

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church 9:15am Service of the Word Rev Andy Jones</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church 9:15am Holy Communion Rev Angela Wynne</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am All Age Holy Communion Elaine Simkin / Revd Carol Pharaoh HYMNS: 358, Gloria 6 [page 12], 631, 451, 675 / 692, 477</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, Suzanne Walker

Those who have died recently: Jenny Harris, Henry Kay, Barbara Staniforth, Darren Threlfall, Marian Watkinson, Donald Broomhead

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Dorothy Martin, Brian Mobey, Barbara Pemberton, Selina Rogers, Ellen Williams.

Coming Up this week:

<p>Sunday 25th 1:00pm 2:00pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Baptism Jasper Edward BOOTE Baptism William Frances MURPHY</p>
<p>Monday 26th 10:30 – 11:30am</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour</p>
<p>Wednesday 28th 3:45pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Café Church Choir Practice</p>

The October monthly Prayer Diary and Newsletter [lots of news from the bell-ringers and forthcoming events] is out this Sunday. If you want an e-mail copy, let me know at the address below and if you want a printed copy, see Ed.

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

Next Sunday: 2nd October 2022

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Habakkuk 1. 1 - 4, 2. 1 - 4 / 2 Timothy 1. 1 - 4 / Luke 17. 5 - 10

9.15 am Holy Communion at St George's Church

Revd Andy Jones

9.15 am Service of the Word at Thomas' Church

Revd Carol Pharaoh

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

Elaine Simkin

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Today's Readings

Collect:

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 6. 1a, 4 - 7*

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: ¹Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

New Testament Reading: *1 Timothy 6. 6 - 19*

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16. 19 - 31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - ²⁸for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WESTHOUGHTON REMEMBERS

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment can overtake them.

² From the viewpoint of the foolish, they seemed to be dead,
and their passing away was reckoned as a misfortune,

³ But they are at peace.

⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will dwell with him in love,
because grace and mercy are reserved for his holy ones,
and he shows concern for his elect.

The Book of Wisdom chapter 3.

When the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen was announced, it was obvious that we, as a church, should be a focus in Westhoughton as we both mourned her passing but celebrated a long life exemplified by her role of devoted duty and service to this country and the Commonwealth.



I'm sure we've all read and been amazed by some of the amazing statistics over the last few weeks:

- half the countries in the world now either didn't exist or didn't have their current borders when the Queen came to the throne in 1952

- 94% of the world's current population was born during the Queen's reign

- one of the Queen's last acts was to appoint her 15th Prime Minister, Liz Truss who was born in 1975; her first Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill was born over a century earlier in 1874 midway through Queen Victoria's reign.

Having decided to hold a Civic Service of Commemoration on Sunday 18th September, there was a lot of planning and organisation. Please note that many people played a part to make this a fitting service worthy of Her Majesty. Even if you think that the role you played was minor or insignificant – it wasn't; nothing goes unnoticed or unrecognised and all was valued by all those who attended and we thank you all.

- The bells were muffled and rung before the service
- The flag on the church tower flagpole was flown at half-mast
- The floral arrangements featured red, white and blue flowers
- The altar was arrayed in its purple frontal, the traditional colour of mourning but also of royalty
- The organ music selected was well-known having been played at many previous royal events
- The service sheets depicted images of the Queen throughout her reign
- The hymns chosen included both those sung at the Queen's marriage to Prince Philip and also hymns from England, Wales and Scotland.
- The readings from the prophet Isaiah and the second letter to Timothy focussed on the strength gained by those who trust in the Lord
- We had a Book of Condolence available for people to sign with their own memories
- We were pleased to welcome our MP Chris Green, Town Mayor Cllr Deidre McGeown and Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Ollie Young to the service

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- We had prayers in memory of the Queen led by members of our congregation including a prayer written for children read by one of the Brownies.
- The reflection focussed on the Queen's unwavering faith as shown in her annual Christmas messages
- We had a time where people could come forward and light a candle as part of their own personal memories and prayers
- We prayed for King Charles and sang the National Anthem "God Save the King."



As the Parish Church in Westhoughton, worship is what we do whether in the regular Sunday and midweek services, marking significant events in the lives of families at baptisms, weddings and funerals, or in annual or one-off civic services such as this one. It's often said that worship should be the high point of the week that we both look forward to and remember afterwards. In worship we give God his worth which has to be the best we have to give. At this service and all our services this is what we continue to strive to achieve in our church and town.



¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14

MEMORIAL SERVICE -THANK YOU

On behalf of Westhoughton Town Council and the people of Westhoughton, the Town Mayor, Cllr Deirdre and deputy Town Mayor Cllr Ollie Young, wish to thank St Bartholomew's church for the marvellous service of Remembrance and Reflection following the death of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II.

In particular, thanks to the Revd Andy Jones, organist Ed McHale, officers and volunteers who helped to make the occasion truly memorable.

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.

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

We’re running again on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month so we’re not meeting this Sunday 25th September. We’ll be back on Sunday 2nd October

September – Café Church

Wednesdays in term time at St Bartholomew’s

Café Church is running at St Bartholomew’s with its next session on **Wednesday 28th September** from 3:45 – 4:30pm.

This week we’re thinking about sharing creation looking at the Bible reading:
2 Samuel chapter 12

led by Andy.

Secondary School Admission Forms

If you have a form which needs signing for your child's application to a secondary school, please hand in your form at church by **Sunday 2nd October**. These will be then completed and returned to you. Please make sure to include a contact telephone number and, in the case of St Thomas Church, a copy of your church attendance card(s). Please also include a note to tell us which church(es) you attend. Thank you.

OFFICE HOUR:

Office Hour returns this week on Monday 26th September 10:30am – 11:30am at St Bartholomew’s church.

Committee Meetings: this week

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

OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY: starts next weekend

It's almost that time of year again when we have to do our income survey. If you are 16 years old or older and attend church 12 times or more each year, you'll be given a form and just asked to tick which box best reflects your income.

Even if you have a low or no income or receive a student loan / benefits, we need you to complete a form. Once completed, place the form in the box provided.

The form is anonymous [your name will not appear on it] and no-one from our churches will ever see it.

PLEASE complete one form each [not one per family], but ONLY one even if you attend every week, and do it at the church you attend most often [if you attend different churches within the team].

Our diocese use the information to determine our annual parish share so we need the information to be complete and accurate.

Many thanks for your help with this.

St George's School Governors

St George's Primary School is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on its Governing Board. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Headteacher, staff and children, but they also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school.

This is an important and rewarding voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, and to be part of the team working to promote the school's success. Foundation Governors need not be professionals or experts in the field of education, but simply need an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children, and the time and willingness to get involved.

The time commitment required is approximately 6-8 hours each term, comprising of two meetings per term, some preparation time for those meetings, and some additional time supporting monitoring activities in school. The meetings are usually held in the evening apart from one meeting during the day in the summer term.

If you would be interested to receive more information about the role or would like to put yourself forward, please speak to Revd Carol Pharoah, Revd Andy Jones or email office@st-georges.bolton.sch.uk and mark your email for the attention of the Chair of Governors, Gillian Buxton.



Thursday
Worship @
St John's

Join us at 6.30pm
every 2 weeks
for our Church Family Service

Our first service will be on
Thursday 6th October
lasting for 30-40 minutes
All welcome!

Café Church

Wednesday 28th September

(weekly in term time)

Venue: St Bartholomew's Church

Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm

Sharing Creation



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

Coach Trip to the Blackpool Illuminations

We will be having a Team Coach Trip to Blackpool illuminations on **Friday 28th October**

leaving at

- 5.00pm from St James' Daisy Hill,
- 5.10pm from St Bart's
- 5.20pm from St John's,

back around 9.30 to 10.00pm

Cost will be £14 per person

Please sign up on the lists in church if you wish to book a place. We have 12 places allocated to Westhoughton so please book soon as we can let other people have them if we don't fill all the seats.



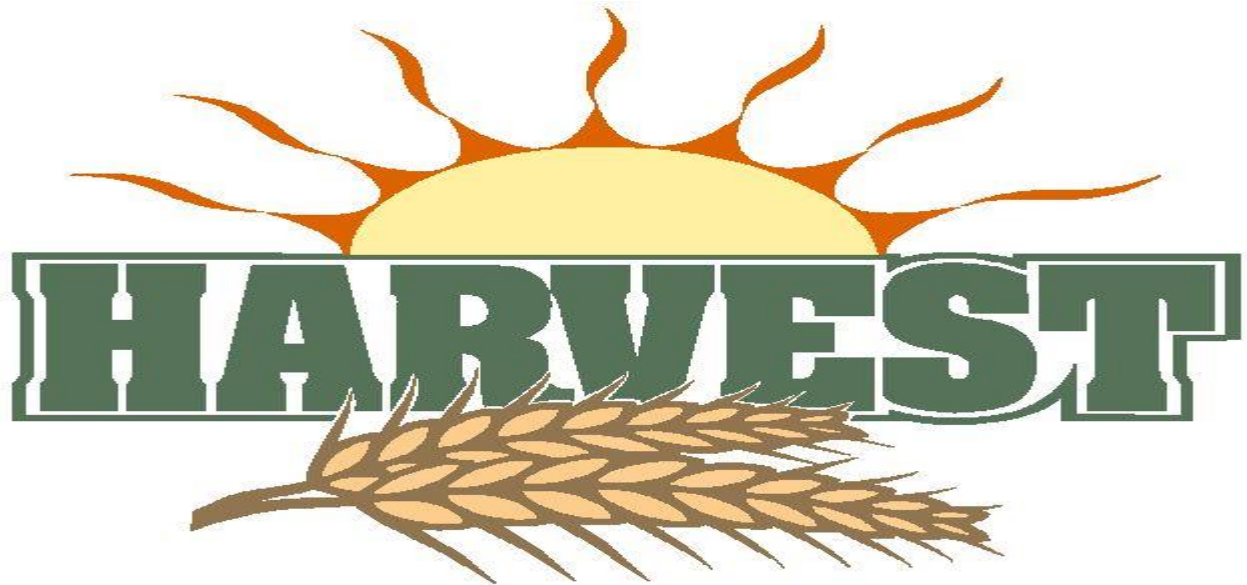
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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH,
WESTHOUGHTON**



Sunday 9th October

11:00am



Holy Communion Service

Collection for Urban Outreach
[Green Grub Tubs]

All Welcome



Please use this list as a guide to what we need to help make up our food parcels. Items highlighted with * are what we need the most.

For food safety / quality reasons, please don't donate any bakery products or items that require refrigeration or freezing.

Thank you!

Ambient / Long-Life Items

Tinned Soups (Any)

- *Tinned Corned Beef
- *Tinned Stewing Steak
- *Tinned Meat Stews
- *Tinned Chicken Stews
- *Tinned meat or chicken curry
- Tinned Veg Curry
- *Tinned Ham
- *Tinned Meat Pies
- Tinned Fish (any)

- Tinned Carrots
- *Tinned Mushy Peas
- *Tinned Garden Peas
- *Tinned Processed Peas
- *Tinned Mixed Vegetables
- *Tinned Tomatoes
- *Tinned Potatoes
- *Instant Mash
- Dried Rice
- Microwave Rice
- Dried Pasta
- Cuppa Soup

- Small cooking oils (max 200ml)
- Cooking Sauces (jars)
- Gravy granules and cubes
- Herbs & Spices (any)
- Salt & Pepper
- Tomato Puree
- Pickled beetroot, onions or cabbage
- Salad Cream
- Tomato Sauce
- Brown Sauce

- Coffee Powder
- Instant Hot Chocolate
- Long Life Fruit Juice (1 ltr or similar)
- *Cordial
- *Long Life Milk

Tinned Sweet Pie Fillings *Tinned Minced Beef Tinned Sponge Puddings

- *Tinned Fruit (any)
- * Instant Custard Powder
- Tinned Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Baking Products
- Flour (Plain & Self Raising)
- Angel Delight
- Evaporated Milk
- Trifle Mixes
- Jellies

Cleaning Equipment

- *Large food bags
- Antibacterial Spray
- Dish Cloths
- Bleach
- Toilet cleaner

Toiletries

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Toilet Rolls
- Baby Wipes

*Nappies (all sizes but especially size 4 upwards)

Fresh Fruit and Veg

- Apples and Oranges
- Carrots, greens and potatoes
- Salad items (not containing 'use by' dates)

Thank you for your help and support



St Bartholomew's Parish Church

Westhoughton

AUTUMN FAYRE

CELEBRATION

Saturday 22nd October...10am to 2pm

Craft stalls, gifts, tombola, wine galore, pick
and mix, refreshments, Breakfast/ lunch

Stalls available £15. (Raising funds for our charity)
contact Elaine 07732749871



Date for the Diaries: October – November 2022

There will be lots more details nearer the time but just to get the dates into diaries:

Harvest: Sunday: 9th October

We're planning harvest services at all our churches on Sunday 9th October

St Bartholomew's Autumn Fair: Saturday 22nd October

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.

Parish Memorial Service: Sunday 30th October 2:00pm

We'll be holding our annual Memorial Service on this, the closest Sunday to All Souls' Day at St Bartholomew's

Team Confirmation Service: Thursday 3rd November 7:30pm

We'll be holding our Team Confirmation Service at St James' Church, Daisy Hill this year.

GREAT SACRED MUSIC ACROSS THE DIOCESE



Special services of very high quality music on a Saturday lunchtime.

Great Sacred Music is back with the first event of the new season on Saturday 1 October, 1pm at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. There is a new team of Choral Scholars and this will be the start of an exciting tour around the diocese throughout October and November.

Join the Choral Scholars each week as they explore a new theme through readings, reflections and songs from the great classical music of our religious heritage.

Full details can be found via this [link](#).

[View the video](#).

The Choral Scholarships are part of a collaborative project between the Diocese of Manchester and the St Martin-in-the-Fields HeartEdge Network.

Alive + Free!

Sunday 2nd October

St Elizabeth's Church, Horwich | Bolton

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...

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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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