

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023 THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

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

Those who are ill: Harry Bowyer, Brian Cato, Libby Evans, Georgia Gidney, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Kathleen Grundy, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Eileen Marsh, Ted Morgan, Jean Partington, Arthur Robinson, Norman Sidlow

Those who have died recently: Dorothy Cleary

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Anne Campbell, Damian Carey, Joyce Cunliffe, Dorothy Edwards, Harry Fairhurst, Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Alexander MacQuarrie, Mary Homer, Ilona Molyneux, Hilary Montgomery, Jeremiah Robinson-Todd, Joyce Ryley, Thomas Seddon, Alice Westhead, Matthew Whitfield.

Coming Up this week:

Monday 4th 9:30 – 11:00am NB new time	St Bartholomew's Church	Office Hour returns – for booking baptisms / other church business
Wednesday 6th 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Choir Practice

Next Sunday: 10th September 2023 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

NEXT SUNDAY: The 14th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ezekiel 33. 7 – 11 / Romans 13. 8 - end / Matthew 18. 15 - 20

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's

Revd Andy Jones

9.15am All Age Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Revd Angela Wynne

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Revd Carol Pharaoh/Alan Morris

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Readings for Sunday 3rd September 2023

Collect:

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: *Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21*

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Second Reading: *Romans 12. 9 - end*

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: *Matthew 16. 21 - end*

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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.

Sunday School

St George's Sunday School will return on September 17th.

We are planning on running St Bartholomew's Sunday School fortnightly from September on the usual 1st and 3rd Sundays so we're running this Sunday 3rd September.

Office Hour

We're returning weekly from Monday 4th September at the slightly revised times of 9:30am – 11:00am.

We're still running some limited Saturday morning appointments for booking baptisms. Please e-mail westhoughtonparish@outlook.com for an appointment.

Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship - St Bartholomew's

Is on its summer break.

We'll be back in September starting on Monday 18th September from 9:30am – 11:00am

Committee Meetings - Dates

PCC: Mondays at 7:30pm [** = St Bart's Committee will meet at 7:00pm on those dates]

11th September **

13th November **

15th January 2024 **

11th March 2024 **

St George's Committee will meet on Monday 25th September at 7:30pm in St Bartholomew's

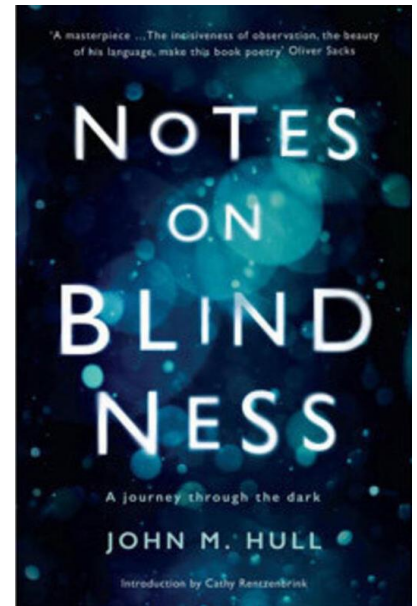
Book Club

We're starting a new Book Club in September.

The book of the month will be "Notes on Blindness" by John Hull.

The meetings will be on Thursday 21st September at 3:00pm in St Bartholomew's church
7:30pm at St James' Vicarage, Daisy Hill.

Further details from Revd Andy.



St George's Church

is running the Smartie Tube Challenge again over Summer.

Please collect your tube from church and eat the smarties but fill the empty tube with loose change over summer and we'll collect them during September. Many thanks.

St Bartholomew's Church Choir

We're after new members. If you enjoy singing and are able to attend the weekly practice each Wednesday at church from 7:30pm for about 30 – 45 minutes and sing at the Sunday service, do have a word with Ed or any of the choir. Any age and ability welcomed.

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Ignite Youth

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 23rd September 7:00pm at St John's church, Wingates.

Café Church

Is on its summer break.

We'll going to restart weekly in term time on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 4:30pm from Wednesday 13th September.

The planned new rota is shown below.

New Café church Rota 2023 September - December

Date	Topic	Leader	Refreshments
	CHRISTIAN BASICS		
13 Sept	Who is God / Father – Genesis Chapter 2	Andy	Lynne John
20 Sept	Who is God / Jesus – Matthew 14: 13-21 (Bible Chat Mats / Family Time)	Carol	Sue Ged
27 Sept	Who is God / Holy Spirit – Galatians 5. 22-25	Elaine	Jean Fran
4 Oct	Experiencing Church (Experience session)	Andy	Carole Linda
11 Oct	The Bible - 2 Timothy 3.14-17.	Joan	Lynne John
18 Oct	Sharing our faith – Matthew 28. 16-20	Christine	SUE Ged
25 Oct	Agape Service reflecting on Holy Communion	Angela	Jean Fran
30 Oct – 3 Nov	HALF TERM		
	PRAYER		
8 Nov	The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6. 5-15 (Bible Chat Mats / Family Time)	Carol	Carole Linda
15 Nov	Listen and do / Samuel - 1 Samuel 3.1-21	Elaine	Lynne John
22 Nov	Prayer Stations (Experience session)	Angela	Sue Ged
29 Nov	The Pharisee's and tax collector's prayers - Luke 18:9–14	Joan	Jean Fran
6 Dec	Advent Agape Service	Andy	Carole Linda
13 Dec	Preparing for Christmas – Matthew 1.18-23	Christine	Lynne John
20 Dec – 8 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Next Café Church 10 th January 2024		

Café Church is back on 13th Sept.

**It meets each Wednesday in term
time at St Bartholomew's church
3:45 – 4:30pm**

For the first few sessions we're looking at
"Who is God?"

**This week we're looking at
God the Father**



Genesis chapter 2

Wednesday 13th September

This year's confirmation service

will take place on Tuesday 14th November at St John's Church.

There will be two sessions of preparation [weekends] as well as encouraging candidates in church attendance and youth church attendance.

Booking forms will be available from Sunday 3rd September.

'Talkin' Tables',

This is an organisation which was set up following lockdown and works to combat loneliness.

There is a new group opening up in Westhoughton.

TALKIN' TABLES - Conquering Loneliness one Table at a Time!

It meets every Tuesday from 10 am to 11 am at Thyme for Tea, 96 Church Street, Westhoughton BL5 3RZ

Everyone is welcome and it's free.

For more information, please visit talkintables.co.uk

From the Diocese of Manchester:



There will be a service of welcome and installation for our new Archdeacon of Bolton and Salford on Sunday September 10th at 5.30pm at Manchester Cathedral. It's an open service and everyone is invited to attend. There is no need to book or have a ticket for this service – just turn up.



The Human One Exhibition

During September, St Anne's Church Royton is hosting 'The Human One Exhibition' by Welsh artist Jeremy Thomas, which is currently touring cathedrals and churches around England and Wales.

The exhibition aims to tell the story of the Gospels through art. The idea behind the project was to produce thirty images, one for each piece of silver that was paid to Judas Iscariot for the betrayal of Jesus. This is the only opportunity to see the exhibition in Manchester!

The Exhibition is open **Saturday 9th, 16th, 23rd September 10am-4pm** and **10th, 17th and 24th September 2pm-5pm**.

All are welcome to attend and support this unique event.

[Read more](#)

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**Westhoughton Parish Church,
St Bartholomew's**

AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 21st October 2023 10am to 2pm

**Craft stalls, tombola, wine galore,
pick and mix, chocolate tombola
breakfast / lunch refreshments.**

Free admission

In aid of St Bartholomew's Charity



I know the Fair seems a long way off but if could help us prepare in advance we're looking for

- bottles of wine [full and empty for the wine tombola]
- any bars or boxes of chocolates
- any good items for the tombola
- volunteers to help run the stalls
- second hand books for the St George's bookstall
- nearer to the day...homemade cakes and pies

Please see Elaine if you could help with any of this. Many thanks.

An Evening of Prayer and Praise



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September Diary ... what's coming up

Sunday 3rd	Trinity 13 Services at all our churches / Sunday School returns at St Bart's
Monday 4th 9:30am – 11:00am St Bartholomew's	Office Hour returns – please note new time
Wednesday 6th 7:30pm St Bartholomew's	Choir Practice
Sunday 10th	Trinity 14 Services at all our churches 1:00pm / 2:00pm Baptisms at St Bartholomew's
Monday 11th 9:30am – 11:00am St Bartholomew's	Office Hour 7:00pm St Bartholomew's Committee 7:30pm PCC meeting
Wednesday 13th 3:45pm – 4:30pm 7:30pm	Café Church returns at St Bartholomew's NO Choir Practice tonight
Sunday 17th	Trinity 15 Services at all our churches with Sunday School – St George's / St Bart's
Monday 18th 9:30am – 11:00am St Bartholomew's	Office Hour – please note new time Toddler Group and Wiggle Worship returns
Wednesday 20th 11:00am St Bartholomew's 3:45pm – 4:30pm 6:45pm St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St Bartholomew's	Monthly Midweek Communion Service followed by Luncheon Club Café Church at St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation Meeting Choir Practice
Thursday 21st 3:00pm St Bartholomew's 7:30pm Daisy Hill Vicarage	Book Club "Notes on Blindness" by John Hull. Book Club "Notes on Blindness" by John Hull.
Saturday 23rd 1:00pm St Bartholomew's 4:00pm St George's 7:00pm St John's Wingates	Wedding Games Afternoon Ignite Youth Meeting
Sunday 24th	Trinity 16 Services at all our churches 1:00pm / 2:00pm Baptisms at St Bartholomew's
Monday 25th 9:30am – 11:00am St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St Bartholomew's	Office Hour Toddler Group and Wiggle Worship St George's Committee Meeting
Wednesday 27th 3:45pm – 4:30pm 7:30pm St Bartholomew's	Café Church at St Bartholomew's Choir Practice

Coming up in October: **Sunday 8th Harvest Services**

Woman at the Well – Evening Retreat

We are very fortunate to have Donna Worthington coming to lead an evening retreat session for us at St John's Church, Wingates on Sun 1st Oct from 6-8pm. Donna is a fantastically gifted communicator, I think everyone would get something from this session. A details description is below. Please contact Malcolm (malcolm@revmw.co.uk or 07557 658452) if you would like to attend, cost £5 per person.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL (John 4:1-42) | An invitation to journey to the well, to Christ the Living Water.

At Jacob's well, Jesus broke strict rules of his time in order to reach a woman who was struggling with past relationships, exclusion and isolation; he listened to her in a non-judgmental way, saw her huge potential and she was transformed, finding her own confidence and her own voice. We will explore this intriguing Gospel passage, which helps to illuminate our inner soul journeys and offers an invitation to walk to the 'well', to Christ the One who restores us. The retreat will include a short theatre piece, discussion of the Gospel passage, Ignatian guided prayer based on the beautiful journey to the well and a short presentation of guitar music, words and candlelight.



HERITAGE EVENTS – SEPTEMBER

Free Guided Tours of Rivington Unitarian Chapel



Open Hour

Call in for a **FREE** guided tour of our historic chapel. First Weds of every month between 2 & 3pm.

f Celebrating Births, Deaths & Marriages. 

(Take our QR Code Virtual Tour.)

The poster features a collage of images: a red banner with 'Open Hour' in yellow, a view of the chapel interior with wooden pews, a plate of food, a stone with the year '1703', and an exterior view of the chapel building.

Rivington Unitarian Chapel will be open for viewing on

on Wed 6th September and the first Wednesday of each month thereafter.

Come and see the interesting features of this Grade II listed building, which dates from 1703.

Heritage Open Day at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich.



heritage open days

Holy Trinity Church Street, Horwich BL6 6QG will be open on Saturday 9th September from 10.00am till 1.00pm. There will be various displays and old records to view as well as refreshments being available. The bell tower will be open and managed due to the steps and small space in the ringing room.

Heritage Events at Bolton Parish Church

Saturdays 9th and 16th September 10:00am – 4:00pm

- Tower tours at 11:00am and 1:00pm
- Handbells
- Musical Entertainment
- Refreshments

Sundays 10th and 17th September 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Weekdays from Friday 8th – Friday 15th September 10:00am – 4:00pm

There are lots more local Heritage Week events throughout the area.

More details at:

[Printable Area Lists](#) | [Heritage Open Days](#)

BOLTON PARISH CHURCH



Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Autumn Season

05 September to 31 October 2023

Performances start at 13.15 and finish around 14.00

Admission free, donations appreciated

Tea and coffee served

Concerts

05 September

**Dunelm Duo
(Flute/Saxophone & Piano)**

12 September

**Bolton Parish Church
Organ Scholars**

19 September

**Celloship of the String
(Cello Quartet)**

26 September

Gary Hulme, Organ

03 October

**Northern Duo
(Cello & Piano)**

10 October

Cameron Dickason (Piano)

17 October

Bolton A level Music Students

24 October

Lucia Strings

31 October

**Philip O'Connor
(Organ/Vocal)**

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



Our Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope

Living and Loving God,
as your pilgrim people in Manchester Diocese
we thank you for the great commission
with which you have entrusted us:
to love and serve, and to bring
our parishes, schools, chaplaincies,
and all our communities
into new life in Jesus Christ.

Through your abundant love
lead us into your Kingdom
and grant us the trust to follow you;
meet our weariness, our griefs and fears
with your tender and comforting Spirit
that we may greet the promise
of each new day with joy and trust.

Teach us to pray in faith, hope and love,
that we may go out into your world
confident in your wondrous mission
and full of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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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