

## 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 contact the Rector, details below. Or, for baptism enquiries please come to the Office Hour at St. Bartholomew's church on Wednesdays from 11:00am – noon.

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## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019

Dear Friends,

Here we are August already and we are in the height of summer, enjoying some lovely summer weather, at least from time to time. I was pleased to note that it did not rain on St Swithun's day so we are in with a chance of more good weather! Even the Scarecrow weekend in Blackrod was good albeit after a rather cold, wet and windy start to the proceedings. It was yet again another successful fundraising event totalling at the last count, over £9000 for community groups including St Katharine's. I would like to add my own thanks to everyone who put in such a tremendous amount of hard work, from the Committee who spend months preparing and rallying the village to get involved and make scarecrows, to the volunteers who provided activities and refreshments and of course to the residents who actually made it a Scarecrow Festival to attract visitors and locals alike and make it such a good day out. It is so much more than a fundraising exercise. It also brings the whole community together and there's nothing more rewarding for all the hard work, than to see people, especially whole families walking round with smiles on their faces as they admire the creations on display. After 13 years it's become a fixture in the calendar, an institution. The original committee felt it was time to hand over the reins and I'm delighted to hear that new people have stepped up to take on the mantle. I wish everyone old committee and new committee, the very best as they work together to hand over the organising for next year. Who knows maybe 2020 will be the year that Peter and I make a scarecrow ourselves! (but don't hold me to that!)

Some of you may know that the Scarecrow festival won an award last year from the Manchester Diocese. The awards are given to projects that make a difference in their communities. So it was wonderful that all not only was the hard work recognised but also its transforming effect on the life of Blackrod. Well done everyone!

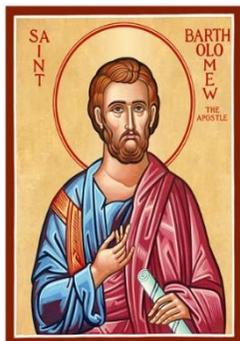
A few weeks ago Valerie Marron, Jean Hibbert and I went to a mini conference in Bolton organised by the Church community in Bolton. It was to celebrate, inspire and encourage all the different ways the Christian churches of all denominations enable us to live well in the Bolton Borough. One of the speakers urged us all to celebrate all that is good about where we live. We can always find things to complain about but if we live our lives in a spirit of thankfulness, "Counting our blessings" rather than bemoaning our lot our spirits will be lifted and we will notice God's love as it flows into us and out through us into the community.

So as we enjoy the lovely weather and reflect on everything that is good about where we live. Let us thank God for our community. For all who live and work here and for the opportunity he gives us to make our own contribution to “living well”.

Have a great summer everyone,

God Bless

Angela.



## St. Bartholomew's Day

### Being celebrated on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

We're marking St. Bartholomew's day at all our churches on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The 11:00am service at St. Bartholomew's that Sunday will be followed by a “Bring-and-Share” buffet lunch at which we ask people to bring some food that we can pool and share. Everyone is invited to stay and join this event. We're asking people to sign up so we know what food to expect and avoid 100,000 sausage rolls!

## Organ Music in August

### St. Bartholomew's Church

To force myself to do some practice, we're ditching the liturgical organ music in August once again and going for the Organ Classical Pops repertoire.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** everything you recognise by J.S. Bach including “Jesu, joy of man's desiring”, “Sheep may safely graze” and the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor [BWV565].

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** all the hits by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – although he described the organ as “the King of Instruments” he didn't write much music for it, so there'll be a lot of transcriptions of other pieces.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>:** all the famous bits of G F Handel including excerpts from the Water Music, Music for the Royal Fireworks & The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** having marked Queen Victoria's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in May, it's Prince Albert's 200<sup>th</sup> tomorrow so we'll have a programme of Victorian organ music [including a lot of Mendelssohn].

Feel free to arrive late and leave early! **Ed**

## Heritage Weekend - September

St. James' Daisy Hill are planning another full programme of events, open days and concerts over Heritage Weekend again. More details to follow next month.

As part of this they are holding another **Coffee Concert** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11:00am given by Alex Thomas [trumpet and piano]. Tickets are £6 at the door, accompanied under 18s are free and there will be tea/coffee and cakes to follow.

## “August, it's a quiet month ...”

Apart from the fact that we're running the full programme of services across all our churches in the team and welcoming many families as they celebrate baptisms and weddings.

There's also a lot of “behind the scenes” work taking place planning for a busy autumn:

- **Café Church** will restart at St. George's and St. Thomas' in September, dates and advertising to follow
- **Harvest Services** across the parish will be on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** with input from our church schools
- **Annual Memorial Service** will be at St. Bartholomew's on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at 2:00pm
- **Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we'll be holding our usual services with the two minutes silence at the war memorial at 11:00am
- **Concerts** – we're looking at another organ recital and a concert by Wingates Band at St. Bartholomew's in autumn.

**The Diocese of Manchester** is looking at plans to reduce the number of Deaneries to about seven, largely following the civic boundaries, creating a new role for Area Deans. Further details following the Bolton Area meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## #MoreThanSunday

### A year of discipleship

#### YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP THEMES

Every month, **#MoreThanSunday** will suggest a different theme for you to think about and act upon.

**The theme for August is Worship**

#### CONTACT US

Please contact us with comments on **#MoreThanSunday** and suggestions on how it might develop. You can also share your experiences of using the resources more privately than using social media. You can email us at [morethansunday@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:morethansunday@manchester.anglican.org)

**Team Vicar update:** the post of Team Vicar with special responsibility for St. George's & St. James' Daisy Hill was advertised in July but there were no applicants. We are looking now at how best to move this forward.