

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church	St Thomas'	St Bartholomew's Church
9:15am Service of the Word Revd Andy Jones	Church 9:15am Café Church Revd Angela Wynne	11:00am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones / Alan Morris HYMNS: 153, 144, 147, 143/462, 157

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

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: Stephen Jackson, George Gregory

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: John Baxter, Nancy Crompton, Joseph Donnelly, Kelvin Edwards, William Evans, Olive Ginniff, Nellie Hewitt, Thomas Hodgkiss, Norman Higham, Harry Homer, Samuel Howard, Robert Hulbert, Dorothy Jacques, Hilda Leyland, James Rogers, Vera Stafford, Annie Turner, Dorothy Wall.

Coming Up this week:

Sunday 26 th		
I:00pm	St Bartholomew's Church	BAPTISM – Ewan Daniel NUTTALL
From 1:45pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Easter Experience – Setting up
Monday 27 th	St Bartholomew's Church	EASTER EXPERIENCE RUNS Monday - Thursday
10:30 – 11:30am	St Bartholomew's Church	Office Hour – for baptism bookings / church business
	St Bartholomew's Church	"Parent" and Toddler Group – EASTER BREAK
7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Study Group on Prayer – "The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester"
Tuesday 28th		
2:00pm	St Katharine's Church	Lent Course afternoon session 5 – "The tragedy of betrayal"
Wednesday 29 th		
	St Bartholomew's Church	Café Church – NO MEETING: EASTER BREAK
7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Choir Practice
Thursday 30 th		
7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Lent Course evening session 5 – "The tragedy of betrayal"

Next Sunday: 2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday

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Readings: Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a / Philippians 2. 5 - 11 / (Matthew 26. 14-27.66 or Matthew 21. 1-11)

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Revd Andy Jones

Revd Angela Wynne

Alan Morris

II.00am The Palm Sunday Experience at St Bartholomew's

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Readings for Sunday 26th March 2023

Collect:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil;

then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Second Reading: Romans 8. 6 - 11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel:

John 11. 1 - 45

¹A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them

plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against

it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.



Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PARISH OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW, WESTHOUGHTON





Sunday 26th April 11:00am



The Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Communion Service



The Raising of

Lazarus

All Welcome

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 the fourth 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

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"

The next session is this MONDAY at St. Bartholomew's church 7:30pm ALL WELCOME

Monday 27th March

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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

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



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

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

IGNITE YOUTH

Will be meting 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]. Many thanks to all who have offered to help on one or more days to make this even happen again this year following the "pandemic" break.

Details of further Holy Week Services are in this pewsheet

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 Brixi Singers

Organ Recital

Saturday 3rd June 7:30pmOrgan Recital at St Bartholomew's churchEd McHale

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

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 <u>Place For Us A Lent course based on</u> <u>West Side Story by Lavinia Byrne, Jane McBride -</u> <u>Paperback / softback –</u> <u>978191541217(hymnsam.co.uk)</u>

CH publishing have an offer $\pounds 5.59$ or on Amazon you can get a kindle version for $\pounds 2.99$.

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 final session this week on "The tragedy of betrayal."

All are welcome.

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

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WESTHOUGHTON







Palm Sunday Experience

Sunday 2nd April 11:00am St Bartholomew's Church

- Palm Sunday procession
- Distribution of Palm Crosses
- Dramatised Reading
- Palm Sunday Hymns

We remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week.



MONDAY 3rd April – Monday of Holy Week Stations of the Cross 6:45pm St. Bartholomew's Church

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April

 there is a service of Holy Communion at St Katherine's Church, Blackrod each evening at 7:30pm

Thursday 6th April

Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30pm St. James' Church, Daisy Hill





Friday 7th April: Good Friday

10:00am Reflective Service at St. James' Church

II:00am – I:00pm – The Good Friday Experience at St Bartholomew's church with refreshments and hot cross buns. [designed to be very child and family friendly]

2:00pm Reflective service at St. John's Church Wingates

Saturday 8th April: Easter Eve Vigil Service at St Katharine's Time to be confirmed



Sunday 9th April Easter Day

9:15am St. George's ChurchHoly Communion for Easter Day9:15am St. Thomas' ChurchHoly Communion for Easter Day11:00am St. Bartholomew's Church Holy Communion for Easter Day

If you can offer help running one of the activities at the Good Friday workshops, please see Andy.





Coronation preparations

The Coronation weekend presents a unique missional opportunity for the Church to reach out, gather together with those we know, and establish new links and relationships.

There are many ways for churches and Christians to be involved, from church services, to volunteering initiatives and community events.

A wide range of resources have been created to help people pray, create, encounter, and mark the event in their own setting. As we prepare for The King's Coronation, may we seek to serve others, connect with our neighbours, and give thanks to God for the wonderful unity we find in the great diversity of our nation.

All resources are available <u>here</u>.

The National Church team held a webinar about the Coronation recently and the recording is now available <u>here</u>.

You might also enjoy a new podcast called <u>The Crown Uncovered on the</u> <u>Coronation</u>. It is hosted by William Gulliford, the Church of England's Director of Ordinands and the Vicar of St John's Wood, the Revd Dr Anders Bergquist. Each episode explores different aspects of either the history or Theological and contemporary significance of the Coronation.



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









YOU'RE INVITED

TO A FAREWELL & CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR CANON CHRIS BRACEGIRDLE



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





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) – details on next page

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 <u>tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk</u> or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk.

Bolton Unity Project's Spring Community Walk



All are welcome on a <u>Spring Community Walk</u> Smithill's Hall to Horrock's Fold (with the Woodlands Trust Guides)

Thursday 23rd March, 2pm

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

- Exploring the history of the Smithill's Hall and the surrounding area
 Snacks and drinks provided
 - Great chance to meet others from the Bolton community

This walk is fairly gentle and about 2-3 miles (an hour to an hour and a half in total)

If you would like to participate in the walk please contact Keith Armstrong on <u>tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk</u> or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc.



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.





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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 <u>westhoughtonparish@outlook.com</u>