

### Sunday Services across the Team

<b>St Bartholomew's:</b>	8.00am (2nd & 4th Sundays) 11.00am each week
<b>St Thomas'</b>	8.00am (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) 9.15am each Sunday
<b>St George's</b>	9.15am each Sunday
<b>St John's</b>	8.00am (1st & 3rd Sundays) 9:30am each week
<b>St James'</b>	8.00am (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays) 10:45am each Sunday
<b>St Katharine's</b>	8.00am & 11.00am each Sunday

For all enquiries relating to baptism and weddings, and for other routine matters, please come to Bartholomew's Church on any Monday [other than Bank Holidays] from 6 – 7pm

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Parish of St Bartholomew Westhoughton  
St Bartholomew St Thomas St George

## NEWSLETTER JULY 2018



Dear Friends,

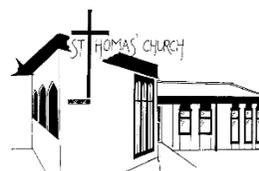
Phew what a scorcher this summer is proving to be! I hope you are all managing to stay cool and hydrated and managing to sleep at nights.

Here in the Westhoughton Parish it's business as usual despite the heat of the Team Rector and Team Vicar vacancies. The Churchwardens and deputy wardens of all our churches are doing a sterling job to keep things moving along and making sure things happen when they should. Office hour on Mondays has been picked up by them and our ALMs, Readers, and retired clergy have been stepping up to the mark and taking on more than usual not just in church but also in our schools and community. So very grateful thanks to all of them. A truly positive aspect about being in a Vacancy is that they present an opportunity for us all to learn and grow in our ministry, and perhaps discover gifts and a calling we didn't know we had.

Revd Kirsty also deserves our thanks because she is doing a brilliant job in supporting the whole team and getting as much done as she can before her maternity leave starts. She amazes me! Amongst everything else she's been keeping track of the weddings and baptisms and planning ahead for next year. We've got weddings across the team on most weekends right through to September and into October and baptisms are booked up for the remainder of this year. All this is great news and presents plenty of pastoral opportunities for us all. It fantastic that families want the church to be part of these major life events.

Kirsty has also organised a "Dementia Matters" evening which we hope will lead on to a greater awareness of how we can support those living with dementia and their families. As care of the elderly is such an important issue for society today, I feel it's an area that the church can make a really positive contribution to, not just in tackling dementia but also other aspects of getting older such as loneliness and isolation. So there's a lot going on. If you feel you would like to be more involved then we'd love you to come forward. I or Kirsty are always happy to have a chat over a cuppa, so don't be shy!

I hope I haven't put the mockers on this good weather but I would like a little less heat and a bit of rain at night to water our gardens. However enjoy the summer and make the most of what God has blessed you with.



With thanks to all of you for being part of our church family,  
Angela.



## Congratulations

To Alan Morris who marked his first 50 years as a reader on 29<sup>th</sup> June this year. We were pleased to be able to mark the occasion on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Sr. Bartholomew's with a surprise presentation and were pleased that Alan preached at that service.

**Alan Morris writes:** Quite a surprise last Sunday at St. Bart's when I was reminded that it was 50 years to the day when I was licensed as Reader. I really thought it was next year, hence no prepared speech which was probably greatly appreciated. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? However, I am extremely grateful for the cards, good wishes and gift. As I said on Sunday it has been a privilege to share ministry with so many great clergy, take services within the Deanery at so many Churches and outside (although I am not sure if those were "legal"). Finally without the support of family, friends and the congregations at all of our churches I would not be able to write this big Thank You.

## Dementia Matters

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July St. John's Church, Wingates

**Dementia Friends talk:** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. 7.30pm (drinks from 7.15pm) at St John's Church, Wingates.** Steve from Home Instead will be joining us to talk about supporting those with Dementia and supporting those who live with and care for people with Dementia. As churches we can then start to think about how we can help and support those affected. All are welcome to attend.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO SUPPER

Join Bolton Cancer Voices for a 'Songs & Supper' concert, at Bolton's famous Olympus Restaurant, Great Moor Street, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7pm for 7-30pm: with guest accompanist, Guy Porteous.

Tickets for the event are £17-50, which includes a meal of fish and chips, B&B, dessert, tea / coffee: a licensed bar is available.

Enjoy a wonderfully relaxing summer's evening and support this inspirational Choir.

Tickets are limited, so early booking is advisable. To book contact the Olympus Restaurant on 01204 523887.

Profits from the event will go towards the costs associated with getting the Choir to the Royal Albert Hall, London; where they are participating in the 'Festival of Brass and Voices', in November.

If you are unable to join us on the night and would like to support our fundraising campaign, you can donate through our Just Giving Page: -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bolton-cancervoices>

## Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions in westhoughton are planning a series of events in July, including information / volunteer recruitment, chair based exercise, knitting, a pamper evening with Body Shop, a film night and have-a-go golf. Details of times / venues / costs available at St. Bartholomew's

## Wedding Music

As it's wedding season, I thought I'd write a few words about the popular music choices we're asked for and the stories behind them.

The **Bridal Chorus** better known as "**Here Comes the Bride**" was written by Richard Wagner for his 1850 opera Lohengrin. In the opera, Lohengrin, the hero, turns up riding a swan and asks the heroine Elsa to marry him on the condition that she never asks him his name or where he comes from, which must make taking the marriage vows difficult. She agrees and they marry immediately and the Bridal Chorus is sung as they are taken to the bridal chamber. Elsa then tricks Lohengrin into revealing his name and that he is Knight of the Holy Grail. He has to return to his duties at which point the swan reveals that he is really Gottfried, Elsa's brother in disguise [I'm really not making all this up!] and Elsa collapses and dies. Everything always ends badly in opera.

It first became popular at weddings when Queen Victoria's daughter, the Princess Royal, married in 1858 although some churches still won't allow it to be played as it's considered to be theatre music unsuitable for churches.

The **Wedding March** comes from the incidental music written by Mendelssohn in 1842 for Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was originally played between acts 4 and 5 of the play while scenery was shifted about.

The first recorded performance at a church wedding was in Tiverton in Devon on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1847 but did not become popular until used at the same royal wedding as above. *Ed*

## Team Rector Vacancy Update

It is planned to advertise the post on 25<sup>th</sup> June with a closing date of 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Interviews for the prospective candidates will be on 6<sup>th</sup> September. For obvious reasons, we have to keep the identity of those applying secret.

The interview panel will consist of four representatives from each of our four parishes of Blackrod, Wingates, Daisy Hill and Westhoughton [it's Ed McHale – director of music / churchwarden for this parish] and four clergy representatives – Revd. Angela, Revd. Terry Clark, our Area Dean, Jean Burgess, Archdeacon of Bolton and Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton.

If anyone wants further information, do ask any of the wardens. Again, it does seem a slow process but it is progressing and we want to ensure that we have the person that God is calling to the post.

## Bolton Archdeaconry Roadshow

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June a number of us from the team attended the Bolton Archdeaconry Roadshow at Bolton's Victoria Hall. After welcomes and talks from the Bishop and Archdeacon of Bolton we split into groups looking at Care of God's Creation / Vocations / Growing Church Income / Mission Action Planning & Working with Children and Young people. Do ask for further details – there will be further discussion at our committees.