

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 25th November 2018 - Christ the King

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas' Hymns: A&M 690, 232, 223, 227

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's Hymns as announced

II.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Hymns: A&M 690, 232, 223, 227 Communion: 193, 736

1.30pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's Hattie Joan McGinlay.

2.30pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's Georgia Elizabet Dunning

We pray for these children, their parents, God parents, family and friends on this special day.

- 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, James Wright.

Those who have died recently: Kathleen Greenhalgh

And on their anniversaries this week, we remember: Pat Dixon, Trevor Dootson, Alice Martin, Robert Maybury, Rodney Mills, Diane Morris, Douglas Moyse, Mary Pilkington, John Sutcliffe, Mary Thompson.

Today is the feast day of St. Katharine of Alexandria: today we pray for St. Katharine's church, for Revd. Angela and Peter Wynne, for the life and witness of the congregation & people there and the community of Blackrod that they serve.

This week: - Please take away with you the December Newsletter which includes a special leaflet detailing all services across the parish this December.

Wednesday 28th November: Holy Communion 10.00am at St Bartholomew's.

Also Café Church at St. Thomas' church 3:45 – 4:15pm

Thursday 29th November: Café Church at St. George's church 3:45 – 4:15pm

Friday 30th 7:00pm St. Bartholomew's: Carol Service & Switching on of the Town Christmas Light

also: Concert at St. James' Church, Daisy Hill 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 or telephone 01942 811 691

Saturday 1st December 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at the Watergate [junction 4 M61] with guest speaker Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Bolton

Primary School applications: there is a letter available today for parents about dates for signing forms for applications.

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd December: -

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: It's the final chance to bring in your Christmas Puddings so we can count them and organise collection and distribution by Urban Aid. We're aiming to collect 600 Christmas puddings - the 454g [serves 4] size and non-alcoholic, please. Many thanks.

2:30pm for the 3:00pm Christingle Service at St. Bartholomew's church

Christingle celebrates its 50th year in the Church of England. Do come at 2:30pm bringing an orange to make your Christingle in time for the 3:00pm service. There will be a collection raising funds for the Children's Society at this service. All welcome.

6:30pm St. James' Daisy Hill Advent Praise

Musicians and Singers from across the Deane deanery will be leading an Advent Sunday festival of songs and hymns old and new. All invited to come and join the Deanery celebration.

Coming Up: -

Sunday 9th December – Toy Services at St. Thomas' 9:15am [donated to Fort Alice] and **St. Bartholomew's 11:00am** [donated to the Rotary Club]. It's also the nativity service at St. Bartholomew's that morning.

Thursday 13th **December 8:00pm:** Christmas Concert by Wingates band at St. John's church, Wingates. Tickets £8 including refreshments. Children accompanied by a paying adult free.

Friday 21st December 10:00am: Pretoria Pit 108th Anniversary Commemoration service at St. Bartholomew's



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The Collect:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 7. 9 - 10, 13 - 14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1.4b - 8

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Reading: John 18. 33-37

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'
³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



Post Communion Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Services: Advent Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16 / 1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - end / Luke 21. 25 - 36

8.00am St Thomas' Holy Communion Revd Angela Wynne St Thomas' Revd Angela Wynne 9:15am Holy Communion 9:15am St. George Holy Communion Revd Barry Gaskell 11.00am St Bartholomew Holy Communion Revd Barry Gaskell 3.00pm St Bartholomew's Christingle Service Elaine Simkin 6:30pm St James' Deanery Advent Praise Service

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Reading / Leading Intercessions: To support those who read the Bible lessons or lead intercessions in church, the PCC have produced a useful guide. Please take one if you take part in this ministry. If you would like to join the team who lead the readings/ intercessions, please speak to any of the wardens / deputy wardens.