



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Third Sunday after Trinity

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

9.15am Service of the Word at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 362, 783, 828** Creed: 402, 650

9.15am All Age Eucharist at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 362, 783, 828, 650** HC 711, 248

- 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, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Sandra Isherwood, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Kath Morris, James Wright, Mohammad Ali Zane.

**Those who have died recently:** Marian Crompton, Brenda Hunt, Patricia Knowles, Mark Latimer, Joan Southworth

**And on their anniversaries this week, we remember:** Rachel Bateson, Robert Dodds, Samuel Hallam, Harry Lovett, James Riley, Lewis Robb, Violet Turner, Fred Valentine, William Witton, Edna Wroth.

We pray also for those from our team confirmed last Sunday.

### This week: -

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm** – St George's committee

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Holy Communion 10.00am followed by The Luncheon Club.

### Coming Up in June:

**Dementia Friends talk:** a number of people have asked or shown interest in attending a Dementia Friends talk. We have located a contact who is willing to come and talk to us about the awareness of the impact of dementia on people attending church and will give us some knowledge that will help us support those with dementia better. If anyone would be interested in attending this talk please can you let Rev'd Kirsty or Rev'd Angela know asap, so we can explore the best time and location. This is open to the whole team and we are hoping will take place one evening early / mid July.

**12<sup>th</sup> Blackrod Scarecrow Festival:** is running on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July. There are 116 entries and the programme showing all their locations is still only £2. All welcome.

There will be **No Café Church at St Thomas' on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** (this is due to the school production).

**School Form Consultation:** The PCC are reviewing the way we record and store attendance for school admissions data. One proposal is that rather than sign a list each Sunday, we provide parents / carers with a form for each child that it would be their responsibility to keep. At the end of the service [any Sunday or midweek service or Café Church worship] we would stamp it to show attendance. This form could be used at any church in the parish and would allow parents / carers to hold their own accessible records. The churches would no longer keep any records going forwards.

There will be some example forms available to look at – **please let us know what you think whether good or bad.** We simply wish to provide a transparent system which works well for us all.

**Team Rector Vacancy Update:** it is planned to advertise the vacancy from the end of June throughout July with a closing date at the start of August and interviews in early September.



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## St Bartholomew St Thomas St George LEP

### The Collect:

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### First Reading: Ezekiel 17. 22 - end

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

### New Testament Reading:

#### 2 Corinthians 5. 6 -10, 14 -17

Brothers and sisters, <sup>6</sup>we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### The Gospel

#### Mark 4. 26 - 34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. <sup>26</sup>Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



### Post Communion Prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### Next Sunday's Services: The Birth of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 40. 1-11 / Acts 13. 14b-26 / Luke 1. 57-66, 80

8.00am	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Rev'd Kirsty Screeton
9:15am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Canon Robert Warner
9:15am	St. George	Holy Communion	Bishop Mark Ashcroft
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Holy Communion	Rev'd Kirsty Screeton

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