

# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



## SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

### Sunday Services

<p><b>St George's Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Holy Communion Rev Andy Jones</p>	<p><b>St Thomas' Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Holy Communion Rev Angela Wynne</p>	<p><b>St Bartholomew's Church</b> <b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion Alan Morris / Carol Pharaoh <b>HYMNS: 558, 386, 569, 383/580, 757</b></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:** Anthony Carr, Harold Podmore, Brenda Wrigley, Allan Fairhurst

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** George Benett, Thomas Eastham, Geoffrey Fothergill, Reuben Gerrard, Beatrice Gibson, Bob Harrison, Hepsie Hibbert, Annie Hibbert, Mohammed Naeem, Hilda Ogden, Harry Partington, 20 Isaac Roden, Hilda Simkin.

### Coming Up this week:

<p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30 – 11:30am 9:30 – 11:00am</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p><b>Office Hour [NB last one before half-term break]</b> <b>"Parent" and Toddler Group</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00am 3:45pm 6:45pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p><b>Monthly Midweek Communion &amp; Luncheon Club</b> <b>Café Church [NB last one before half-term break next week]</b> <b>Baptism Preparation [Rev Carol]</b> <b>Choir Practice</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 6:30pm</p>	<p>St John's Church</p>	<p><b>All Age Thursday Worship</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00am – 2:00pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p><b>Autumn Fair</b></p>

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

### Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

#### The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

**Readings: Isaiah 45. 22 – 25 / Romans 15. 1 – 6 / Luke 4. 16 - 24**

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

**Elaine Simkin**

**9.15am \*\*\* at Thomas' Church**

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**11.00am All Age Communion at St Bartholomew's Church**

**Elaine Simkin / Revd Carol Pharaoh**

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## Today's Readings

### Collect:

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament Reading Genesis 32. 22 - 31

<sup>22</sup>Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him

### New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5

<sup>14</sup>Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### Gospel Reading Luke 18. 1 - 8

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

### Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

## FOCUS ON VOCATIONS – Authorised Lay Ministers

**Authorised Lay Ministers are people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to leadership in an area of ministry. ALM training begins each January and consists of an 8-week Core Leadership Module followed by a 12-week Ministry Training Elective. There are currently ten electives available covering ministry in many different areas in church life from worship & Liturgy, community outreach, ecology, digital church, evangelism, children & youth work, prayer and pastoral outreach.**

**In our team ministry we currently have 7 ALMs. We asked them to tell us in 100 words why they chose to train and be an ALM. This is what they said.**

### **Evelyn Eden – Worship & Liturgy Elective**

On first coming to St John's, we helped with music but I felt a God nudge – He wanted more! With PCC encouragement, I undertook the ALM Worship & Liturgy course helping me explore how we lead and incorporate worship into our Sunday services and day-to-day lives. It was also a safe space to develop and get feedback. Since then, I have been encouraged use my gifts, including more recently helping with Ignite Youth (our Team Youth Church).

God has been faithful: Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it.

### **Jane Kenyon – Pastoral & Listening Elective**

I felt I wanted to go deeper in my Christian faith and enrolled on a Foundations in Ministry course. I was just wanting to explore my faith and see where God led me in it. We looked at different vocations and pathways we could follow.

More and more I felt God was leading me to enrol for ALM training. I felt it was the right thing to do but didn't know where it would lead. I followed the Pastoral and Listening Elective. This was an easy choice as I have experience in Counselling and Social Care and as a Samaritan volunteer. I have a strong sense to reach out to others in fellowship - helping to make people feel welcome, wanted and valued. Especially those feeling alone and lost.

I love working with people and I am hoping to be able to share my faith as God leads me, I am eager to follow.

### **Christine Andrews – Worship & Liturgy Elective**

I had worked with children as a leader in Sunday-School and the youth group. I saw becoming an ALM as a way to increase my own knowledge of Jesus and to help others to learn about him. Becoming an ALM allowed me to work with whole congregations and to support ministry in our parish.

Ten years on I am still learning and enjoying my ministry.

**Barbara Berry – Worship & Liturgy Elective**

Being an ALM is not only a privilege but a great pleasure to me. It's my way of spreading the good news, of shouting to the world (albeit often a small congregation) how much being a Christian and following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ means to me.

Whatever task I have, preparing prayers, bible readings, leading a service, comforting a dear friend, or simply arranging flowers in church, all have equal importance, and I feel blessed that I was invited to do it, and led by God. The training was a joy, I learned so much.

**Alisdair Cole – Worship & Liturgy Elective**

I am very much in the camp of Traditionalism, as far removed from Activism as you can get. Yet the nudges I kept getting in my own faith made me accept that I too have a pro-active role as a servant in God's Church.

Following a time of prayer & reflection, I discerned that I would only know for sure if I was a suitable ALM candidate if I applied. This I duly did and was relieved when accepted into the 2022 cohort for training.

Fast forward twelve months to September and amazingly The Bishop of Bolton authorized me at Manchester Cathedral, and I am an Authorised Lay Minister.

## 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 meeting at both churches on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## October – Café Church

### Wednesdays in term time at St Bartholomew’s

Café Church is running at St Bartholomew’s with its next session on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** from 3:45 – 4:30pm.

This week we’re thinking about “Noah – protecting endangered species” looking at the Bible reading:

Genesis 6.9 – 8.19

led by Joan.

**We’re not meeting next week** on 26<sup>th</sup> October during half-term but we’ll be back on 2<sup>nd</sup> November as we start looking at the life of Joseph [Genesis chapter 37 – 45 if you want to start reading about him].

## Office Hour

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

We’re open for those booking baptisms on Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> October. We’re **not** running on 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> October [half term] but will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY: running now [2 more Sundays]

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.

**Monthly Midweek Communion at St Bart's**

Is on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 11:00am** and is followed by Luncheon Club.



**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.

## 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.







**There will be lots of stalls including tombola, raffle, gifts and refreshments.**

**St George's are running a second-hand children's book stall – all donations welcome.**

**If you can help by making a cake for the cake stall, please see Joan O'Reilly ... and do come along and support us. Many thanks.**

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THE PARISH OF  
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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**11:00am**

**All Saints' Sunday**



**Holy Communion**

**All Welcome**

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



# Parish Memorial Service

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**2:00pm**

**A service at which we  
remember our loved ones by  
name, in silence or by lighting  
a candle**



**All Welcome**

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



# Remembrance

## Sunday

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
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**

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

### **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.

### **Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be the Civic Service at St Bartholomew's at 10:00am which will finish in time for us to process to the War Memorial for the laying of wreathes at 11:00am

Following this there will be a service of Holy Communion [sung with hymns] at St Bartholomew's church at 11:30am

There will be no service at St George's church that morning.

## **Also**

### **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, starting after the October half term.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:malcolm@revmw.co.uk)

### **Bible Sunday**

Finally we will be celebrating Bible Sunday on Sunday 23rd October. This video from the Bible Society is well worth watching and sharing with friends and family. It's called 'The Bible in Four Minutes' and it lasts 4 minutes!

<https://biblesociety.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjvuhjy-ukkhuitlhh-j/>

## 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.](#)

# ***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}*

New Rosemere Operative and Musical Society presents:



# New Rosemere

An Operatic and Musical Society

## IN CONCERT

invite you to

# 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:

Les Miserables, Miss Saigon, South Pacific, Annie Get Your Gun

*...and many more*

A quality evening of enjoyable and popular music.

Tickets just £9 each

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our website [www.newrosemere.com](http://www.newrosemere.com), or direct from the Church

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**



**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](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 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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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**



**Armistice  
Day  
Service**



**Annual  
Remembrance  
Service**

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Carriages approx.  
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Albert Halls, Bolton  
**Tickets £7.50**

Proceeds to the  
3 Bolton Cadet Forces

**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

**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](http://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](mailto:mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk)

**Bolton  
Council**

Middlebrook Angels and Bolton Unity Project Lego Building Competition

Middlebrook Angels and Bolton Unity Project

at Middlebrook Retail Park, Horwich

Join us in The Mall (near Vue Cinema) for our

**Lego Building Competition**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 11am to 3pm



Children must be accompanied by an adult  
Not suitable for children under 3 years of age

# THREE BISHOPS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD



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

Bishop David said, "Following the immense success of our 2017 pilgrimage, I have been asked to lead another in 2023. Over eight days we will travel together as pilgrims, building understanding and friendships across our diocese and beyond our local experience of the Church. 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."

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

## Announcement of New Bishop of Beverley

The Reverend Canon Stephen Race, currently Rector of The Benefice of Central Barnsley in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds and also Area Dean of Barnsley, has been appointed as the new Bishop of Beverley.



Speaking of his upcoming role for the Northern Province of the Church of England, Fr Stephen said he would strive for positive dialogues within the church and looked forward to serving people across the whole region.

"It is my hope that all those who look to the Bishop of Beverley for pastoral and sacramental support may continue to be a vibrant presence within the Church in order that all people may have the opportunity to hear and respond to the transformational love of Jesus Christ," said Fr Stephen.

[Read the full story.](#)

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