



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 13th May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

“Thy Kingdom Come” Week of Prayer

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Service of the Word/Parade at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 691, 193, 227, 612**

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion/Parade at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 691, 193, 227, 612 HC: 736, 827**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Maureen Chadwick, Christopher Daniel, Jenny Harris, Sandra Isherwood, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Kath Morris, Sue Taylor, James Wright, Mohammad Ali Zane.

Those who have died recently: Diane Twist

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: David Barlow, Thomas Crook, William Hart, Sharon Hart, Mary Harper, James Higham, Edna Marsh, Esther Parker, Harry Pomfret, Thomas Ralphs, Philip Rigby, Margaret Shields, William Valentine, Leonard Williams.

This Week: “Thy Kingdom Come” Prayer week

Many thanks to Dora Mills for organising and to all who attended the Ladies' evening last month raising £825 for Bolton Hospice.

Today is the start of Christian Aid week - We'll be holding collections across all our churches for Christian Aid this month. Please use the Christian Aid envelopes available and, if you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the slip on the envelope.



Monday 14th 3:30 – 5pm & 6 – 7:30pm - Prayer Stations at St Bartholomew's church

Wednesday 16th 11am – 1pm - Prayer Stations at St James' church

Wednesday 16th May: Holy Communion 10.00am at St Bartholomew's followed by the Luncheon Club.

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th 3:45pm Café Church St. Thomas' & St. George's – to be prayer themed



Thursday 17th 10am – noon Prayer Stations at St Katharine's church

Friday 18th – Travellin' Strings

St. John's Church Wingates 7:30 – 10pm. Come for a singalong with The Strings playing songs that you'll all love to hear. Tickets £5 including refreshments in aid of Church funds. Pay at the door or book on 07793 140078

Coming Up in May:

- **Next Sunday 20th – Pentecost** Mayoral Service at St. Bartholomew's 11:00am

This will be followed by a charity lunch at Brookfields – adults £19 [3 course meal & entertainment], children £6 {tbc} & children's entertainer. Funds raised go to the Mayor's charities which include repairs to St. Bart's tower. Please book by TODAY at the latest.

- **Monday 21st – PCC Meeting 7:15pm**

There will be a brief meeting of the PCCs from across the team

- **Sunday 27th – Wedding at St. Bart's**

We remember in our prayers Andrew John Hennedy and Kirsty Carol Waldron being married today at 3:00pm at St. Bartholomew's church

- **Tuesday 29th – Archdeacon's Visitation**

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



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The Collect:

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1. 15 - 17, 21 – end

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

New Testament Reading: John 5. 9 - 13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gospel John 17. 6 - 19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ⁶'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came

from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Next Sunday's Services: Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21 / Romans 8. 22-27 / John 15. 26-27; 16.4b-15

8.00am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton
9:15am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Revd Kirsty Screeton
9:15am	St. George	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion/Mayoral Service	Revd Kirsty Screeton

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