



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 135, 116, 451, 763**

9.15am All Age Eucharist at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Hymns: **A&M 135, 116, 451, 763** Communion: **591, 629**

*On the first week of the month, we offer prayer for healing. If you wish to receive anointing and prayer, please come to the rail first at communion, as directed by the sidespeople.*

1.00pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's Theo Michael Buckley

2.00pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's Alex David Lowe

*We pray for these children, their parents, godparents, family and friends at their baptisms 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, Arthur Burgess, Maureen Chadwick, Arthur Cutler, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Amelia Hawkins, 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:** Edna Caldwell, Arthur Coglean, Bertha Cowburn, William Cowburn, Mary Eckersley, Eileen Entwistle, John Holt, John Horsley, Elsie Longworth, Millie Lee, Ethel Leyland, John Shields, Elsie Smith.

**Many congratulations** to Revd. Kirsty and Gareth who are expecting their first child in September.

**This week:** Please take away this pewsheet and a copy of our March newsletter and supplement

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course Third Session** – Theme: Authority – The Last Supper. This will be followed by a short evening service of Compline, finishing by 8:30pm. Meetings will run every Tuesday in Lent.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion 10.00am** at St Bartholomew's.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** - St. George's Committee meet at St. George's church 7:30pm.

### Coming Up in March:

**Smartie Tube collection:** at St. George's / St. Bart's – please take a tube and eat the smarties but please fill the tube with spare change [5p / 20p]. When it's full, do bring it back and swap it for another tube of smarties. **Also St. George's Lent Collection continues:** 1p on the first day of Lent, 2p on the second, 3p on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – we should collect £8.20 by the end of the 40 days.

**Confirmation:** The Confirmation service for the team is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm (venue to TBC) and will be conducted by Bishop of Bolton Mark Ashcroft. Confirmation is open for children in year 6 or above (need to be 11 years old by 31st August 2018) and adults. Information leaflets and applications forms are available at the back of each church, from church wardens or the leadership team. Should you have any questions, queries or want to discuss what Confirmation means before committing please do speak to a member of clergy.

**#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](http://churchofengland.org/lent)

**Final Services:** Chris's farewell service will be at St. Bartholomew's church on Palm Sunday [25<sup>th</sup> March] at 3:00pm and we hope everyone will attend. He will continue to lead our worship through Holy Week with his final services in the team being on Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Committee Meetings:

**St. Bartholomew's** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at St. Bart's  
**PCC** – also Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at St. Bart's  
**St. Thomas'** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at St. Thomas'

**Mothering Sunday:** We'll be holding our usual All Age / Parade services next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at all our churches.

**Easter Experience** will run again at St. Bartholomew's this year. Anyone able to help with setting up or staffing during the week, please see any of the wardens.

**Lent / Holy Week Leaflets** giving details of all our services over the coming month are available in all our churches.



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## The Collect:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading:

### Exodus 20. 1 - 17

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.



## New Testament Reading: I Corinthians I. 18 - 25

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power

of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## The Gospel:

### John 2. 13 - 22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



## Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Next Sunday's Services: Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Mothering Sunday

#### Colossians 3. 12-17:

#### Luke 2. 33-35

8.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle
9:15am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion / Parade	Rev'd Angela Wynne
9:15am	St. George	Holy Communion	Canon Chris Bracegirdle
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion / Parade	Canon Chris Bracegirdle

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