

## 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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## NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2018



### Team Rector



We are delighted to announce that Revd Carol Pharaoh has been appointed as the next Team Rector of the Blackrod, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton and Wingates Team.

Carol was born and grew up in Chorley and went to Preston Polytechnic to study for an HND in computer studies. After a 12 year career in IT, she trained for the ministry at Cranmer Hall in Durham and was curate at Christ Church, Heaton. After 7 years as Team Vicar in the Walkden & Little Hulton team, she became Team Rector of the Farnworth, Kearsley and Stoneclough team in 2010. Carol is married to Peter Ingham, who works in IT. She enjoys walking, travel and films and the Scottish band "Runrig."

The Institution service is planned for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at St. Bartholomew's.

*Carol says, "I am very excited about my appointment and am looking forward to meeting everybody and working with you all."*

## Remembering

As we end the long months of the green Sundays after Trinity season, we move to November, the liturgical colour turns to red and we focus on All Saints', All Souls' and Remembrance Sunday. Our Remembrance Day service falls at 11:00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War, so taking on a particular significance. At the War Memorial this year, all those named on it will be read aloud. On All Saints' Sunday the week before, we recollect all those Saints whose names have been remembered but of whose lives we know little or nothing. Yet we worship a God who has called each of us by name and knows us completely.

Each Sunday in our readings, we hear of people directly involved in the life and ministry of Jesus whose names aren't given and, even if they are named, little else about them is known. Yet each is important enough to be included in the gospels; for though we only know them partially, God knows them completely.

As we come together to remember those we see no longer, those whose lives have been affected by war and those whose lives are difficult now, let us thank God that he has chosen each and every one of us and loves us.

Ed

## Coffee Mornings

St. James' Church, Daisy Hill

Last Saturday of each month 10:00am - noon

St. James' church are running monthly Coffee Mornings on the last Saturday of each month. As well as coffee and cakes, there are second hand books for sale and a chance for a friendly chat. All welcome.

## St Thomas' Café Church / St Georges' Café Church

**St Thomas's Cafe Church** meets fortnightly on a Wednesday during Term Time 3.45 - 4.15pm. We gather in the main hall and entrance to Café Church is from 3.25pm through the church entrance.

**DATES: 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec**

**St George's Cafe Church** meets fortnightly on a Thursday during Term Time 3.45 - 4.15pm. We gather in the main hall and entrance to Café Church is from 3.25pm through the main school entrance.

**DATES: 1st Nov, 15th Nov, 29th Nov, 13th Dec**

We meet for half an hour to worship: sharing in song, prayer, conversations and snacks.

All are welcome to attend - children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.



## Christmas Fair – St. John's Wingates

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 11:00 - 2:00pm

Stalls include Raffle, Tombolas, Father Christmas, Travellin' Strings and many more stalls. Carr's pasties for lunch. All welcome.

## Christ the King Sunday

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at all our churches

The Feast of Christ the King, is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. In 1970 its Roman Catholic observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time before the start of the new church's year with Advent Sunday. The Anglican, Lutheran, and many other Protestant churches adopted it along with the Revised Common Lectionary, occasionally referring to it as Christ the King Sunday. The feast points both to the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth while also leading into Advent, when the Church commemorates the arrival of the newborn king.

**BEHOLD YOUR KING** *Contributed by Alan Morris*  
(St. Teresa of Avila)

Beneath this accident of bread and wine  
there comes a king,  
but how and why we cry?  
Why not in pomp and awe and grandeur  
or robed in ceremonial splendour.

Yet if in talking to a king  
we could not ask him anything,  
if robes and state and crown enfold  
could we ever be so bold?

But if in lowlier form is seen,  
when once like us he might have been,  
then we indeed could ask much more  
and in so doing, more adore.

Some may also remember this Sunday as "Stir Up Sunday" as the Collect for the day began with the words "Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the will of thy faithful people..." It became a traditional day for stirring up the Christmas puddings and putting the Christmas Day sprouts on to boil.

## Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm  
St. Bartholomew's



Our annual Memorial Service at which we can remember our loved ones by name, by lighting a candle or simply in silent prayer will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm at St. Bartholomew's church. The service will last about one hour.

If you wish a name / names to be read out at the service, please add them to the lists in all our churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Remembrance Sunday 1918 – 2018

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

We will mark Remembrance Sunday at St. Thomas' church at 9:15am. There will be no service at St. George's church that morning.

The pattern of services at St. Bartholomew's church will be:

**10:00am Civic Remembrance Service**

**11:00am Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence at the War Memorial**

**11:30am Holy Communion Service [Sung with hymns]**

Bolton Parish Church are holding a "Songs of Praise" service at 3pm again to mark the Centenary of the Armistice. Everyone is welcome to attend this commemoration.

## Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
7:00pm St. Bartholomew's

The Annual Christmas Lights Switch on is at St. Bartholomew's on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm with the usual Carol Service featuring our local schools. Be early – it's usually packed out.

## Bolton Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
7:30pm St. Bartholomew's

This year, Bolton Chamber Orchestra pay their annual visit to St. Bartholomew's at the end of November. The programme will feature:

Mozart	Overture to Don Giovanni
Mendelssohn	Violin Concerto
<i>soloist: Victoria Farrell-Reed</i>	
Beethoven	Symphony no. 3 Eroica

## Traditional Christmas Fair – St. James' Daisy Hill

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 11:00 - 2:00pm  
in New School Hall

Father Christmas & Donkey Cart Rides, Crafts, Games, Tombola, Face Painting, Choc Tombola, Knitted Toys, Cakes and Bacon Barms, Mulled Wine and Prize Draw, Gifts and Refreshments. All Welcome

## 'As you like it' - St. James' Daisy Hill

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of theatre as Blitz Productions presents one of Shakespeare's finest rom-coms 'As you like it'. The play will start at 7.30pm and tickets are £5, available either online at [www.blitzproductions.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.blitzproductions.co.uk/whats-on) or by speaking to Ellie or Chris at St. James'. Under 16s go free and light refreshments will be on offer. We are delighted to be hosting this wonderful event and all proceeds will go to the restoration fund, so please do come along and show your support!

## Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions is helping Bolton Carers' Support in running a pilot project "Time for You" to give some respite to those who care 24/7 for a loved one.

They are looking for two volunteers who are able to offer a couple of hours per week to visit the home of a cared-for person and stay with them while their carer has time for themselves. This may mean that they can go shopping, meet up with friends or just stay home and have someone else to talk to, knowing that their loved one is not left alone or unsupervised.

This is a brand new initiative starting in November 2018 and will be part of Senior Solutions based in Westhoughton & surrounding districts of Bolton. Full training & support will be provided. Anyone interested should contact Senior Solutions on 01204 335 107 or email [seniorsolutions55@gmail.com](mailto:seniorsolutions55@gmail.com)

The first volunteer information meeting is planned for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



## Christmas Dinner on Jesus

In the past we've collected mince pies and biscuits.

**This year we're out to collect 600 Christmas Puddings!**

They need to be the 454g size [so not the enormous ones, usually serve 4 people] and alcohol-free, please.

We're collecting from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November with the last date to drop them off at church being **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. After that they will be collected and used to make up Christmas Dinner supplies for people in our community who would not otherwise enjoy a Christmas dinner.

Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity in supporting this excellent cause again this year.

**NOTE – we're always after people to contribute to the Newsletter.** If you want to write something, please see Ed or send to the e-mail address overleaf. Many thanks.

## St. James' Daisy Hill Concert Series

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm

John Gibson & Polly Virr - Cello Duo

Tickets are £8 but under 18's are free if accompanied by an adult and includes refreshments. To book tickets please contact [daisyhillconcertseries@outlook.com](mailto:daisyhillconcertseries@outlook.com) or telephone 01942 811 691

## Advent - December

In the Middle Ages, Advent [from the Latin word meaning "coming"] was kept as a season of great solemnity – a time when the church focussed on the ultimate issues of death, judgement, heaven and hell. Advent, however, was also a time of great rejoicing; for Christ would come as judge and Saviour bringing in the Kingdom of God. There were processions from west to east [towards the rising sun at dawn], starting with the church in darkness but lighting candles as the procession moved eastwards to show the hope of the coming of Christ, the light of the world, to banish sin and darkness. We still mark this today as we light a candle on each of the four Sundays in Advent thinking of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. Our Old Testament readings focus on those prophets as they foretell the coming of Christ.



At Evening Prayer from 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the great "O" Advent Antiphons [church-speak for introductions] were sung before the Magnificat, the Song of Mary. We still have these in our hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" where the first line of each verse is taken from one of these antiphons – the Rod of Jesse or the Key of David – although we usually only have 5 verses rather than 7 to stop the hymn going on too long.

Even though we seem to prepare for Christmas from September, the period of Advent still has a special significance and meaning for the church. There's a leaflet available giving details of all our services in December – please take one and come along.