



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 2nd September 2018 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 743, 658, 487, 676**

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's

Hymns as Announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Hymns: **A&M 743, 658, 454, 676** Communion: **693, 552**

** On the first week of the month we offer prayer for healing. If you would like the ministry of healing today, please come to the altar rail first at communion as directed **

- 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, Edith Ibbotson, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Kath Morris, Isobelle Wallace, James Wright, Mohammad Ali Zane.

Those who have died recently:

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: Anne Campbell, Damian Carey, Harry Fairhurst, Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Mary Homer, Alexander MacQuarrie, Matthew Whitfield, Ilona Molyneux, Hilary Montgomery, Jeremiah Robinson-Todd, Joyce Ryley, Thomas Seddon, Alice Westhead.

Today we pray especially for: all returning to schools and colleges this week,

This week: - Please take away this newsletter and the Prayer Diary and Newsletter for September.

Wednesday 5th September: Holy Communion 10.00am at St Bartholomew's.

Saturday 8th September: 10 – 4pm St. Katharine's open day for Heritage weekend in conjunction with Blackrod History Group at Blackrod Library.

Coming Up in September:

St. Bartholomew's choir is recruiting. Anyone who likes singing and is available for the Wednesday rehearsals at 7:30pm, please see Ed.

North West Inclusive Church Network is holding a meeting at St. Clement's church, Chorlton M21 9AE on the afternoon of Saturday 8th September from 2 – 6:00pm. Further details on the posters in church.

Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses on Friday 28th September.

The Food Bank that we support through our green Grub Tubs in all our churches is low on supplies. If you are able to contribute something extra over the next few weeks, lists of suggested items are available. Many thanks for your support.

Café Church – starts at St. Thomas' Wed 12th Sept and St. George's Thur 13th Sept 3:45 – 4:15pm. Leaflets available in all our churches.

Committee Meetings:

Monday 10th Sept 7:00pm St. Bart's Committee

Monday 10th Sept 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday 11th Sept 7:30pm St. Thomas' Committee

Monday 17th Sept 7:00pm St. George's Committee – meeting at St. Bartholomew's church

Heritage Weekend: Thursday 13th – Sun 16th September. St. James have planned a full programme of events, details on the leaflets in church. Highlights include: Saturday 15th 11:00am – Coffee Concert Chris Guenault [bass trombone] Janet Watson [piano] –do support this, Chris is a professional musician and a member of the Daisy Hill congregation. Tea & Cakes, Snail Trail, Cake Stall, Display of church treasures on Saturday from noon – 4pm and Sunday 2 – 4pm. Not forgetting the chance to play the organ on Sunday afternoon. Leaflets in all churches.

Admission to Communion: If your child is in Year 3 or above and is interested in exploring or wishes to be admitted to communion before confirmation, we're running another course this autumn. Information leaflets and registration forms will be available from church wardens / leadership team from **Sunday 23rd September**. Part of the commitment involves 6 evening preparation sessions (Mondays 29th October -3rd December 6 – 6:45pm at St. John's church, Wingates) and admission to communion will take place across the team on Sunday 2nd December (each child to be admitted in their own churches). Forms for anyone interested need to be returned by Sunday 21st October and if you have any questions or queries please speak to Rev'd Angela or Elaine.



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The Collect:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4. 1 - 2, 6 - 9

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 'So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

New Testament Reading: James 1. 17 - end

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care

for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7. 1-8, 14, 15, 21 - 23

¹When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Services: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 35. 4-7a / James 2. 1-10, 14-17 / Mark 7. 24-end

8.00am	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Rev'd Gill Sharp
9:15am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Rev'd Angela Wynne
9:15am	St. George	Holy Communion	Canon Stephen Little
11.00am	St Bartholomew	Parade/Holy Communion/Baptism	Rev'd Angela Wynne

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