



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Toy Service & Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: A&M 811, 46, 646, 666

9.15am All Age Communion at St George's

Hymns as announced

11.00am Toy Service & Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: A&M 811, 46, 646, 666 HC: 51, 44

1.00pm Baptism of *Lottie Amelia Breakwell* and *Emily Suzanne Parsons*.

Please pray for these children and their family and friends.

- 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, Arthur Cutler, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Mavis Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Simon Kelly, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Frances Payne, John Peacock, Arthur Robinson, Sue Taylor, Ruth Warburton, Jenny Whitfield, James Wright.

**Those who have died recently:**

**And on their anniversaries this week, we remember:** Harold Bond, Elizabeth Davies, James Galvin, David Highton, James Leyland, Wilfred Peters, Edwin Ritson, Leslie Simpson, Joseph Smalley, Sylvia Valentine, William Whitton, Herbert Woods, Alice Woodward.

### This Week:

**Christmas Dinner on Jesus:** Between our churches and schools, we're aiming to collect 500 boxes of mince pies. The last collection day is **TODAY** – all boxes must have a sell by / use by date after Christmas Day.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm** – Wordsearch at St. Bartholomew's. "Wisdom literature, part 1" Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs. The course resumes after the Christmas break on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am** – Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's.

### Looking Ahead – December:

**LEAFLETS:** Please take away and distribute our leaflets giving details of all the December services across the parish and join in with the **#GOD with US** and **#Advent Challenge** campaigns.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity / Carol Services at all our churches

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Pretoria Pit Anniversary Service at St. Bartholomew's Church 10:00am as we commemorate the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mining disaster.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:**

**8:00am** St. Bartholomew's - Holy Communion

*NO morning services at St. George / St. Thomas*

**11:00am** St. Bartholomew's - Holy Communion

**4:00pm** Crib Service – St. Thomas

**6:00pm** Crib Service – St. George

**11:30pm** St. Bartholomew's - Holy Communion

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December :**

**10:15am** St. Bartholomew's - Holy Communion

### **Christmas Hamper Packing**

We have a number of jobs including box making, hamper box packing and fresh bag packing - along with the usual setting up and clearing away.

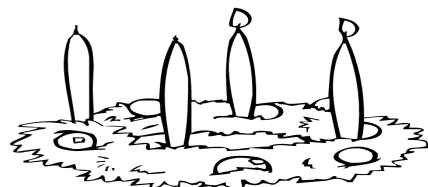
If you would like to join us please contact Laura Bagley on 01204 385848 (option 1) or [laura.bagley@urbanoutreach.co.uk](mailto:laura.bagley@urbanoutreach.co.uk) for more details: Venue TBC, but if you contact Laura with your availability and she will confirm the location as soon as able).

**Monday 18th December 10am-12pm & 2-4pm**

**Tuesday 19th December 10am – 12pm**

**Thursday 21st December 10am – 12pm**

**Thursday 21st December 2 - 4pm**





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## The Collect:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

## First Reading:

**Isaiah 40. 1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' <sup>6</sup>A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a

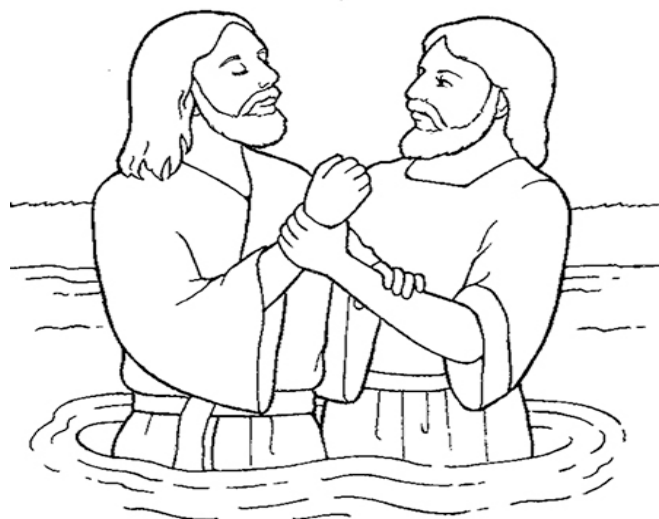
<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you

are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## The Gospel:

**Mark 1. 1-8**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'



## Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Next Sunday's Services: Third Sunday of Advent

**Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end: I Thessalonians 5. 16-24; John 1.6-8,19-28**

8.00am	St Thomas	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
9.15am	St Thomas	Carol Service	Revd Angela Wynne
9.15am	St George	Nativity Service	Canon Chris Bracegirdle
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Carol Service	Canon Chris Bracegirdle

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