



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – The Second Sunday of Easter

*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, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Mavis Heaton, Molly Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Simon Kelly, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, John Peacock, Arthur Robinson, Sue Taylor, Ruth Warburton, Jenny Whitfield, James Wright.



**Those who have died recently:** Thomas Ronald Crook

**And on their anniversaries this week, we remember:** Peter Bell, Elsie Critchley, Ronald Farnworth, Steven Horridge, Ethel Howard, Velma Jones, Lily Marsh, Hetty Pendlebury, John Wild

**This week:** The April Parish Prayer Diary is available to take away.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Holy Communion 10am at St Bartholomew's.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** 7:00pm at Brookfield Masonic Hall. Tickets are £25 [proceeds in aid of Bolton Hospice] and are available from Dora Mills [01942 813741 / 07843 341106].

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm Organ Concert:** Ed's playing an organ recital for Bolton & District Organists at St. Bart's but which is open to all. Do come along because it's free, there are refreshments and you will know all the tunes.

### **Coming Up in April:**

**Many thanks** to all who have been collecting for church funds during Lent – don't forget to bring in your Smartie tube [and swap it for another] or to bring in the £8.20 from the St. George's Lent collection. Many thanks also to those who contributed to and arranged the displays of Easter lilies in our churches.

Canon Chris Bracegirdle's Collation and Induction as Vicar of Bolton will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm** at Bolton Parish Church and everyone is welcome to attend. There is some parking at

the church, but it is limited; do consider car sharing.

**PCC Meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's**

To prepare for this we will be revising the church electoral roll [the list of those eligible to vote at the APCM] from 19<sup>th</sup> March. Those already on the list do not need to complete a form; those wishing to be added to the list, please collect a form available in all our churches. **Today is the last date for adding**



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**your name to the electoral roll prior to the APCM.**

**Also** any groups wishing to write a report on their activities for our 2017 Annual Reports, please pass to Ed or e-mail to the Parish Office by next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks

**Advance notice:** The Archdeacon's Visitation where new wardens, assistant wardens, committee members and sidespeople are commissioned will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm at St. Mary's church, Deane.

**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.

**Sunday School Leaders – Training evening:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 – 9:00pm at St. John's, Wingates with Karen Beal, the Diocesan Children's Officer. Please let Kirsty or Angela know if you plan to attend this event asap.

## **The 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:**

**Acts 4.**

**32 - 35**  
<sup>32</sup>The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what

was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **New Testament Reading: 1 John 1.1 - 2.2**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>11</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **The Gospel**

**John 20. 19**

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<sup>19</sup>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.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them



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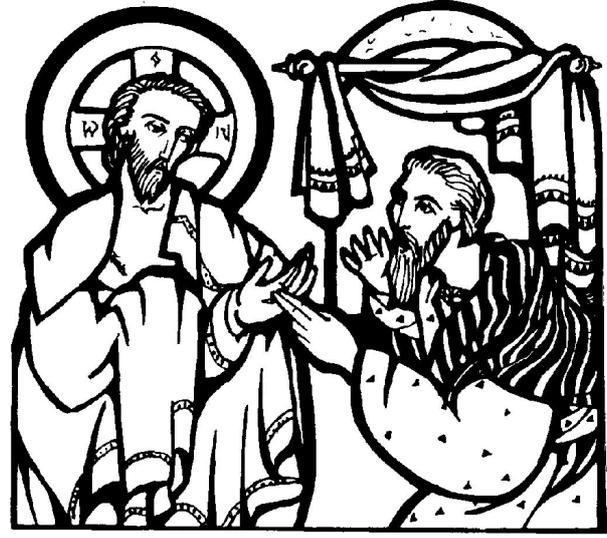
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and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.' <sup>26</sup>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.' <sup>27</sup>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.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>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.' <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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**

### Next Sunday's Services: The Third Sunday of Easter

**Acts 3. 12-19 / 1 John 3. 1-7 / Luke 24. 36b-48**

<b>8.00am</b>	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
<b>9:15am</b>	St Thomas'	Holy Communion & Baptism	Revd Angela Wynne
<b>9:15am</b>	St. George	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton
<b>11.00am</b>	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton

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