

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Andy Jones / Revd Carol Pharaoh</p> <p>HYMNS: as on service sheet</p>
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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 [*former vicar of St James*].

Those who have died recently: Geoff Kyte [*Geoff's funeral service will be at St Bartholomew's on Monday 20th March at 1:00pm*]

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Dorothy Coop, Phyllis Cox, Paul Dalton, Audrey Forshaw, Margaret Halliwell, Robert Harrison, George Higginson, George Higham, John Hilton, Cyril James, Alfred Latham, Frederick Lord, Harry Morris, Brian Powley, Stefan Romanciw, Walter Sawyer, Allan Seal, Agnes Thompson, Jack Unsworth, Nora Williams.

Coming Up this week:

<p>Monday 20th 10:30 – 11:30am 9:30 – 11:00am 1:00pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour – for baptism bookings / church business "Parent" and Toddler Group Funeral Service – Geoff Kyte St George's Committee Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st 2:00pm ----</p>	<p>St Katharine's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Lent Course afternoon session 4 The Promise of a place for us Eco Church Meeting **CANCELLED**</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd 3:45 – 4:30pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Café Church FINAL SESSION– I am the resurrection and the life Choir Practice</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Lent Course evening session 4 The Promise of a place for us</p>
<p>Saturday 25th 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Bolton Chamber Orchestra Concert</p>

Next Sunday: 26th March 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

NEXT SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14 / Romans 8. 6 -11 / John 11. 1 - 45

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's

Revd Andy Jones

9.15am Café Church at St Thomas'

Revd Angela Wynne

11.00am All Age Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Revd Andy Jones/Alan Morris

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N.B. NEXT SUNDAY 26TH MARCH THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR

Readings for Sunday 19th March 2023**Collect:**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1. 20 - 28

²⁰ So it was that Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, and explained, "I asked the LORD for him."

²¹ The time came again for Elkanah and his family to go to Shiloh and offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and the special sacrifice he had promised. ²² But this time Hannah did not go. She told her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will take him to the house of the LORD, where he will stay all his life."

²³ Elkanah answered, "All right, do whatever you think best; stay at home until you have weaned him. And may the LORD make your promise come true." So Hannah stayed at home and nursed her child.

²⁴ After she had weaned him, she took him to Shiloh, taking along a three-year-old bull a bushel of flour, and a leather bag full of wine. She took Samuel, young as he was, to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵ After they had killed the bull, they took the child to Eli. ²⁶ Hannah said to him, "Excuse me, sir. Do you remember me? I am the woman you saw standing here, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I asked him for this child, and he gave me what I asked for. ²⁸ So I am dedicating him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he will belong to the LORD."

Then they worshipped the LORD there.

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 12 - 27

¹² You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. ¹⁴ And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ The peace that Christ gives is to guide

you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. ¹⁷ Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.

Gospel: Luke 2. 33 - 35

³³ The child's father and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. ³⁴ Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child is chosen by God for the destruction and the salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against ³⁵ and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart."

**Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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



**Mothering
Sunday**

Sunday 19th March

11:00am

All- age Holy Communion Service

Everyone Welcome



New Bishop of Bolton announced by Downing Street



The next Bishop of Bolton will be the Revd Dr. Matthew Porter, currently Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey in York, 10 Downing Street has announced.

He will be consecrated to be the sixth Bishop of Bolton at York Minster in June 2023. Matthew will succeed the Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft, who retired as Bishop of Bolton last month.

Matthew was ordained in the Diocese of Sheffield in 1996 and served his curacy at Christ Church in Dore. Since 2010, he has held the role of Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey in York, a resource church involved in church planting and revitalisation, with a broad range of ages including lots of students and young adults.



Matthew is an author, has recently completed doctoral studies in church planting, and in 2022 was appointed an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen, and then the King.

He is passionate about evangelism, discipleship and developing leaders, and particularly serving people in poverty and young people in the North of England.

Matthew often describes himself as ‘a follower of Jesus and a leader in God’s church – in that order.’ He believes that nothing of lasting significance happens without prayer.

He says: ‘I’m humbled and thrilled to be called to be the next Bishop of Bolton, working with Bishop David and Bishop Mark. While sad about leaving The Belfrey in York, I’m coming to the Manchester area in prayerful expectation, excited to be the lead bishop in mission, growth and church planting, and looking forward to serving the people and church of such a fantastic part of the North.’

Matthew was introduced to representatives from across the Diocese of Manchester at Saint Philip’s, Chapel Street, Salford, before meeting local dignitaries at Bolton Town Hall. He then

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travelled to St. John's House, the new diocesan offices in Bury, to meet clergy, staff, and lay leaders.

Welcoming Matthew to his new role, The Rt Revd Prof. David Walker, Bishop of Manchester said, 'I am delighted that Matthew Porter is to be the next Bishop of Bolton. He will build on the work done in recent years, further strengthening our skills and passion for mission both in the Bolton and Salford archdeaconries and across the wider diocese.

"He brings us immediate experience of parish life and particular gifts in enabling church planting and church growth. He is deeply committed to God's mission here in the North, and will be a great asset not only in Manchester Diocese but across the Northern Province."



Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York said: "Having recently spent a few days in the lovely Diocese of Manchester, I have no doubt that Matthew Porter will make a great addition to the team. He will bring his experience, passion and expertise in parish development, church planting and mission. But also his prayerful humility and godliness.

"Under his guiding hand the parish of St Michael le Belfrey in York has gone from strength to strength, particularly building a

powerful and innovative partnership with the diocese to further parish revitalization. As Bishop of Bolton and as part of the leadership team for the Manchester diocese he will be wise leader, pastor and teacher. We will miss him in York."

Matthew is married to Sam who is a carer and values hospitality, and they have five grown-up sons. Like his three eldest sons who work in creative industries, Matthew appreciates artistry, architecture and good design. He also loves a flat white coffee and bacon sandwich (with ketchup, not brown sauce) and since childhood has been a supporter of Manchester United.

Acting Archdeacon of Bolton and Salford

Last week we shared the news that Archdeacon Jean Burgess is to leave the diocese in early June.

Bishop David has asked the Area Dean of Bury and Rossendale, Revd Canon Dr. Rachel Mann to be Acting Archdeacon of Bolton and Salford until a permanent appointment is in post.

This is likely to be at some point in the early autumn. We are pleased to inform you that Rachel has agreed to take on these duties and responsibilities.

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

As it's Mothering Sunday, there is no Sunday school running at St Bartholomew's or at St George's this week.

Office Hour

Mondays 10:30 – 11:30am

For booking baptisms or other church business. We're running on 27th March – this will be the final session before the Easter break, returning Monday 17th April.

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.

It's also the time of year when we revise the electoral roll which entitles you to vote at the AGM and stand for election. This year, it's only a revision, so if you're on already you stay on. 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.



Study Group Series

“PRAYER”

Monday 27th March

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Monday 17th April

The Prayer of St Francis

At St. Bartholomew's church 7:30pm

ALL WELCOME

If anyone 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



School Governor Vacancies:

There are 2 vacancies for St Thomas school governors. Candidates do not need to be education specialists. Please contact Angela or Graham Andrews if you are interested.

We also have vacancies at St George's – please see Revd Andy.

Parent & Toddler Group - St Bartholomew's

This Monday 20th March will be the final meeting before the Easter break. 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.

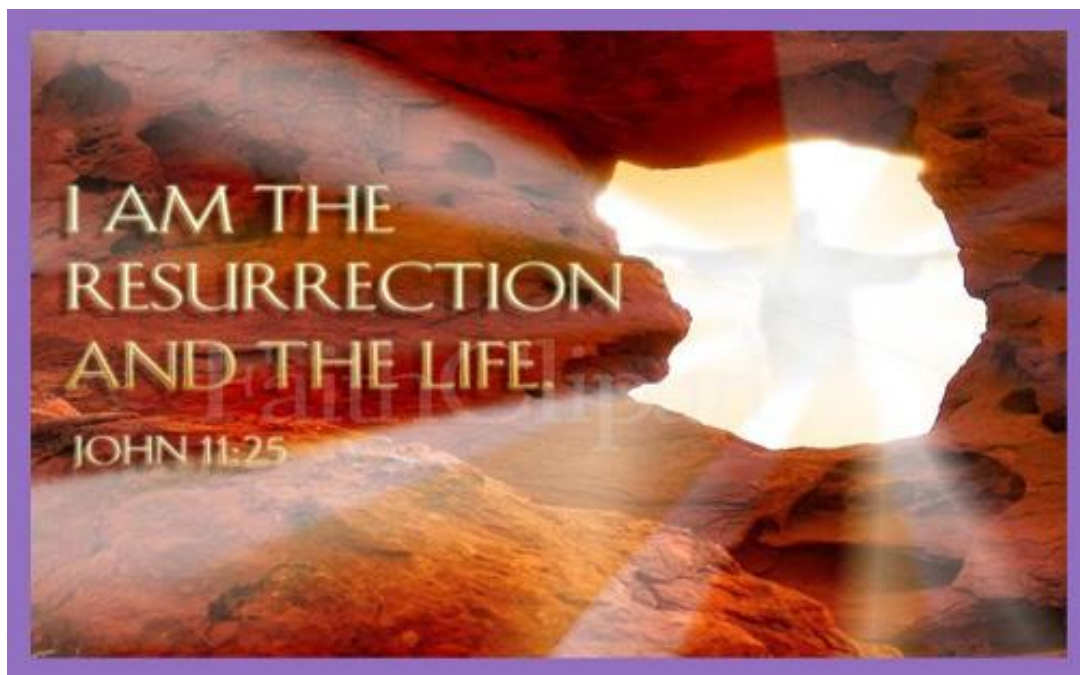
Café Church
runs each Wednesday in term time at St
Bartholomew's church
3:45 – 4:30pm

For this term we're looking at the "I am ..." sayings of Jesus

This week: "I am the Resurrection and the
Life"
John 11. 25 - 27

Wednesday 22nd March – led by Carol

NOTE: this will be the final session before the Easter Holidays. The meeting planned for 29th March has been cancelled as we're running the Easter Experience



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



Easter Experience

Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March

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

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

Details of further Holy Week Services to follow.

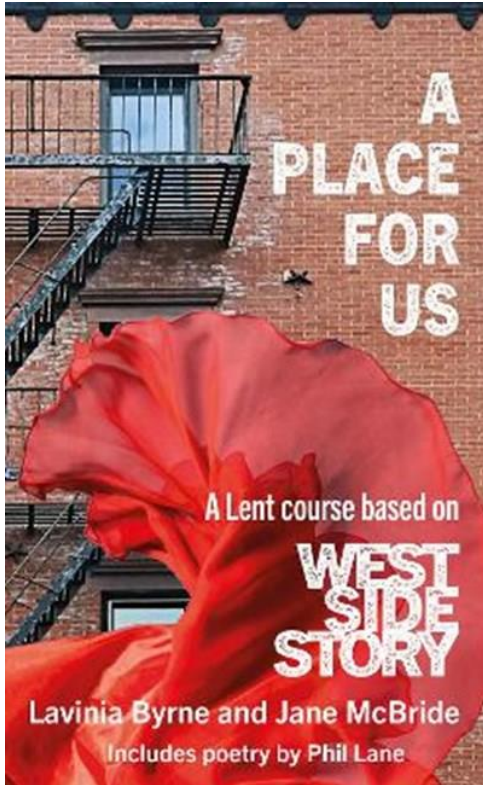
International Night – St James' Church

Friday 24th March at Daisy Hill Football Club

St James are hosting an international night (where you can eat food from many different traditions, simply take your tickets to whatever food outlet you like) on Friday 24th March at the Daisy Hill Football Club. There are some tickets left at £10 per adult, £5 per child, please email Malcolm Wearing at malcolm@revmw.co.uk or ring him on 07557 658452 to book a ticket.

TEAM LENT COURSE

A Place for Us.



This year our Team Lent course is based on the recent Oscar Nominated 2021 film West Side Story directed by Steven Spielberg and featuring the songs of Sondheim and Bernstein.

There are 5 weekly sessions entitled *Belonging, Otherness and difference, The Gift of love, The promise of a place for us* and *The tragedy of betrayal*.

The course book is available from Church House publishing [Place For Us A Lent course based on West Side Story by Lavinia Byrne, Jane McBride - Paperback / softback – 978191541217\(hymnsam.co.uk\)](#)

CHpublishing have an offer £5.59 or on Amazon you can get a kindle version for £2.99.

There are two venues,

St Katharine's on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm

St Bart's on Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

We're running the fourth session this week on "The promise of a place for us."

All are welcome.

It would be good to watch the film beforehand. It's readily available in the supermarkets, online or can be streamed.

Coming up: dates for the diary

Saturday 25th March –

Bolton Chamber Orchestra Concert
at St Bartholomew's church 7:30pm – ticket prices to be set
Programme of French Music – see poster later in this sheet

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 Brixton Singers

Saturday 3rd June 7:30pm

Organ Recital at St Bartholomew's church

Ed McHale

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

Committee meetings:

Monday 20th March

7:30pm St George's Committee

Westhoughton Parish Eco Church

The meeting planned for Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm has been **CANCELLED**.

Many thanks

To all who helped prepare and set up for, attended, performed and cleared away at the St Patrick's night at St Bartholomew's raising £705.

Particular thanks to Ged and Sue Robinson-Todd for planning the event

Bolton
Chamber
Orchestra

‘Musique Francaise’

Saturday 25th March, 2023

7:30pm

**St Bartholomew’s Church,
School Street,
Westhoughton
BL5 2BE**

Chabrier: Habanera

Faure: Masques et Bergamasques

Debussy: Petite Suite

Gounod: Symphony No 1

Tickets: £10; £1 for children under 18



Bolton Chamber Orchestra Concert A French Programme

Emmanuel Chabrier [1841-94] was a French composer and this piece is another example of the best Spanish music being written by non-Spanish composers. Riding on this success of *España*, Chabrier composed the *Habanera* in 1885 which was met with equal enthusiasm. It's a beautiful example of the Spanish genre that was so popular with French composers. Chabrier composed the *Habanera* originally for piano but it was soon circulated in various arrangements. In 1889 Chabrier himself transcribed the piece for orchestra. Chabrier was associated with some of the leading writers and painters of his time. Among his closest friends was the painter Édouard Manet, and Chabrier collected Impressionist paintings long before they became fashionable.



Gabriel Faure [1842-1924] was the choir director at the very fashionable La Madeleine church in Paris and is best known for his songs – even his *Requiem Mass* can be seen as a set of French chansons. **Masques et bergamasques**, Op. 112, is an orchestral suite by Gabriel Fauré. It was arranged by the composer from incidental music he provided for a theatrical entertainment commissioned for Albert I, Prince of Monaco in 1919 for the Monte Carlo theatre. The original score contained eight numbers, including two songs for tenor, and a choral passage almost all derived from previous pieces he had composed. These numbers were not included in the published suite, which has four movements – overture, minuet, gavotte & pastorale. Faure's relationship with the Catholic Church could be strained. He was regularly seen stealing out during the sermon for a cigarette, and in early 1870, when he turned up to play at Mass one Sunday still in his evening clothes, having been out all night at a ball, he was asked to resign.



Claude Debussy [1862-1918] is often seen as the first Impressionistic composer although he rejected the title. His **Petit Suite** started life as a piano duet first performed in 1889 but is best known in the orchestral transcription by Henri Busser. It has four movements:

1. *En bateau* (Sailing): Andantino
2. *Cortège* (Retinue): Moderato
3. *Menuet*: Moderato
4. *Ballet*: Allegro giusto



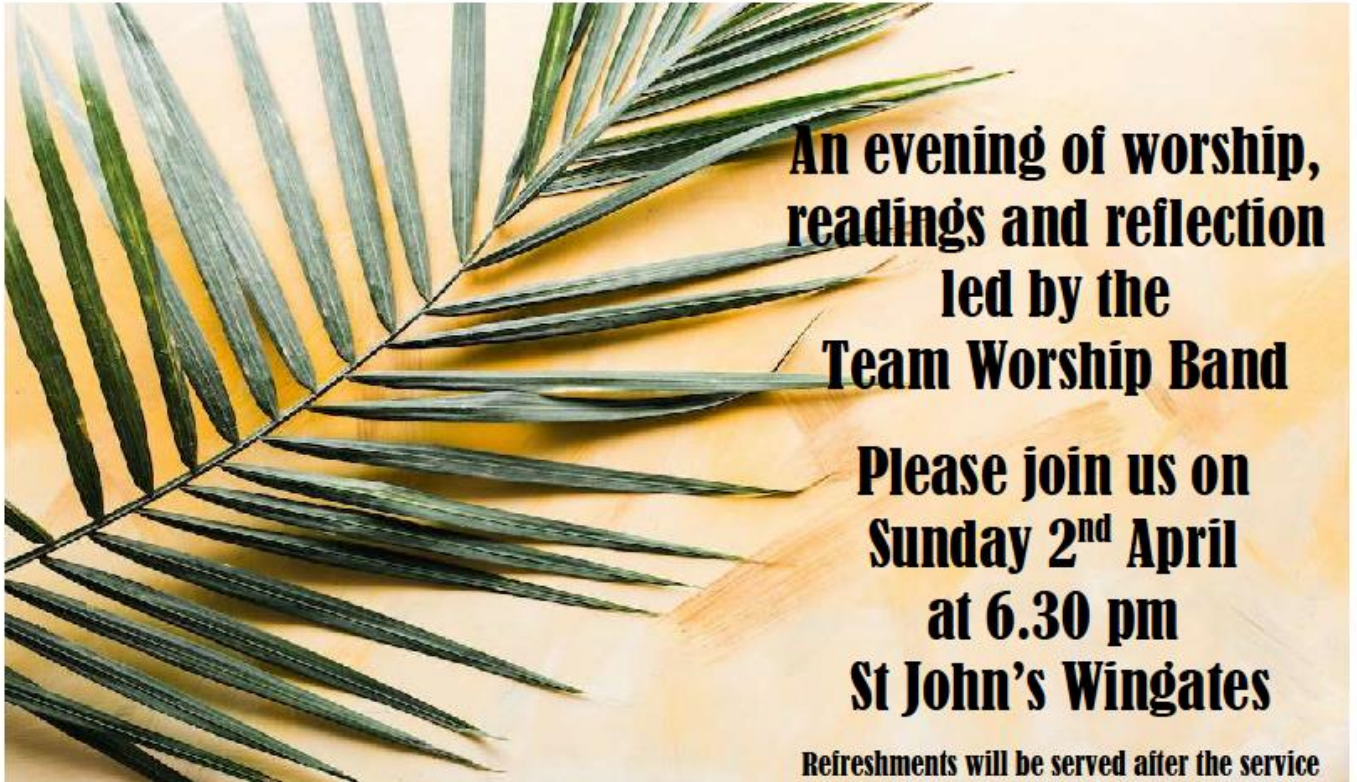
Charles Gounod [1818-93] is remembered today for the most famous of his 12 operas "Faust", the "Funeral March of a Marionette" and the tune he wrote above a Bach prelude in C major to which a third hand set the words of the "Ave Maria." His **Symphony number 1 in D major** has four movements and was first performed in 1855 [he wrote both his symphonies in the same year]. This formed the model for his pupil Georges Bizet's [of Carmen fame] First Symphony in C which the orchestra have played for us in previous years.



The first movement flows along with a charming grace and elegance. It is in sonata form, with three musical ideas which are treated with inventive development. The second movement has a more humorous character, with a light bouncing theme in the minor mode, contrasted by a central fugal section. The third movement is a scherzo and trio, with a teasingly playful subject, perhaps a distant reference to Haydn. The final movement has a short slow introduction, before the drive and energy of the first movement returns, amplified by dramatic interludes for the trumpets and drums.



Palm Sunday Team Worship Service



Sunday 2nd April 11:00am

St Bartholomew's Church

The Palm Sunday Experience

A service for Palm Sunday with

Blessing of the Palms

Palm Sunday procession

Dramatised Gospel Reading

Familiar Palm Sunday Hymns

All Welcome



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 23rd March, 2pm

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

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

Thursday 30th March, 2pm

Moss Bank Park to Barrow Bridge

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

Thursday 20th April, 2pm

Entwistle Reservoir

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

Thursday 27th April, 2pm

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

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

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

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



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10th April 2023

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BL6 6JW
11AM - 3PM

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Or to westhoughtonparish@outlook.com

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