



# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – The Third Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.15am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Hymns: **A&M 728, 629, 507, 489**

9.15am Holy Communion at St George's

Hymns as announced

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Hymns **A&M 728, 629, 507, 489 HC: 434, 752**

- 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, Brian Cato, Joyce Cunliffe, Christopher Davies, Lisa Ginniff, Jenny Harris, Mario Heaton, Mavis Heaton, Derek Holroyd, Edith Ibbotson, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, James Wright.

### **Those who have died recently:**

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** Dorothy Coop, Nancy Crompton, Joseph Donnelly, Kelvin Edwards, Audrey Forshaw, Nellie Hewitt, George Higham, Norman Higham, Thomas Hodgkiss, Dorothy Jacques, Alfred Latham, Hilda Leyland, James Rogers, Walter Sawyer, Vera Stafford, Annie Turner, Jack Unsworth

### This week:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** Young people's confirmation course, session 3 at St. John's Church, Wingates 6:15 – 7:00pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Lent Group 7:30pm at St. John's Wingates which is focussing on the theme of the Lord's Prayer. This week is session 3 "Give us today our daily bread." The session will finish with the evening service of Compline. Each session is complete in itself – feel free to come along even if you haven't made the first two sessions.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's 10:00am.

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

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** 7:30pm St. George's committee meet at St. George's church

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AND **"Into all the world"** Bolton Parish Church 12:15pm Holy Communion followed by lunch in the parish hall and a talk from Keith Armstrong on Retail Chaplaincy I – 1:45pm. Keith is the Co-ordinating chaplain for Bolton Town Centre Chaplaincy.

### COMING UP:

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Mothering Sunday** – usual services at our churches with input from our church schools. It's also the weekend that the clocks go forward.



**Easter Experience Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – we're holding this as usual at St. Bartholomew's church. If anyone can help staff this for a session or two during the week or can help with the setting up on the Sunday afternoon, please see any of the wardens or sign up on the lists in church.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Daisy Hill Concert Series 7:30pm at St. James' Daisy Hill. The Treske Ensemble [string quartet] – tickets are £10 at the door and include a glass of wine at the interval. Under 18s accompanied by an adult get in free.

### The Children's Society

Thank you to all who have contributed to the annual charity home collecting box scheme in aid of The Children's Society. Together we have raised £465-21 this year; every penny of which will go towards helping vulnerable young

children. If you would like to support this cause and would like a box, please contact: Andrew or Christine Jolley on 01942 815820. Parish Children's Society Reps.

**Ladies' Dinner – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** at Brookfields 7:15 for 7:30pm. Tickets are £25 and available from Dora Mills 01942 813741 / 07843 341106. Proceeds raised go towards the work of Bolton Hospice.

**Electoral Roll:** Every six years we have to revise it completely, so everyone will be asked to complete a new form in March 2019. This will also have a section stating that you are happy to let us keep those details under the recent Data Protection Regulations.

### Committee Meetings – April:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** 7:00pm St. Bartholomew's committee followed by the PCC at 7:30pm both at St. Bart's Church.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm APCM** at St. Bartholomew's church – all welcome, followed by cheese and wine



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## The Collect:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading:

Isaiah 55. 1 - 9

The LORD says this: <sup>1</sup>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 10. 1 - 13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch

out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## Gospel Reading:

Luke 13. 1 - 9

<sup>1</sup>There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."



## Post Communion:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Next Sunday: – The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

\*\*\* REMEMBER TO PUT THE CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR \*\*\*

Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10 / Colossians 3. 12-17 / Luke 2. 33-35

8.00am	St Thomas'	Holy Communion	Revd Angela Wynne
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9.15am	St George's	Holy Communion	Revd Carol Pharaoh
11.00am	St Bartholomew's	All Age Communion	Revd Carl Pharaoh

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