

# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

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## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

### Sunday Services

<b>St George's Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Holy Communion Rev Andy Jones	<b>St Thomas' Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Service of the Word Revd Carol Pharaoh	<b>St Bartholomew's Church</b> <b>11:00am</b> Service of the Word Elaine Simkin <b>HYMNS:</b> as in the order of service
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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:**

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** Alice Alker, Melvyn Ashton, Elsie Beckett, William Bruton, Irene Butler, Sylvia Coop, Paul Dunnington, Amanda Hartley, Wilfred Hartley, Evelyn Higham, Roy Hindley, Mary Jennings, Anne Mason, Annie Moss, Margaret Roberts, Harry Pemberton, John Scotson, Elizabeth Shannon, May Westhead, Walter Whittle.

### Coming Up this week:

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 10:30 – 11:30am	St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Office Hour</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 3:45pm 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Café Church</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 6:30pm	St John's Church, Wingates	<b>Thursday Worship at St John's – Church Family Service</b>

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

### Next Sunday: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Harvest Services

#### The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival

**Readings: Deuteronomy 6. 1 - 11 / Philippians 4. 1 - 9 / John 6. 25 - 35**

**9.15 am Service of the Word at St George's Church**

**Revd Andy Jones**

**9.15 am Service of the Word at Thomas' Church**

**Christine Andrews**

**11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church**

**Revd Carol Pharaoh / Revd Andy Jones**

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## Today's Readings

### Collect:

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Amen

### Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1. 1 - 4, 2. 1 - 4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

### New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

<sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in

suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### Gospel Reading

Luke 17. 5 - 10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'

<sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

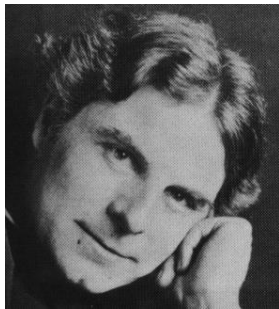
## Ralph Vaughan Williams – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

(b. Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, England, October 12, 1872;

d. Westminster, London, England, August 26, 1958)



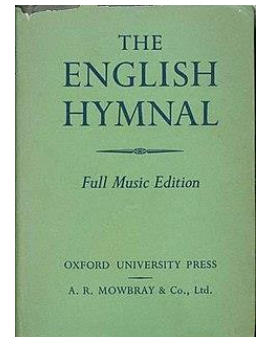
A passionate supporter of English folk song and its expansion, Ralph Vaughan Williams was aware that the village band singers in communities were the same ones that sang in churches on Sunday.



Visited by the Rev Percy Dearmer, Vaughan Williams at first thought the clergyman wanted to persuade him to do what he did and invite tramps to sleep in his drawing-room. Dearmer though, wanted Vaughan Williams to edit the music of the English Hymnal. He said the work would take just two months but it turned into two years hard labour for the composer who initially claimed that he knew little or nothing about hymns. Dearmer told him that if he refused he would go to his rival, Henry Walford Davies and recruit him. 'Hang on a minute' Vaughan Williams responded and promptly accepted the post.

The Anglican Church had never promulgated an 'official' hymn book, but by default *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, first published in 1861, became almost that. Various revisions appeared over coming years, but a completely new edition in 1904 changed too many texts and ditched too many well-loved tunes.

This prompted Dearmer and a group of like-minded churchmen to plan a 'local' supplement for Primrose Hill, entitled *English Hymns*. This soon became a large-scale publishing project with Oxford University Press. The book was eventually to contain more than 700 hymns with matching tunes, and the title changed to *The English Hymnal*. 'THE ENGLISH HYMNAL is a collection of the best hymns in the English language', proclaimed Dearmer's Preface, 'and is offered as a humble companion to the Book of Common Prayer for use in the Church.'



Vaughan Williams, aged 32 in 1904, was still at the outset of his composing career. In 1895 he had been appointed to what he called his 'first and last organ post', at St Barnabas Church, South Lambeth. The appointment, he said, had given him an insight into good and bad church music. Dearmer, hearing of Vaughan Williams from the folk song collector Cecil Sharp, had decided that this all-round, practical musician was the man he required as Music Editor for *The English Hymnal*.

On his musical choice, Vaughan Williams was unequivocal. 'It ought no longer to be true anywhere', he proclaimed in his Preface, 'that the most exalted moments of a church-goer's week are associated with music that would not be tolerated in any place of secular entertainment.' His vision was that *The English Hymnal* should become a reference of the world's finest hymn tunes. The music, Vaughan Williams said, was designed to be essentially congregational in character. Unsuitable 'modern' or 'enervating' tunes were rejected, replaced with a rich and varied selection made from sources hitherto unimagined for a hymn book.

Set within Vaughan Williams's selection of tunes were plainsong melodies which were neither chosen nor harmonized by Vaughan Williams. 'On this subject I was really ignorant', he said, 'so I refused to touch it'.

Vaughan Williams wondered whether he had been wasting time on hymn tunes while adding 'nothing to the sum of my musical invention'. But he concluded that his two years of work, sifting

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through some of the best (as well as the worst) tunes in the world, was 'a better musical education than any amount of sonatas and fugues' could ever have been.

Vaughan Williams's use of English folk songs as the basis for hymn tunes seemed disturbing for some: critics bemoaned the 'atmosphere of secularity' which such melodies engendered. Vaughan Williams robustly defended his process and 31 English folk songs appear as hymn tunes in the 1906 edition.

In November 1905, Vaughan Williams, transcribed in Sussex a song called 'The Royal George' from a Mr and Mrs Verrall which, named SUSSEX, became the tune for 'Father, hear the prayer we offer'.

Vaughan Williams's transcription of 'The Ploughboy's Dream' (collected in December 1903 at Forest Green near Leith Hill, Surrey) became in its *English Hymnal* incarnation FOREST GREEN, for 'O little town of Bethlehem'.

Vaughan Williams's 'twentieth-century composers', each approached to provide new tunes especially for hymns of unusual or irregular meter in *The English Hymnal*, included John Ireland, Sir Walter Parratt, and Gustav Holst. Of the tunes contributed by Holst it was CRANHAM, for Christina Rossetti's poem 'In the bleak mid-winter' (a 'carol' in the book's Christmas sequence), which endured. In a few cases, new words were commissioned to fit specific tunes. Athelstan Riley's 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones', for example, was written for Vaughan Williams's harmonization of the 17th-century German melody LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

Aside from his folk song adaptations, Vaughan Williams himself provided only four original tunes two of which have become classics. Hymn tunes he considered sub-standard but couldn't ditch appeared unnumbered at the back of the book, not set to any words in what he called his "Chamber of Horrors" – the tune "St Clement" [*condemned by RVW as a feeble waltz*] but sung to "The Day thou Gavest" is in that supplement.

To mark his 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary we'll be using his music at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday morning:

- Come Down, O love divine to his original tune Down Ampney – the place of his birth
- Who would true valour see to his arrangement of Monks Gate [*see October newsletter*]
- Father, hear the prayer we offer to his arrangement of the tune Sussex
- Go to the world to his original tune Sine Nomine

And the choir will sing his arrangement of George Herbert's poem "The Call" - *if you now RVW's compositions such as "The Lark Ascending" or "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" you'll recognise all the harmonies.*

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month so we’re meeting this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. On 9<sup>th</sup> October, we’ll be staying in church as we celebrate our Harvest services.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> October** from 3:45 – 4:30pm.

This week we’re thinking about “Living well in Creation” looking at the Bible reading:  
Matthew 6. 25 - 34

led by Christine.

### Secondary School Admission Forms – please return this weekend

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.

### OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY: starts THIS 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> October  
lasting for 30-40 minutes  
All welcome!



## 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.



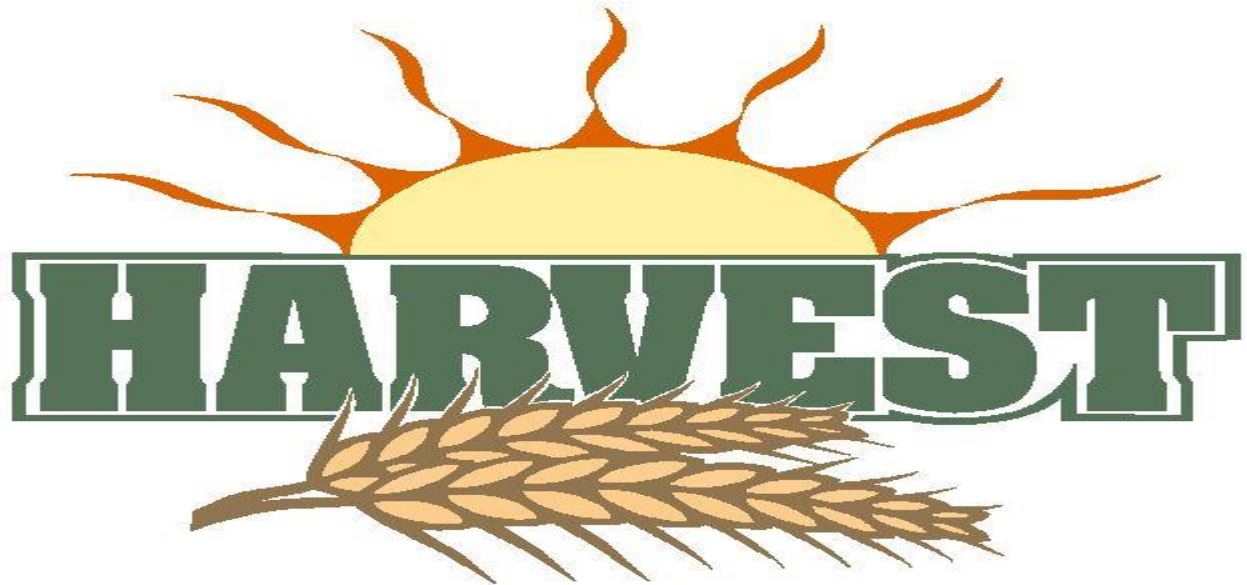
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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
CHURCH,  
WESTHOUGHTON**



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

### St Bartholomew's Autumn Fair: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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

### Parish Memorial Service: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7:30pm

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

## Bolton Unity Project's 'Historical' Autumn Community Walk at Anglezarke



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm**

**Anglezarke Quarry and Reservoir Trail**

*(Meet at Anglezarke Reservoir Car Park, Moor Rd, PR6 9DQ from 1-45pm)*

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 please contact Keith Armstrong on [tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk](mailto:tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk) or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before the walk.

# *Mother 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*

*{sessions begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 term time only}*

## Jazz Concert At Rivington Church

**Jazz Concert**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**  
**Rivington Church**  
**with the Wabash Jazzmen**

Tickets available from Eunice Hawkins  
*Click here to email Eunice* or ring her on 07892 631599

£12 per person  
(includes a glass of wine or soft drink during the interval)  
In aid of Bolton Hospice and Urban Outreach.



[eunicehawkins@icloud.com](mailto:eunicehawkins@icloud.com)

New Rosemere Operative and Musical Society presents:



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An Operatic and Musical Society

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# A Celebration of Songs from the Musicals

Saturday 22nd October 2022, at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity, Horwich Parish Church,  
Church Street, Horwich, BL6 6AA

An evening of songs from the 22 musicals, with such favourites  
as:

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Also available on the door, on the night of the concert

Proceeds split between New Rosemere and the Church



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# **PASSION FOR BOLTON**



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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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm

#### **Anglezarke Quarry and Reservoir Trail**

*(Meet at Anglezarke Reservoir Car Park, Moor Rd, PR6 9DQ from 1-45pm)*

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm

#### **Smithill's Hall Historical Trail**

*(Meet at Smithill's Hall Country Park Car Park, Smithill's Dean Rd, Bolton, BL1 7NP from 1-45pm)*

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm

#### **Rivington Terraced Gardens Trail**

*(Meet at the Lower House Car Par (Pigeon Tower Car Park), Rivington Rd, Nr Rivington, Bolton, BL6 7SD from 1-45pm)*

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1pm

#### **Bolton Town Centre Historical Ramble**

*(Meet at Queen's Park Café, Nr Spa Rd Car Park, Bolton, BL1 4RU from 12-45pm)*

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk) or 07500928573 who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk.

## Congratulations to our new ALMs



Over forty new Authorised Lay Ministers were commissioned to serve in parishes across the diocese at a special celebration at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday. Existing ALMs [including our own Christine Andrews] were also relicensed by the Bishop of Bolton, Mark Ashcroft, in a joyful celebration.

Authorised Lay Ministers are lay people active in church life who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership. We are grateful to them for completing their training over the past year and for working collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams.

For photographs of the service, please visit our [Flickr page](#).

## Three bishops pilgrimage to the Holy Land



Join the bishops of Manchester, Bolton and Middleton on pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 2 to 9 November 2023 for a unique opportunity to journey together to the landscape that shaped Jesus.

Bishop David said, "Our travels through the Holy Land will introduce us to the landscape that shaped Jesus, and teach us to read the Gospels with fresh eyes as we stand on the shore of Lake Galilee, or the Mount of the Transfiguration, or walk through the streets of Jerusalem. They will also reveal the impact of 2000 years of struggle and conflict. We will meet Christians, Jews and Muslims who live in a constant climate of rivalry and fear."

There will be time for worship and reflection as the pilgrims make stops at sites along the way.

For more details of the pilgrimage and to book online, please visit the [Lightline Pilgrimages website](#).

## Generosity and Thankfulness Conference a big success

The Generosity and Thankfulness Conference held online on Saturday 24 September was well attended and praised by clergy and laity for providing practical resources underpinned by theology and stories of hope.

All of the talks and workshops were recorded and they are now available to view in the Whova conference website and mobile app up to 24 December 2022. Additionally, the 19 exhibition booths, five sponsor pages, and other conference resources are also available until this date. The workshops are also available on a YouTube playlist.

[Visit the Conference webpage to access the resources](#)

## British Society of Master Glass Painters centenary exhibition



### **Manchester Cathedral until 24 November**

The exhibition highlights 60 panels that celebrate the unique art of glass. The works have been created using both traditional and modern glass techniques, demonstrating the extraordinary range of stained glass currently practiced.

The artists explore a variety of subjects such as the environment, the pandemic and the beauty of nature. The exhibition builds a fascinating insight into the concerns of glass artists a hundred years after the society was established to help stained glass remain

relevant.

[Find out more.](#)

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