

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

<p>St George's Church 9:15am Service of the Word Elaine Simkin</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church 9:15am Service of the Word Christine Andrews</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh</p> <p>HYMNS: 209, 216, 197, 193, 576</p>
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This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Christine Greenhalgh, Jenny Harris, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Jeffrey Lyon, Eileen Marsh, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow,

Those who have died recently:

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Harry Dolphin, Minnie Flitcroft, Wilfred Jones, Horace Mather, Barry Mercer, Susan Meredith, Amelia Myers, Derek Valentine.

Coming Up this week:

<p>Sunday 24th 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Baptism Emma Freya OLDHAM Baptism Mia Kathleen SYKES Baptism Louie Joshua Ethan HARDMAN</p>
<p>Monday 25th 10:30am – 11:30am 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Office Hour Annual Parish Meeting followed by refreshments</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th 6:45pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church</p>	<p>Baptism Preparation Meeting Choir Practice</p>

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

Next Sunday: 1st May 2022

The Third Sunday of Easter / St Philip and St James

Readings: Acts 9. 1 - 6 / John 21. 1 - 19

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

Revd Andy Jones

9.15 am Holy Communion at St Thomas' Church

Revd Malcolm Wearing

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

Alan Morris

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Today's Readings

Collect:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 1. 4 - 8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

New Testament Reading: Acts 5. 27 - 32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us. But Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

Gospel Reading John 20. 19 - 31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus

said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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



In the Queen's Jubilee year, six people living in the Diocese of Manchester were awarded Maundy money in recognition of their service to the Church and community at a special service on Maundy Thursday at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The tradition of distribution of alms started in the 12-13th century with the King's Court travelling around the country. From the 15th century the number of recipients has been related to the years of the sovereign's life and since the 18th century an equal number of men and women. This year Maundy money was awarded to 96 men and 96 women.

[Read the full story.](#)

St George's Lent Saving Challenge:

Many thanks to all who have been collecting and brought their Lent jars with the £8.20 donation to church funds. It's not too late, so if you still have a jar do bring it along next week.

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We are in the lovely season of Easter and we have a brand new series for our weekly videos. For the next few weeks we will look at the "I am " sayings of Jesus. This week we are thinking about what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life".

Here is the link. I hope you find it helpful.

<https://youtu.be/i8DKGHcof38>

With prayers and best wishes
Carol

Organ Music at St. Bartholomew's:

Before the service we'll have another go at getting through the Pachelbel that we didn't reach the end of on Easter Sunday.

We'll finish with the "Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchior Vulpius" by Healey Willan. You'll know the tune as "Vulpius" as it's the one sung to the hymn "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing." Willan was born in England but emigrated to Canada in 1913. He wrote over 800 works including operas and works for piano and orchestra but it's his organ music for which he is best remembered today. He was one of the first "Canadian" composers to appear on a Canadian postage stamp and after his death, the park next to the church he served as organist was renamed after him in his honour.

Willan, famously described his own provenance as "English by birth; Canadian by adoption; Irish by extraction; Scotch by absorption"



Recording Attendance for School Admission

We have been asked to start 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.

The Children's Society box collection has now been completed for this year. £426.63 has been sent to the Children's Society to help vulnerable children. Thank you to all who have continued to contribute throughout these challenging times.

If you would like a collection box or just to send a donation, please let us know.

Andrew & Christine Jolley

Westhoughton Parish representatives for The Children's Society. 01942 815820



New Look Café Church for 2022

Starts: Weds 4th May 2022 (weekly in term time)

Venue: St Bartholomew's Church

Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm

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

Messy Church at St James' Daisy Hill

Saturdays at 10:00am – 12:00 noon

The next Messy Church morning is on Saturday 14 May 2022 – all welcome.



St Bartholomew's Sunday school

We are pleased to announce that from Sunday 1st May 2022 Sunday school will start again at St Bartholomew's church. This will be wonderful for children and young people to journey with faith, so we are looking forward to welcoming all.

It will be a prompt start from 11.00 am, all leaders will have been DBS checked and completed safeguarding training prior to supporting sessions.

There will be a brief application, with some essential details about your child or young person that will be required to be completed. Please see Joan O'Reilly after the service on Sunday if you wish your child to attend Sunday school or email Joan on : joan.oreilly@hotmail.co.uk



St George's Sunday School

We are pleased to announce that from Sunday 1st May 2022 we're going to restart Sunday school at St George's church. We'll be running it every other week for children aged from reception class and above

All leaders will have been DBS checked and completed safeguarding training prior to supporting sessions.

There will be a brief application, with some essential details about your child or young person that will need to be completed. Please see Pat or Sarah after the service on Sunday if you wish your child to attend.

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 25th April 7:30pm

St Bartholomew's Church

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Church Meeting where we receive our annual accounts and reports for 2021 and elect our wardens, deputy wardens, PCC and local committee members and Deanery synod members for the year ahead.

If you wish to be nominated for a post, please complete the forms available in our churches.

The meeting is open to everyone, lasts about 1 hour and will be followed by refreshments and time for a chat.

Archdeacon's Visitation for admitting Churchwardens to office: our closest one is at Bolton Parish Church on Wednesday 15th June at 7:30pm. PCC members are also encouraged to attend this service. There are alternative dates on the noticeboard.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We're planning some events to mark this:

Saturday 4th June 3:00pm

St Bartholomew's Church

Platinum Jubilee Organ Recital – as much royal related music as I can play followed by refreshments. Free admission with retiring collection.



Sunday 5th June [afternoon]

St Katharine's Church

Songs of Praise afternoon

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Organ

Recital

Saturday 4th June 2022

3:00pm

Platinum Jubilee Programme

A programme of music to mark the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee – *includes Walton, Handel, Elgar*

Organist Edward McHale

Free admission / Refreshments served

All Welcome

Bolton Symphony Orchestra Concert
Saturday 7th May 7:30pm
Victoria Hall, Bolton



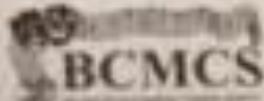
Carmina Burana
Saturday 7th May 2022
7.30pm - Victoria Hall Bolton
Bolton Symphony Orchestra
with
*The Choir of Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society and
Bolton Music Service Singers*

Strauss - Festival March Op.1
Elgar - From the Bavarian Highlands Op. 27
Orff - Carmina Burana

Soprano: Ann Wilkes Tenor: Ryan Hunt Bass: Paul Chamberlain
Conductor: Paul Wilkinson Leader: Anna Levy

Tickets: £12 (inc concessions), Under 19s free
Tickets available via telephone: 01204 522048
Tickets available online:
www.boltonorchestra.org.uk

Charity No. 1877833



Bolton Unity Project's 'Community Spring Walks'



Everyone is welcome to join the Bolton Unity Project (Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Wanderers in the Community, Bolton Interfaith Council, Bolton Solidarity Community Association, Bolton Council of Mosques and Bolton Hindu Forum) on a series of 'Spring Walks' in March, April and May aimed at bringing people together from areas and different backgrounds in the Bolton community:

Thursday 28th April, 2pm

Darwen Tower

Thursday 12th May, 2pm

Writing 'Walkshop' with nature writer Anita Sethi and the Woodlands Trust at Walker Fold

All the walks are fairly gentle and about 2-3 miles in length taking between an hour and an hour and a half

If you would like to participate in any of the walks please contact Keith Armstrong on tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk who will send you more details of meeting points, directions etc. on the Monday before each walk. Please include the name and email address of each person who would like to attend.

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