



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George LEP

Sunday 18th June 2017 – First Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas's

Hymns: A&M 823, 157, 488, 491

9.30am All Age Service at St George's

Hymns as announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: A&M 823, 157, 488, 491 During Communion: 629, 258

2.00pm Baptism Service at St Bartholomew's

We pray for Harriet Lily Emma Ormrod and Syndey Raine Larkin being baptised today.

- We welcome everyone to worship today; if this is your first time with us, please introduce yourselves to the clergy, wardens or sidespeople
- During the Administration of Holy Communion we keep silence or join with the singing of the communion hymns.
- At communion please come forward following the direction of the sidespeople to the communion rail.
- Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please mention this to the clergy before the service.
- There are large print service and hymn books available if you need them.
- Coffee is served after all the services (except the 8am service)
- There is an induction loop at St. Bartholomew's – please switch hearing aids to the "T" setting

We pray for:

Those who are ill: Irene Booth, Gemma Chanler, Arthur Cutler, Jenny Harris, Mavis Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Simon Kelly, Ailsa Maddison, Jessica Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Frances Payne, John Peacock, Gordon Penistan, Arthur Robinson, Sue Taylor, George Wallace, Ruth Warburton, Jenny Whitfield, James Wright.

Those who have died recently:

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: Rachel Bateson, Samuel Hallam, Harry Lovett, James Riley, Lewis Robb, Fred Valentine, Edna Wroth.

This Week:

Today – we pray for Elaine Simkin who is being licensed as a reader in a service at Manchester Cathedral at 3:30pm. The rector will be preaching at that service. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday 20th June – St. Thomas' Committee meeting 7:30pm at St. Thomas' church.

Also **Word Search Bible Study – Final Session:** "What Bible did Jesus read?" – Jesus and his background.

7:30 – 8:30pm in St. Bartholomew's church – all welcome. The Word Search sessions will then take a summer break and return in the autumn.

Wednesday 21st June – 10:00am Holy Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's followed by **The Luncheon Club.**

Saturday 24th June – Ordination Service: Revd. Kirsty Screeton will be ordained as priest in a service at Manchester Cathedral at 2:30pm. Kirsty will celebrate her first Eucharist at St. Bartholomew's church on **Sunday 25th June** at 11:00am, when the preacher will be Revd Dr Lee Longden, to which everyone is invited. We pray for Kirsty and Gareth this month in this new stage in ministry.

Advance Notices – June / July:

Thursday 29th June – St. George's Committee meeting 7:30pm at St. George's church.

Friday 30th June – Concert 7:30pm at St. James' church, Daisy Hill by the Meridien Duo [flute & harp]. Tickets £8, under 18s free, wine and nibbles served.

We pray for all those being married at St.

Bartholomew's in June: Jamie McGinlay & Victoria Farley [30th June at 1:30pm]

Monday 3rd July – St. Bartholomew's Committee meeting 6:45pm followed by the PCC meeting at 7:30pm both at St. Bartholomew's church.

Saturday 8th July 1pm and 3pm: Afternoon Tea at St. Bartholomew's church. St. Bart's Guiding are holding an afternoon tea to raise funds for our Brownies and Guides going to Switzerland in 2018. Tickets are £6.00. There will be a raffle held on the day with lots of amazing prizes. Tickets available now from Jayne Caldwell.





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The Collect:

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 18. 1-15

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

New Testament Reading: Romans 5. 1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing

that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Gospel: Matthew 9. 35 - 10.8

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Services: The Second Sunday of Trinity

Readings: Genesis 21. 8-21: Romans 6. 1b-11: Matthew 10. 24-39

8.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle
9.15am	St Thomas	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
9.30am	St George	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle/ Ian Hepburn
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton/Canon Chris Bracegirdle

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