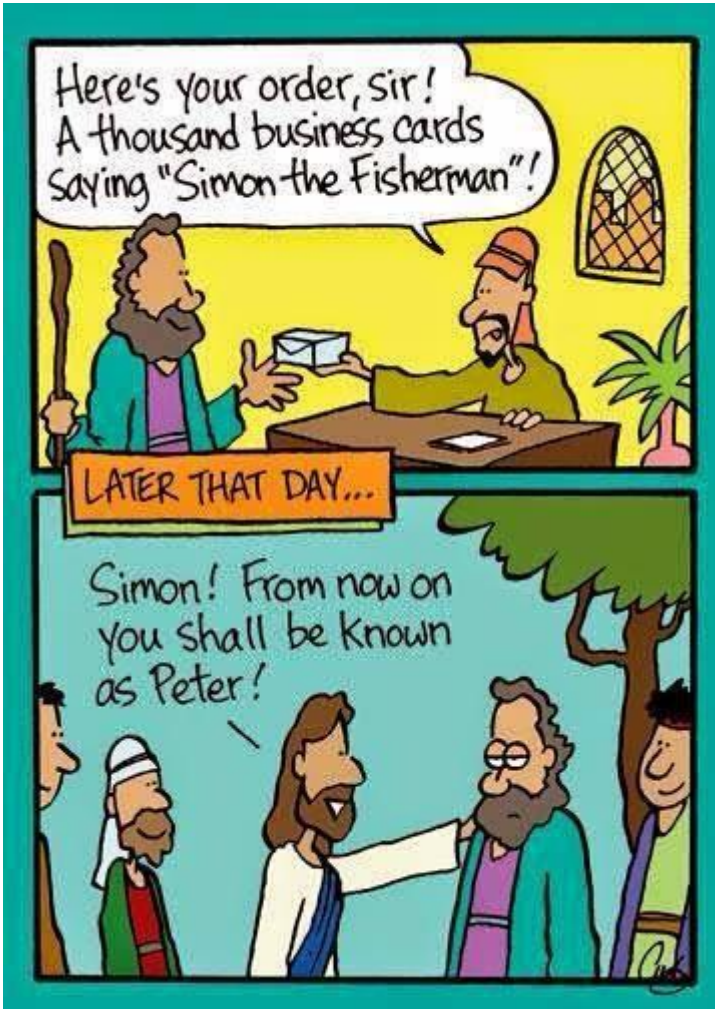
Holy Communion



**Theme: Jesus calls the first
disciples**

All Welcome

A different take on today's Gospel reading:



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25th January

WPCU is traditionally celebrated between January 18 and January 25 – originally the octave of St Peter and St Paul.

'Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice' is the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2023.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focused our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

"As we join with other Christians around the world for this year's Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone."

General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, Dr Nicola Brady.

You made us, God, in your own image,
and then became one of us,
proud of those you have made.
Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family,
and eager to discover and celebrate your image in every person,
every culture, every nation that we are privileged to encounter.

Gracious and loving God,
expand our vision that it may be wide enough
to recognise the beautiful complexity of the tapestry you chose to weave
with each and every one of us.
Gather our frayed edges,
our loose ends
and bind us together for your glory.

Creator God,
please teach us to go inward to be grounded in your loving spirit
so we can go outward in wisdom
and courage to always choose the path of love and justice.

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

Sunday school is running on first and third Sundays of the month and resumes this Sunday.

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.

The Bolton Unity Project's Winter Community Walks



Everyone is welcome on a series of 4 'Winter' Community Walks in January and February in and around the Bolton area.

Thursday 12th January, 2pm

Rivington Reservoir – Great Hall Barn to Liverpool Castle

(Meet at the Information Centre next to Great Hall Barn, Rivington Lane, Rivington nr Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7SB from 1-45pm)

Thursday 19th January, 2pm

Moss Bank Park Area

(Meet at the Moss Bank Park Café, Moss Bank Park, Moss Lane, Bolton, BL1 6LY from 1-45pm)

Thursday 26th January, 2pm

Guided walk at Walker Fold with the Woodland Trust

(Meet at Walker Fold Car Park, Walker Fold Rd, Smithills, Bolton, BL1 7PT from 1-45pm)

Thursday 2nd February, 2pm

Horwich Town Centre Historical Ramble

(Meet at Horwich Evangelical Church, Wright St, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7HU from 1-45pm)

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 2-3 miles (one hour walking time).

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.

Many thanks to all who have returned the St George's Advent challenge collection boxes. So far we've had 6 back raising £55.07

We're continuing to receive completed boxes throughout January if you still have one to return, so please do bring them back. It helps to meet the church's running costs.

Farewell service for the Bishop of Bolton



On Saturday 28 January at 3pm, a service will be held at Manchester Cathedral to bid farewell to Bishop Mark.

Bishop Mark has served the Diocese for thirty years, with enthusiasm, dedication, wise insight; and above all by a deep faithfulness to our Lord. Throughout this time he has been supported by his wife, Sally, who has made her own significant contribution.

Many of us would like to express our gratitude, respect and affection for Bishop Mark and Sally, this service will be a wonderful opportunity to do so.

Admission is by ticket only, to book your place please email emmaswales@manchester.anglican.org before 13 January.

2nd Mission Community Youth Leaders Gathering
Wednesday 18th January, 7.30pm
at St Andrews Over Hulton.

A chance to meet together to pray and share what God is doing amongst our young people. It's also an opportunity for us to discuss some of the ideas we came up with in November about how we can support one another across the Mission Community.

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Monthly

Midweek Communion and Luncheon Club

Wednesday 18th
January 2023

11:00am



St. Bartholomew's Church

All welcome

BLACKROD, DAISY HILL, WESTHOUGHTON & WINGATES TEAM

Study Group Series 'PRAYER'



St Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton

7.30 pm

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| Monday 30 th January 23 | – Intercessions Workshop |
| Monday 27 th February 23 | – The Lord's Prayer |
| Monday 27 th March 23 | - The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester |
| Monday 17 th April 23 | - The Prayer of St Francis |

ALL WELCOME

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - zoom call



This year, Bishop David is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and everyone in the Diocese of Manchester is invited.

All are welcome; it will be a life-changing experience for anyone who wants to learn more about themselves and their faith. You can sign up alone or get a few people together from your church, either way, you will be sure to find yourself in good company for the journey of a lifetime.

The trip is taking place 2-9 November 2023.

If you are interested and would like to know more, you are warmly invited to a meeting with Bishop David on Monday, 16 January 2023 at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be via Zoom: for joining details, please [e-mail Jo Sandham](mailto:jo.sandham@manchester-diocese.org)

You can find the full itinerary [here](#).

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

3:45 – 4:30pm

For the second session we're following the story of Moses in the Old Testament.

This week we're looking at the story of Moses and the burning bush

Wednesday 18th January – led by Christine



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday 16th January

7:00pm St Bartholomew's Committee meeting

7:30pm PCC meeting

Monday 23rd January

7:30pm St George's Committee meeting

All at St Bartholomew's church.

IGNITE YOUTH

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

Dates for this term:

21st January – note early start time of 6:45pm – see poster below

18th February

18th March

22nd April

World Day of Prayer

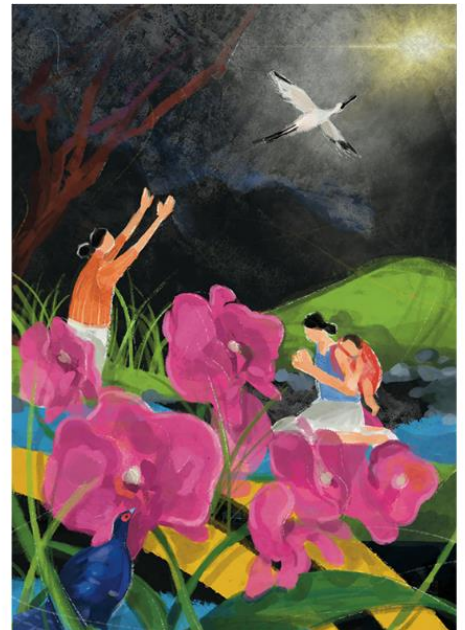
Friday 3rd March

Westhoughton Churches –
Joint Service at St Bartholomew's
[time to be set]

The theme this year is “**I have heard about the faith**” in a service prepared by the people of Taiwan.

There is a planning meeting on **Friday 20th January** at 1pm at St Bartholomew's church for those who wish to be involved in organising the event and for volunteers wishing to take part.

All welcome to attend.



You are invited to
join us for

Ignite Youth

Saturday 21st January

6:45 – 8:30 pm

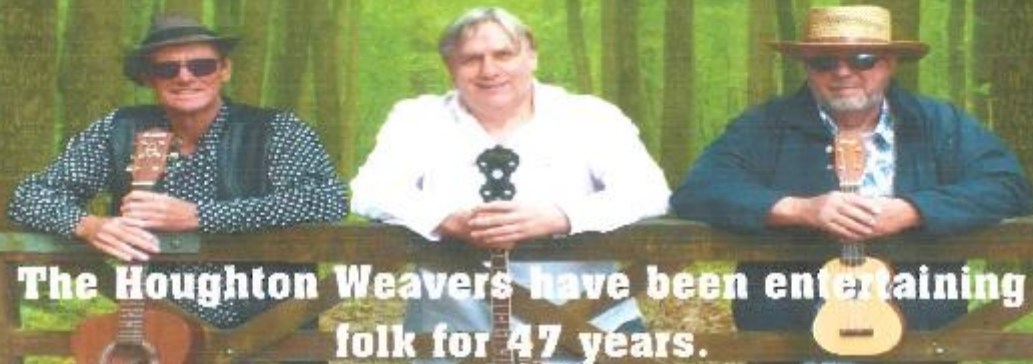
at St John's Wingates

Food, fun and worship
for Years 6 and above

NB: Earlier start for January only. Please RSVP to igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

Next Ignite Youth: 18th February; 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

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST – DO BOOK YOUR TICKETS SOON.

**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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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