

# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



## SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

### Sunday Services

<b>St George's Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Service of the Word Revd Andy Jones	<b>St Thomas' Church</b> <b>9:15am</b> Holy Communion Revd Angela Wynne	<b>St Bartholomew's Church</b> <b>11:00am</b> All Age Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh / Elaine Simkin HYMNS: 569, Gloria 4, 604, 103, 429 / 736, 42
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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, Elizabeth Sutcliffe, Arthur Winrow.

**Those who have died recently:**

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** Frank Fox, Mary Heaton, Annie Hibbert, Walter Hibbert, Ada Hosker, Pauline House, Colin Hughes, Ellen Madden, Irene Melling, Enid Walker, William Walker, Jean Woodcock, Dennis Wrigley.

**Autumn Fair – many thanks to all who contributed, set up, ran stalls, attended and cleared away afterwards.**

### Coming Up this week:

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> ?? time 1:00pm 2:00pm	St John's Wingates St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Confirmation Preparation – first session</b> <b>Baptism – Jasper Logan Richards</b> <b>Baptism – Isaac Paul James Sims</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:30 – 11:00am 9:30 – 11:00am	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Office Hour – for booking baptisms / other church business</b> <b>Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 3:45 – 4:30pm 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Café Church – Agape Service: Holy Communion</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>

### Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

#### NEXT SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

**Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1 - 4a and 8 - 12 / Colossians 3. 12 - 17 / Matthew 24. 30 - 35**

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's

Elaine Simkin

9.15am Café Church at St Thomas'

Revd Angela Wynne

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Revd Carol Pharaoh/Elaine Simkin

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[westhoughtonparish@outlook.com](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)

Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**Collect:**

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 45. 1 - 7*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**Second Reading:** *Thessalonians 1. 1 - 10*

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became

imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 22. 15 - 22*

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup>They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Post Communion Prayer;**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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.

### Secondary School Form Signing

If you have any supplementary forms that need signing for **secondary** school admissions, please put them in an envelope and hand them to a Church Warden or a member of the clergy. If you have any St Thomas Chequerbent attendance cards, please also include a **copy** of these. Carol or Angela will fill them in and let you know when they are ready to collect. Thank you.

### Sunday School

We're not running on either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> October [in line with half term weeks] so we're back on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Office Hour

We're running each week on Mondays in term time from 9:30am – 11:00am.

**NB – we're not holding Office Hour on 30<sup>th</sup> October during half-term week.**

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

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

We're running on Mondays in term time 9:30am – 11:00am

**NB** – we're not meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October during half-term week.

## Committee Meetings - Dates

**PCC:** Mondays at 7:30pm [\*\* = St Bart's Committee will meet at 6:30pm on those dates]

13<sup>th</sup> November \*\*

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 \*\*

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 \*\*

## 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.



### DON'T FORGET:

Clocks go **BACK** one hour on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

## Café Church

We're running during term time on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 4:30pm at St Bartholomew's church.

The planned new rota is shown below.

**NB** we're not meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November during half-term

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## New Café church Rota 2023 September - December

Date	Topic	Leader	Refreshments
	<b>CHRISTIAN BASICS</b>		
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	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
	<b>PRAYER</b>		
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	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b> Next Café Church 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		

## Café Church

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

This week we're looking at

# Holy Communion Agape Service



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**NO meeting next week**  
**1<sup>st</sup> November – half term break**



## **This year's confirmation service**

will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at St John's Church at 7:30pm.

There will be two sessions of preparation [on Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November] as well as encouraging candidates in church attendance and youth church attendance.

## **OCTOBER – INCOME SURVEY: Final week**

It's 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]. Please complete only one form and NOT one form every time you attend.

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 Bartholomew's Church Cleaning**

We're after anyone who could help us on the cleaning rota at St Bartholomew's on a Saturday morning. One hour once a month would be really helpful and the more people we have, the quicker it is and the fewer times everyone is on the rota. Please see Joan or Christine for more details.

## Trip to Harrogate Christmas Markets

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
2023



cost £18 pp, leaving at 9.00am, setting off back around 4.00pm.  
If you wish to go, please sign up on the lists in church asap, please.

### October Diary ... what's coming up

<p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 1:00pm &amp; 2:00pm ?? time</p>	<p><b>Trinity 20</b> Services at all our churches Baptisms at St Bartholomew's First Confirmation Preparation session – St John's Wingates</p>
<p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:30am – 11:00am St Bartholomew's</p>	<p>Office Hour Toddler Group and Wiggle Worship</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 3:45pm – 4:30pm 7:30pm St Bartholomew's</p>	<p>Café Church at St Bartholomew's Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>The Last Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR</b> Services at all our churches Sunday School –St Bart's</p>
<p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Office Hour Toddler Group and Wiggle Worship <b>Both cancelled – Half Term holidays</b></p>

## Annual Memorial Service Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm St. Bartholomew's

Our annual Memorial Service at which we can remember our loved ones by name, by lighting a candle or simply in silent prayer will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm at St. Bartholomew's church. The service will last about one hour.

If you'd like a name read out, there are sign up lists in all our churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend.





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



# Parish Memorial Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**2:00pm**

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



**All Welcome**



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# Fauré Requiem

and works by Mendelssohn, Franck,  
Mozart, Howells and Vivaldi

## Bolton Choral Union

Cameron Chin-see - trumpet

Elin Rees - organ

Michael Greenhalgh - conductor

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 7-30pm  
Bolton Parish Church

Tickets £12 from 01204-364969  
Children & students free

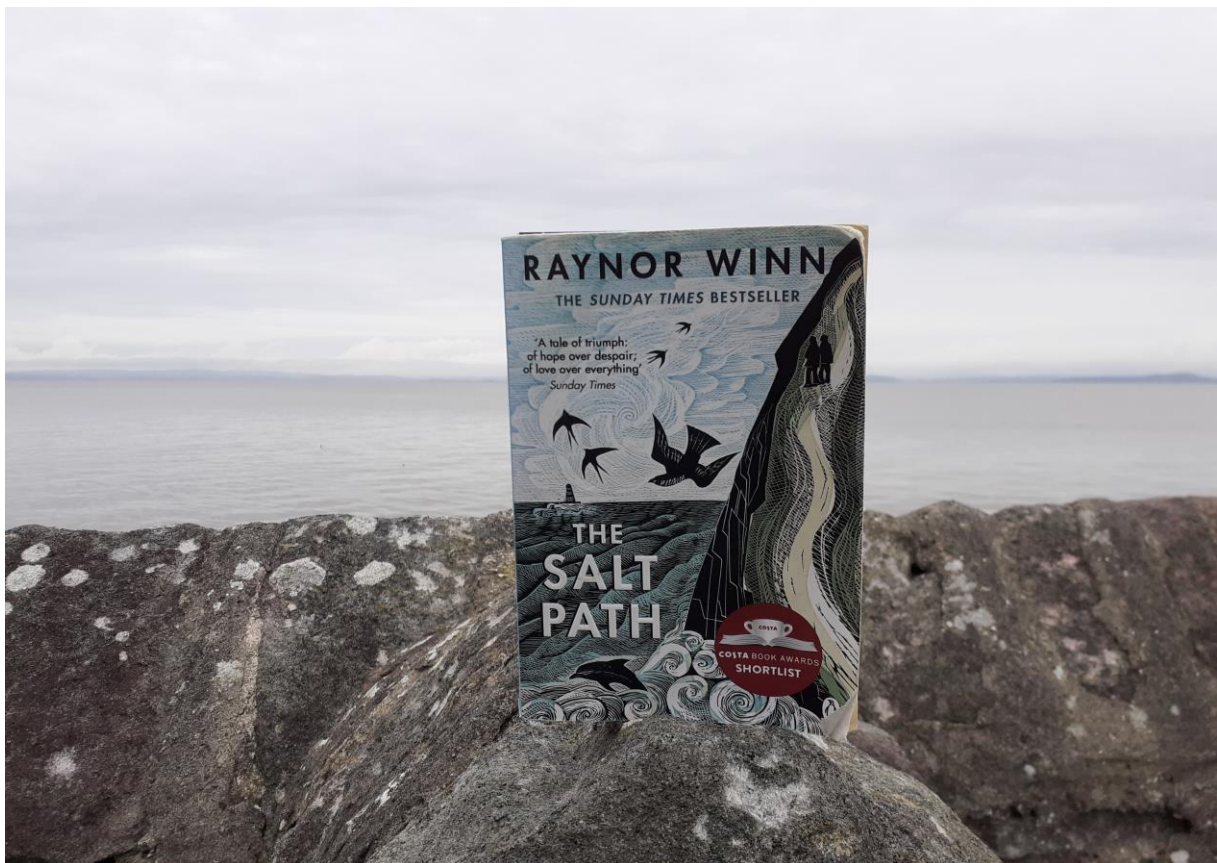


# front Cover Book Club

**Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**3pm St Bartholomew's church**

**7.30 pm St James' vicarage. Daisy Hill**



## Reading The salt path by Raynor Winn

This uplifting memoir, about a couple who embark on a long coastal walk after becoming homeless, was shortlisted for the 2018 Costa biography award “Guardian 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019”.

Contact [reverendandyjones@gmail.com](mailto:reverendandyjones@gmail.com) for more information

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The Bible Society recognise that having dyslexia can create significant challenges for people, but they are working hard to remove barriers to reading the Bible. Their dyslexia friendly editions make the scriptures accessible, helping people with dyslexia to enjoy the big story of the Bible in a format designed for their needs.

Dyslexia-friendly features:

- Follows formatting principles recommended by the British Dyslexia Association
- Iconic line drawings by Annie Vallotton
- Accessible Good News Bible translation
- Short paragraphs, increased line spacing and larger typeface
- Cream-coloured paper rather than bright white
- Matt finish rather than gloss to limit reflection off the page
- Paper has a high opacity to prevent text showing through from the other side of the page

If you are interested in having one of these bibles for yourself or a family member or a friend, please have a word with a member of the clergy team. The Bible Society are offering deals at the moment so if we put a Team bulk order in, we may be able to achieve a discount for those who are interested. See the Bible Society website for more information.

Thank you.

## 'Lego Building' Fun



Organised by the Middlebrook Angels Workplace Chaplaincy  
at Middlebrook Retail Park, Horwich, Bolton BL6 6JA

Join us in The Mall (near Vue Cinema) for our  
**Lego Building Competition**

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



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

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun building Lego models at this free 'Lego Building Event' organised by the Middlebrook Angels Workplace Chaplaincy.

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

In the Vue Mall, near the Vue Cinema at Middlebrook Retail Park, Horwich,  
Bolton BL6 6JA

**Great Lego prizes to be won!**

For more information please contact Keith  
Armstrong on 07500928573





## From the Diocese of Manchester:

We have all been watching the increasingly distressing news from Gaza and Israel. Earlier this week, Bishop David shared this statement, co-signed by [Greater Manchester Faith Leaders](#).

*"The horrific scenes broadcast over the weekend, following the Hamas attacks, must grieve us all. To us in Manchester, only six years on from the terrorist atrocity at the Arena, the scenes of carnage wreaked among those attending a music festival are particularly heart-rending. Many of those whose lives have been taken, or who have been maimed or taken hostage over these dreadful days, will be known to people here in Manchester, some may be our family members and friends.*

*"Our prayers are with all those plunged into grief or fear today. As in May 2017, this is a time to draw together in the face of atrocity, to unite against those who would divide us, and to model in Manchester the love that transcends our diverse histories and heritage."*

Please join us in this prayer for peace written by The Very Revd Canon Richard Swell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem.

## O God of all justice and peace



**We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.**

**Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.**

**While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.**

**Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.**

**In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen**

## **Diocesan Synod meets at St John's House**

Last Saturday's meeting of Diocesan Synod took time to consider our route to Net Zero, our Racial Justice strategy, progress with our Transforming Prayer Community and the Annual Report of the Diocesan Board for Education.

Opening worship was led by the Revd Grace Thomas and the Diocese of Manchester's Choral Scholars, a talented group of choral singers who are part of a collaborative project between the diocese and St Martin-in-the-Fields.

In his presidential address, Bishop David spoke of the ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza, the importance of tolerance and compassion for those affected and the need for continued prayer.

[\*\*Read more\*\*](#)

Please join The Mayor of Bolton for the . . .

## Annual Remembrance Weekend events 2023

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>10th November</b> Doors open 6.15pm, concert commences 7pm. Carriages approx. 10pm Albert Halls, Bolton <b>Tickets £7.50</b>	<b>11th November</b> 10.50am Victoria Square	<b>12th November</b> 10.40am Victoria Square
Proceeds to the 3 Bolton Cadet Forces	Remembrance Service led by the Vicar of Bolton. The service will include a two minutes silence and maroon fire	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.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk)

Or by calling the box office on 0343 2080500

**Box office** open 10am - 4pm

Wednesday - Saturday Albert Halls, Victoria Square

Enquiries to the mayors office on **01204-331090**

or email: [mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsoffice@bolton.gov.uk)

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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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Or to [westhoughtonparish@outlook.com](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)

**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](mailto:westhoughtonparish@outlook.com)