

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

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St George



SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2022

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church 9:15am Service of the Word Revd Carol Pharaoh	St Thomas' Church 9:15am Holy Communion Revd Angela Wynne	St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh / Elaine Simkin HYMNS: as on service sheet
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This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Christine Greenhalgh, Jenny Harris, 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: Jacqueline Holt

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: June Allen, Annie Clare, Ethel Crowder, William Dodds, Joseph Dixon, Harry Fairhurst, Annie Gregory, Susan Littler, Ilona Molyneux, Joyce Pemberton, Peter Roughley, Thomas Seddon, John Southern, Edna Thurlington, Matthew Whitfield.

Coming Up this week:

Monday 29th -----	St Bartholomew's Church	NO Office Hour – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 31st 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Choir Practice

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

We celebrate St Bartholomew's Day in our service this morning at St. Bartholomew's which is followed by a "Bring and Share" lunch together. Do stay and join in lunch with us.

Next Sunday: 4th September 2022

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Deuteronomy 30. 15 - 20 / Philemon 1 - 21 / Luke 14. 25 - 33

9.15 am Holy Communion at St George's Church

Revd Carol Pharaoh

9.15 am Service of the Word at Thomas' Church

Elaine Simkin

11.00am Service of the Word at St Bartholomew's Church

Alan Morris

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Today's Readings

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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**

New Testament Reading: Acts 5. 12 - 16

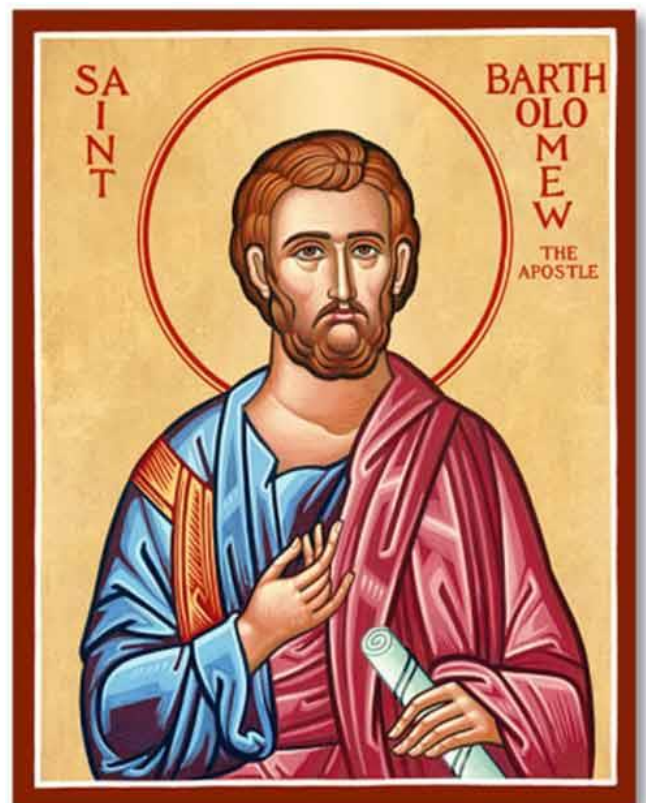
¹² Many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people by the apostles. All the believers met together in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Nobody outside the group dared join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. ¹⁴ But more and more people were added to the group—a crowd of men and women who believed in the Lord. ¹⁵ As a result of what the apostles were doing, sick people were carried out into the streets and placed on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ And crowds of people came in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were sick or who had evil spirits in them; and they were all healed.

Gospel Reading Luke 22. 24 - 30

²⁴ An argument broke out among the disciples as to which one of them should be thought of as the greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the pagans have power over their people, and the rulers claim the title 'Friends of the People.' ²⁶ But this is not the way it is with

you; rather, the greatest one among you must be like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant. ²⁷ Who is greater, the one who sits down to eat or the one who serves? The one who sits down, of course. But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ "You have stayed with me all through my trials; ²⁹ and just as my Father has given me the right to rule, so I will give you the same right. ³⁰ You will eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to rule over the twelve tribes of Israel.



Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

NB The new cards covering September 2022 – August 2023 are now available.

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.

Many thanks also to our bell-ringers who rang a quarter peal to mark St Bartholomew's Day [Wednesday 24th August] on the day itself.

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Organ Music at St Bart's

We're into the usual August "Organ Pops" series when I try and play some of the favourites we never get to hear during the rest of the year. This week it's French with some Ravel, Faure and Saint-Saens to close with [I'm replacing an orchestra and two pianos as well as playing the organ part].

"Small Groups"

We're looking at setting up some small groups / house groups at each church across the parish. If you're interested in joining, how often or when / where they should meet, have ideas about what we could study together do see any of the clergy or wardens at each church.

Many thanks for your ideas.

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

We'll be running again in September on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month so our next meetings will be on Sunday 4th September.

September – Café Church from 14th September Wednesdays in term time at St Bartholomew's

We're going to restart Café Church at St Bartholomew's after its summer break on **Wednesday 14th September** from 3:45 – 4:30pm.

In autumn, we're going to look at the story of creation followed by Joseph from the book of Genesis, right at the start of the Bible.

IGNITE YOUTH

(The new name for Team Youth Church)

Saturday 17 September 2022 at 7 p.m.

St John's Church Wingates

Young People from across the team in year 6 and above are welcome to attend this event which is held monthly at St John's Church, on a Saturday evening.

Confirmation - November

If you're considering being confirmed this year we'll have some application forms out this week. We're asking the younger candidates to attend the Ignite Youth meetings at St John's each month on Saturday evenings [next meeting 17th September] and we'll also run two Saturday morning sessions to cover what confirmation means in more detail.

Adult candidates who wish to be confirmed will be asked to attend a separate course in an informal housegroup-style forum.

Do think about this over the next few weeks and get the completed forms back to us by next Sunday 4th September.

Proposed changes to Parish Share

Over the last few months a task group has been meeting to review the Parish Share system. The outcome has resulted in some proposed changes to the current system. We would like to take the opportunity to share and discuss the proposals with parishes before they are submitted to Diocesan Synod in the autumn. There's a meeting at St Bartholomew's or a meeting via zoom in September. Please see details of the meetings below and use the link to book your place at one of these events.

[12 September at 7:30pm](#): St Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, Bolton

[19 September 7:30pm](#): Virtual meeting via zoom

Committee Meetings:

St George's Committee Meeting Monday 5th September 7:30pm at St Bart's church

St Bart's Committee Meeting Monday 26th September 7:00pm at St Bart's Church *followed by PCC meeting* Monday 26th September 7:30pm at St Bart's Church

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Many thanks

To all who came and supported the “Music and Arts at St’ Bart’s” afternoon on Saturday 20th August both in setting up and clearing away, advertising the event, providing refreshments, helping or taking part in producing some artistic masterpieces and welcoming or stewarding on the day.

We had a good attendance of about 60 people, some of whom had never been to this church before, and took about £200 for church funds which is really good for a “new-style” event.

Particular thanks to Ed for providing the music and Carol for the pictures. Some of these are for sale so do feel free to put in a bid. If we receive more than one bid for any picture, we’ll pull names out of a hat. Do keep an eye out as we look to plan some more social & fund-raising events over the next few months.



NOTE some of Carol’s paintings are on display in the Lady Chapel and are available to buy. Please complete one of the forms in the entrance offering a donation. If you’re the only bidder it’s yours; if there is more than one bidder we’ll draw names from a hat.



Date for the Diaries:

We're planning a St Bartholomew's Autumn Fair to be held in church on **Saturday 22nd October** so do keep this date free and come along.

2023 Team Retreat: - see also poster below

We were all encouraged by how the 2022 retreat went, and have now decided on a date and venue for a retreat in 2023.

The venue will be Foxhill in Cheshire, 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. It is not all serious, this year's retreat was a lovely mix of the solemn and the social, where the attendees could reflect and worship together, but also chat and develop friendships.

If you are concerned about the idea of a retreat, have a chat with some of those who went this year, and get first-hand information about what it is like to attend.

Dates are Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May 2023, at Foxhill Retreat

Centre <https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/>

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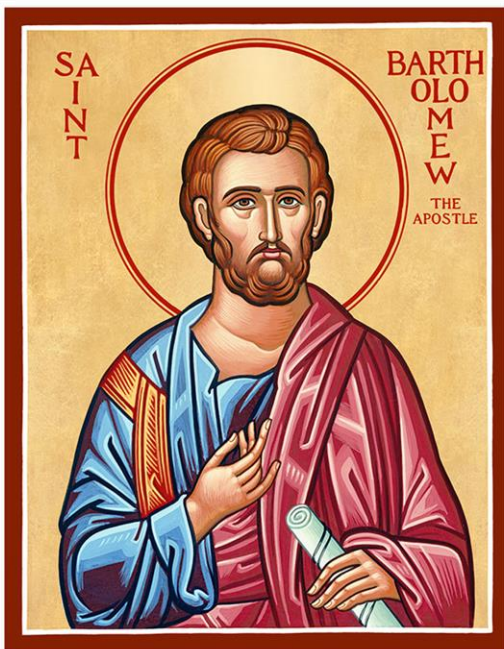
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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
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St. Bartholomew's Day



Sunday 28th

August

11:00am

**Holy Communion Service celebrating the life and
work of this parish church**

Followed by a bring and share lunch

All Welcome

2023 TEAM RETREAT

19th – 21st May 2023

Foxhill Retreat Centre, Frodsham



Why not join together with other members of the churches in our team on a retreat at the beautiful Foxhill Centre in Cheshire.

There will be space for worship and reflection, but also social time, and opportunity to explore the beautiful wooded grounds.

The cost will be £180 per person, transport to and from the weekend will be by car, we will try and arrange shared lifts, single en-suite rooms are available and twin rooms. A reduced day rate of £40 is available for those who can only do the Saturday and do not wish to spend the nights at Foxhill.



Please contact Malcolm by email malcolm@revmw.co.uk or ring 07557 658452



Bishop of Manchester sabbatical

The Bishop of Manchester, Dr David Walker, will be taking a sabbatical from 25 August to 28 November 2022. During this period he will be largely studying from home and will be taking a break from diocesan duties.

The Bishop's office will continue to operate as usual during Bishop David's sabbatical and correspondence should be sent to Bishops court as normal. The Bishops of Middleton and Bolton will be providing appropriate cover during the period of the sabbatical.

Alive & Free St Elizabeth's Church Horwich

My name is Toby, one of the ALMs in the Horwich and Rivington team, since we are all part of the same mission community I wanted to invite you and your congregation to our Alive + Free evening service that we are relaunching in September.

Alive + Free is meant to be something a little different! - at least different from anything else we have within our team!

We do it on the first Sunday of the month @ 7pm at St Elizabeth's Church, Horwich.

It is essentially an alternative/modern style worship service but we put a focus on making space to meet with the Holy Spirit. We bring in guest speakers and run through a series of topics and are relaunching with Vinny Whitworth speaking on "Restore" from "Restore Renew Rebuild" by Cris Rogers.

We would really appreciate it if you could mention it in your church notices/notice sheet and pray for the team as we head towards the relaunch.

I have attached a flyer that we have put together and I do have a short, fairly low-quality video in which I speak about it which you are welcome to!

We can also be found on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/AliveFreeBolton/>

See also the flyer on the next page.

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...

Passion for Bolton Monthly Prayer Meetings

UNITING in PRAYER for BOLTON

Calling the churches of Bolton to unite in intercessory prayer through the year

18th Aug 7pm Victoria Hall

37 Knowsley St, Bolton BL1 2AS

28th Sept 7pm Horwich Evangelical Church

Wright St, Horwich, Bolton BL6 7HU

25th Oct 7.30pm Bridge Church Horwich

Rock St, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5QS

16th Nov 7.30pm St Katharine's Church

Church St, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5EN



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GENEROSITY AND THANKFULNESS ONLINE CONFERENCE



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There is still time to register for our 'Generosity and Thankfulness' Conference which takes place online on Saturday 24 September **from 10am to 4pm.**

Building on the success of our first giving conference in 2020, this conference aims to inspire the development of generosity and thankfulness as part of the mission of every church across our diverse diocese.

With keynote speakers, 22 workshops to choose from and a range of high-quality exhibitors, this promises to be a high-quality event. Clergy and lay leaders are invited to register now for a free place.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We very much hope to be welcoming representatives from every church in the diocese to the conference. There are plenty of spaces available for each church to be well represented by members of their clergy and PCC.

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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