

Organ Recital

Saturday 24th April
7:30pm St. Bartholomew's

Ed McHale

“ You heard it here second”



In conjunction with Bolton & District Organists' Association, Ed is playing an organ recital at St. Bartholomew's church. It's open to everyone and admission is free, with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be served.

It's a chance to hear a selection of transcriptions of music not written for the organ played on the organ and an opportunity to hear the instrument in its Saturday role when some of the more unusual sounds, not suitable for Sundays, are allowed out to play! It's a rare opportunity to attend an organ concert where you WILL know all the music played.

Café Church

Wednesday 28th Feb / 14th March – St. Thomas'
Thursday 1st March / 15th March – St. George's

Café church continues to meet fortnightly during the Spring term on the dates above for 30 minutes of songs, prayer, worship and a snack. All are welcome to attend – children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Café Church Easter Experience

St Bartholomew's Church Thursday 22nd March
Afterschool – 4.45pm
Refreshment available from 3.30pm

For our last Café Church this term you are invited to join us at St Bartholomew's Church for Easter Experience.

As a family or group of friends come, explore and experience the story of Holy Week. Each station has a different activity allowing you to reflect on and discuss events that occurred for Jesus and the disciples.

EVENTS – MARCH / APRIL 2018

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 25th

Palm Sunday

8:00am	St. Bartholomew's	Holy Communion
9:15 am	St. Thomas'	Holy Communion
9:30am	St. George's	Holy Communion
11:00am	St. Bartholomew's	Holy Communion

We celebrate Palm Sunday marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey on that first Holy Week.

We distribute palm Crosses to remember the crowds who greeted him as their king but later called for him to be crucified.



3:00pm	St. Bartholomew's	Team Service
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A service to mark the ministry of Canon Chris Bracegirdle who leaves the parish next Sunday

Monday 26th

7.30pm	St Katharine's	Holy Communion
7.30pm	St John's	Holy Week Evening Service

Monday in Holy Week

Tuesday 27th

7.30pm	St Katharine's	Holy Communion
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Tuesday in Holy Week

Wednesday 28th

10.00am	St James'	Holy Communion
10:00am	St. Bartholomew's	Holy Communion
7:30pm	St. Bartholomew's	Stations of the Cross

Wednesday in Holy Week

Using the icons displayed around the walls of St. Bartholomew's church, we follow in the footsteps of Christ in readings, prayers and hymns.

7.30pm St Katharine's Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion

Centre, Delph Hill on Good Friday [30th March] and Holy Saturday [31st March] starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday 29th

7:30pm St. James'
7:30pm St. Katharine's

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion
Holy Communion



We remember the day that Jesus gathered his disciples together to give them the new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you", washed their feet as a mark of service and shared bread and wine with them at that first communion meal.

Friday 30th

10:00am - noon St. Thomas' Workshop

Good Friday

Children's Activity



A morning of craft & activities for primary school age children to celebrate Easter, ending with a short act of worship.

2:00pm St. John's The Last Hour at the Cross
2:00pm St. Katharine's The Last Hour at the Cross

Saturday 31st

8:00pm St. Katharine's

Holy Saturday [Easter Eve]

Holy Communion

Sunday 1st April

8:00am St. Thomas'
9:15 am St. Thomas'
9:30am St. George's
11:00am St. Bartholomew's
Communion

Easter Day

Holy Communion
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Holy



We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

#Live Lent – Let your light shine is a Lent journey through John's Gospel produced by the Church of England. More details at churchofengland.org/lent

Lent Study Course

During Lent, we will be running a five session course at St. Bartholomew's church on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm. These will take the form of a series of addresses "From Jerusalem to Calvary" focussing on the Stations of the Cross produced by the Benedictine sisters of Turvey.

The talk will finish by 8:15pm and will be followed by the short Evening Prayer service of Compline which will finish by 8:30pm.

Though this is a course, each session is complete in itself so please feel free to come to whichever sessions you can manage. The remaining sessions are:

27 th February	Humility	The washing of the feet
6 th March	Authority	The Last Supper
13 th March	Degradation	Arrest and Torture
20 th March	Completion	The Crucifixion

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March 7:00pm Sacred Heart RC Church



The theme this year is "All God's Creation is Very Good" and has been prepared by the women of Suriname in South America.

Women from all churches in Westhoughton have helped organised and will participate at this ecumenical service.

My Beloved Son

Good Friday / Holy Saturday 7:00pm

"My Beloved Son" is a musical drama for Easter being planned and performed jointly by the churches in Westhoughton. It is being performed at The Triangle

Easter Experience

Wednesday 21st – Tuesday 27th March inclusive

This is being held in St. Bartholomew's church and is open to all, including young people from all our local schools, with an opportunity to learn about the events of

Holy Week. Offers of help to staff sessions across the days are welcome – please see any of the wardens / clergy.



Don't forget that clocks go FORWARD one hour on Sunday
25th March.