



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 27th January 2019 – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 379, 387, 569, 644**

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's

Hymns as announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns: **A&M 379, 387, 569, 644** During Communion: **248, 658**

1.30pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's *Meredith Elena Brock and Elliot Isaac Brock*

Please remember in your prayers these children, their Parents, Godparents, family and friends

- 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: Steve Berry, Irene Booth, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Derek Holroyd, Edith Ibbotson, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Isobelle Wallace, James Wright.

Those who have died recently: Robert Black, Marian Cartwright, John Bailey, Trevor Wanless

And on their anniversaries we remember: Arnold Astle, Mary Cowley, Dorothy Downes, Robert Hall, Ada Halliwell, Pip Handford, Harold Impett, Matthew Lee, John Leyland, Hilda Makinson, Alice Owens, Mark Pilkington, William Smalley, Joyce Stride, Ian Twist, George Watkinson, John Wilding, James Woodward.

This week: please take away with you this pewsheet and the February Newsletter

St. George's fundraising: many thanks to all who supported the Smarties tube appeal in 2018 raising over £310, and the wine raffle raising £100 for church funds. We're relaunching the Smarties tube appeal for 2019 again today along with our plans for a bookstall.

Wednesday 30th January: Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's.

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

Thursday 31st – Licensing of Revd Carol Pharaoh as Team Rector at St. Bartholomew's church 7:30pm - all welcome.

Also: Café Church at St. George's 3:45 – 4:15pm

Friday 1st February – 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's "Lancashire Night" An evening of traditional Lancashire songs, verse and entertainment with Ged Robinson-Todd. Pasty and peas supper provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 available from Christine Andrews / Margaret Dolphin. Please do support this event – it promises to be a cracking evening.

St. James' Church – In 2019, their open mornings will move to **the first Saturday** of the month, starting on **2nd February** 10:00am - noon. Everyone welcome for tea and a chat.

Sunday 3rd February 7:30pm: Concert by the Houghton Weavers in aid of the Town Mayor's Charities. To be held at Brookfield Hall on Peel Street, tickets £12 – further details on the posters in our churches.

St. Bartholomew's Tower Captain: Peter Ormshaw has decided to stand down as Tower Captain after 15 years of dedicated service in that role. He became a Tower Captain in 2004 following the death of our much loved ringer and former captain, Geoffrey Fothergill, in Oct 2003. We thank Peter for his many years working in that role, largely unseen but always heard and appreciated. Congratulations also to Ryan Battersby who has been elected as Tower Captain to succeed Peter.

COMING UP:-

Children's Society Boxes: The Children's Society boxes are now due for emptying. Please bring your box along to church. If you need your box collecting or if you would like a box, please contact Andrew or Christine Jolley on 01942 815820. Children's Society Reps.

The Coffee Concert Series at St. James', Daisy Hill present the Camira Trio – flute / clarinet / bassoon – on **Saturday 9th February** from 11:00am. Tickets are £6 and include coffee / tea and cake [under 18s are free if

accompanied by an adult. All welcome – please see posters for booking or tickets on the door.

[Women's] World Day of Prayer:

This will be held on Friday 1st March 2019 at Westhoughton Methodist Church. If anyone is interested in taking part in this service, there is a further planning meetings coming up on Friday 22nd February 7pm at Westhoughton Methodist Church. For further details, please see Elaine Simkin.



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The Collect:

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8. 1-3,5-6,8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 12. 12-31a

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God

arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4. 14-21

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion:

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Next Sunday: Candlemas – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: Malachi 3. 1 - 5 / Hebrews 2. 14 – end / Luke 2.22 - 40

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11.00am	St Bartholomew's	Holy Communion	Revd Carol Pharaoh

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