

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church 9:15am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church 9:15am Holy Communion Revd Andy Jones</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am Service of the Word Alan Morris HYMNS: as in order of service</p>
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This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Christine Greenhalgh, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Alan Simkin.

Those who have died recently:

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Arthur Bowden, Alfred Buckley, Joseph Buckley, Doreen Clarke, William Crompton, Trevor Cupitt, Cedric Eastham, Donald Ellison, Harold Halliwell, Mary Keegan, Lily Knowles, Audrey Merrifield, Harry Riley, Alun Roberts, Leonard Sharples, Eileen Southern.

Coming Up this week:

<p>Monday 7th 10:30 – 11:30am 9:30 – 11:00am</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour "Parent" and Toddler</p>
<p>Wednesday 9th 9:30am 3:45 – 4:30pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Agape Service – all welcome to join this service with year 5 pupils from our church schools. Café Church – <i>Joseph the Slave</i> Choir Practice</p>
<p>Thursday 10th 6:30pm</p>	<p>St John's Church</p>	<p>Family Worship Service</p>

For next week at St Thomas's as we commemorate Remembrance Sunday please could you bring any memorabilia relating to wartime. It could be a photo of a relative who was a soldier (or who is a soldier!) medals, letters, postcards, ration books, gas masks! etc

We'll display them in the service and use them for our prayers.

Further details on upcoming events at the end of this pewsheet. Do keep any news, views and feedback coming.

Next Sunday: 13th November 2022 Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday before Advent

Readings: Malachi 4. 1-2a / 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 / Luke 21. 5-19

9.15am No Service at St George's Church

9.15am All Age Parade Service at Thomas' Church

Revd Angela Wynne

10.00am Service of the Word and Civic Service at St Bartholomew's Church

Revd Andy Jones

11.00am Two Minutes Silence at the War Memorial

Revd Andy Jones

11.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church Revd Carol Pharaoh/Revd Andy Jones

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westhoughtonparish@outlook.com

Today's Readings

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Old Testament Reading: Job 19. 23 - 27a

²³O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

New Testament Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 5, 13 - 17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus

Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel Reading

Luke 20. 27 - 38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, ²⁸'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Focus on Vocations: Children & Youth Workers

Pat James & Sarah Barry, St George's Sunday School

Sarah and I have attended church most of our lives having both attended Sunday School when we were young. Sarah at Horwich Parish church where she progressed to a teacher in her teens.

I attended Sunday School in Willerby near Hull in the 50's until the age of eight and then in Greasby on the Wirral until I was a teenager when, like Sarah, I became a young teacher.

As adults we were both Sunday School teachers at Horwich Parish Church and then continued our ministry at St George's for approximately 21 years. We are both committed Christians who have loved sharing our faith with all the children we have taught.

Karen Palmer, St John's Junior Church

As a mum coming to church, the Children's Church was invaluable to me. Dorothy our previous leader really helped me & the children to become part of the church family, learning about God through child friendly teachings. When she retired, I felt a calling to help, even though my Christian faith knowledge was limited. I'm so pleased I did, because 8 years on, I still enjoy it and have learnt so much from the Bible, church leaders and the children.

Evelyn Eden, Ignite Youth Church

When I was in my twenties & thirties I helped lead 7/11 (primary) and Youth Group (secondary). Really loved the challenges & encouragement you got from the kids but to be honest I thought I had done my stint. However, the "God nudge" struck and along with Ilona & Andy we felt we needed to provide a safe space for our youth. This was the beginning of a journey that was interrupted by recent times but God had a plan! Ignite Youth, our Team Youth Church, has now been running for almost a year on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The kids are amazing and as leaders we get back more than we give.

As a Christian, for over 30 years I have felt passionate about being involved in children and youth work; seeing them move forward on their spiritual journey. I am an Ignite Youth Leader, as I see a real gap in the provision for young people, especially those aged 11+. The club has a real Christian emphasis, giving the chance for the youth across the team to meet once a month, in an environment where they can socialise and engage in activities that are suitable to their age. Over the last 12 months, I feel it has been my calling to be part of the team, in the development of the group. The enjoyment on the young people's faces engaged in the different activities makes it worthwhile.

Joan O'Reilly, St Bartholomew's Sunday School

I have been a part of St Bartholomew's church and Sunday school from a very young age, I was brought up in a church going family. As I grew older, I started to help by supporting the Sunday school teachers. When I became a teenager, I tended not to attend church because it was not a cool thing to do, or so I thought. When my first son was born, I came back and attended regularly. Once he was three years old, he went into Sunday school and as teachers were in short supply Canon Davies, who was the incumbent at the time, asked me if I could help. That was 47 years ago and counting. When my other 2 sons were born, they also came along, and I just continued.

I love the fellowship of the church and sharing bible stories with the children and seeing them grow and respect what they have learned, becoming part of the Christian family. We see on Sunday's children who used to attend Sunday school now bringing their own children to share in God's fellowship.

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.

Card Reader

We now have a card reader at St. Bartholomew's church that we'll have out in the narthex at our services and events if you wish to donate to the upkeep of our churches that way and don't have any cash on you.

It's just like any card machine – you enter the amount you wish to give and simply touch-and-go or enter your card and PIN. If you enter your mobile number, you can have a receipt sent directly to your 'phone.

There will be instructions by it and someone to demonstrate it if you're not sure.

The cost to the church is minimal [less than 1p per transaction] so it's an easy and effective way to give to our churches.

Many thanks.

New Facebook Page

Following discussions we've been having about building maintenance especially focussing on the tower at St Bartholomew's, we've agreed to start a new Facebook page dedicated to St Bartholomew's church in particular. It's not just for the St Bart's tower fund-raising and building work but will also contain lots of news about events relating to St Bartholomew's church.

It's [@Westhoughtonparishchurch](#) so for those who know about these things, please do follow it, like our posts and share them with others.

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

We’re meeting this week at St George’s and St Bartholomew’s

November – Café Church

Wednesdays in term time at St Bartholomew’s

We’re meeting on **Wednesday 9th November 3:45 – 4:30pm** as we continue looking at the life of Joseph.

This week we’re looking at Joseph the Slave [[Genesis 37. 12 - 16](#)] led by Angela.

Office Hour

Mondays 10:30 – 11:30am at St Bartholomew’s church

Is back on 7th November for booking baptisms / other church matters.

Agape Service:

Wednesday 9th November 9:30am at St Bartholomew’s church

Everyone is welcome to join this service with year 5 pupils from all our church schools, St Bartholomew’s, St George’s and St Thomas.

Toddler Group

Mondays 9:30 – 11:00am at St Bartholomew’s church

Running every Monday in term time.

Team Bus Trip to Chester

Saturday 10th December

There will be Team bus trip on Saturday 10th December 2022 to Chester, to visit the City and Christmas Markets. We are hoping to leave about 8:00am to be in Chester from around 10.00am until around 4.00pm, but final timings will be sorted closer to the event. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can get a coach booked, it would be great if we could fill the coach with people from all our churches. Please sign up on the form in church



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



Remembrance

Sunday

**Sunday 13th
November**



10:00am Civic Service

Attendance limited

**11:00am Laying of Wreaths & Two
Minutes Silence at the War Memorial**

11:30am Holy Communion Service

There is NO SERVICE at St. George's this Sunday

Dates for the Diaries: November 2022

Committee Meetings: all at St Bartholomew's church

St Bartholomew's Committee Monday 14th November 7:00pm

PCC Monday 14th November 7:30pm

St George's Committee Monday 21st November 7:00pm

Wiggle Worship at St James' Church

There is an exciting new service starting at St James' Church called 'Wiggle Worship'. This is aimed at younger toddlers and pre-school children with their parents or grandparents. It will start at 9.00 am and run for an hour each Wednesday during term time.

Team Retreat 2023

Malcolm is leading a retreat to Foxhill Conference Centre in Cheshire next year. It is a really beautiful location, nestled in the Helsby hills, and surrounded by woodland, which is wonderful to walk in. The weekend is fully catered and there are single en-suite, and some twin rooms with private bathrooms. The cost for the weekend will be £180 PP, or there is an option to just do part of the weekend during the day on Saturday for £40 PP. Travel will be by car/shared lifts, it is around 45 mins from Bolton. Dates are May 2023, Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May, at Foxhill Retreat Centre <https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/> Please get in touch with Malcolm as soon as you can if you are interested in going. Malcolm's email address is malcolm@revmw.co.uk

Sunday 20th November at 6 pm at St John's Church there will be a **Team Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday**. This will be an evening of worship, readings and reflections led by the Team Worship Band [see poster later on in this sheet].

Sunday 27th November at 6 pm at St Katharine's Church Blackrod is an **Advent Sunday Taize Service**

Discover Great Sacred Music at your local church!

During this term, the HeartEdge Manchester Choral Scholars are taking Great Sacred Music on tour to churches throughout the Diocese of Manchester. Come to your local, or tour around with us!

- Saturday 12 November, 1pm - Remembrance at [Rochdale Parish Church](#)
- Saturday 19 November, 12 noon - Underneath the Stars at [St Anne, Clifton](#)
- Saturday 26 November, 1pm - An Advent Sequence at [St John's, Brooklands](#)



Christmas Dinner on Jesus:

This year we've agreed to collect **500 packets of luxury biscuits.**

It's the 200 – 300g packets as they can't fit the larger boxes and tins into the hampers.

Please check that the use by date is after Christmas Day and **PLEASE** don't bring them yet as we have nowhere to store them.

We'll be collecting in our churches between Sunday 20th November and closing date of 30th November. Please don't bring them earlier as we have nowhere to store them.



St Katharine's Fair

Saturday 19th November 10:00am - noon

St Katharine's Church, Blackrod

usual raffle, cake stall, refreshments etc.

St James' Fair

Saturday 19th November from 10:00am

St James' Church, Daisy Hill

St John's Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December

St John's Church, Wingates

Diocese of Manchester CRUX magazine – the November / December issue is out now and can be collected free from our churches.



CHRIST THE KING Team Worship Service

**Please join us on
Sunday 20th November at 6.00 pm**

at St John's Wingates Church

**An evening of worship, readings
and reflection led by
the Team Worship Band**



Café Church

Wednesday 9th November

(weekly in term time)

Venue: St Bartholomew's Church

Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm

Joseph the Slave

**You are welcome
to come and enjoy
a snack, fun and
activities and
a short service of
worship and
songs.**



Can Church be Different?!

Join us and find out!

An informal, lively upbeat service mix
of music, teaching and quiet...
...and an opportunity to meet with God

ALIVE & FREE

Starts at 7pm, coffee and cake served from 6.30pm!

Why not bring a friend?

St. Elizabeth's Church,
Cedar Avenue, Horwich. BL6 6HT
(plenty of parking)

1st Sunday evening of every month...

Sunday 6th November at 7pm

St. Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Avenue, Horwich



Thursday
Worship @
St John's

Join us at 6.30pm
for our Church Family Service

The services will be on the
10th & 24th November
and 8th December
lasting for 30-40 minutes

All welcome!

You are invited to
join us for

Ignite Youth

Saturday 19th November

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: 10th December

Parent and Toddlers

Morning Session

St Bartholomew's Community

Room. (Parish Church)

Every Monday Morning 9.30am to 11am



*Come and join us for refreshments,
play conversations and fun...*

it's free...grandparents welcome

{sessions are term time only...babies and pre-school children welcome}

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13th November



We will mark Remembrance Sunday at our churches across the team this Sunday. **There will be no service at St. George's church that morning** and there will be a joint service at St. Bartholomew's.

The pattern of services at St. Bartholomew's church will be:

- 10:00am Civic Remembrance Service **LIMITED NUMBERS ONLY**
- 11:00am Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence at the War Memorial
- 11:30am Holy Communion Service [Sung with hymns]

At the 10:00am service, numbers are strictly limited on a first come- first seated policy. Once all seats are filled, the doors will be closed and no further people can be admitted.

The outdoor Act of Worship at the War Memorial including the two-minute silence will be open to everyone and that will be followed by our usual service of Holy Communion at 11:30am.

Town Christmas Lights Switch On & Carol Service

Friday 25th November 7:00pm
St. Bartholomew's Church

Christmas songs from local schools, and carols for all.

As last year a limited number of schools will take part in person with the other schools asked to contribute a short film that we can include as part of the service.

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SERVICE IS STRICTLY LIMITED AND ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY. Tickets will be available from the Town council and a small number at our churches. Please do not attend the service if you do not have a ticket as there will be none available at the door and we cannot admit anyone without a ticket.

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Monthly

Midweek Communion and Luncheon Club

Wednesday 16th
November 2022

11:00am



St. Bartholomew's Church

All welcome

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PASSION FOR BOLTON



**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY TO
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN BOLTON?**

COME AND JOIN US!



CHILDREN'S TEAMS' HUB

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022, 7-9PM,

HARWOOD METHODIST CHURCH, BL2 3HX

**LEADING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP- SHARE YOUR BEST IDEAS &
RESOURCES/PRAYER/REFRESHMENTS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU
INTEND TO JOIN US, PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL:**

racheleden@manchester.anglican.org

Bolton Unity Project's 'Historical' Autumn Community Walks



Everyone is welcome on a series of 5 'Historical' Autumn Community Walks in October and November where we'll explore some of the fascinating historical places, buildings and stories in and around the Bolton area.

Thursday 17th November, 1pm

Clifton Country Park 'Wet Earth Trail and Colliery'

(Meet at Clifton Country Park Car Park, Clifton House Rd, Clifton, Salford, M27 6NG from 12-45pm)

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 2-3 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.

Bolton's Annual Concert of Remembrance and Annual Remembrance Weekend Events

Bolton's annual Concert of Remembrance, held in the beautiful Albert Halls featuring the wonderful The Lancashire Artillery (v) Band, many excellent musical performances from local artists and an Act of Remembrance conducted by the Vicar of Bolton Revd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle. The concert always proves to be moving and thoroughly entertaining.

Bolton takes pride in hosting this special concert to remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our great country and those whose lives were, or indeed still are, affected by conflicts all over the world. All proceeds from the concert will go to the 3 Bolton Cadet Forces.

We will remember them. Wear your Poppy with Pride.

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10th November
Doors open 6.15pm,
concert commences 7pm.
Carriages approx. 10pm
Albert Halls, Bolton
Tickets £7.50

Featuring The Lancashire Artillery (v) Military Band

All proceeds to the 3 Bolton Cadet Forces

Concert Tickets available from: www.octagonbolton.co.uk
Or by calling the box office on **01204 520661**

Enquiries to the mayors office on **01204 331090**
or email: mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk



Performances by **The Lancashire Artillery (V) Band** and musical performances by local artists

Act of Remembrance conducted by The Vicar of Bolton Rev. Canon Dr. Chris Bracegirdle

Please note the concert will contain strobe lighting and sounds and scenes depicting war

Bolton Council

Please join The Mayor of Bolton for the . . .
**Annual Remembrance
Weekend events**



**Annual
Remembrance
Concert**

Thursday

10th November
Doors open
6.15pm, concert
commences 7pm.
Carriages approx.
10pm
Albert Halls, Bolton
Tickets £7.50

Proceeds to the
3 Bolton Cadet Forces



**Armistice
Day
Service**

Friday

11th November
10.50am
Victoria Square

Remembrance Service
led by the Vicar
of Bolton.
The service will include
a two minutes silence
and maroon fire



**Annual
Remembrance
Service**

Sunday

13th November
10.40am
Victoria Square

Remembrance Service
led by the Vicar
of Bolton.
The service will include
a two minutes silence
and live gun fire.

Concert Tickets available from: www.octagonbolton.co.uk
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Or to westhoughtonparish@outlook.com

OFFICE HOUR: Mondays 10:30am – 11:30am at St. Bartholomew's church [just drop in] or Saturday mornings by appointment e-mail westhoughtonparish@outlook.com