



PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George

Sunday 18th August 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion at St Thomas'

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Hymns: **A&M 761, 510, 506, 739**

9.15am Service of the Word at St George's

Hymns **As announced**

11.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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1.30pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's *Lucy Elizabeth Taylor*

2.30pm Baptism at St Bartholomew's *Freddie George Evans*

We remember in our prayers these children, their parents, God parents, 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.
- 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, Cassie Buono, Brian Cato, Joyce Cunliffe, Christopher Davies, Rev. Malcolm Edwards, Lisa Ginniff, Irene Halliwell, Jenny Harris, Mario Heaton, Mavis Heaton, Derek Holroyd, Edith Ibbotson, Patricia James, Ailsa Maddison, Eileen Marsh, Brian Mobey, James Tonge, James Wright, Jake

Those who have died recently: Henry [Harry] Roughley, Joyce Wallwork

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Cissy Barton, Marion Butterworth (nee Barnes), Mary Crompton, Gladys Harrison, John Hesketh, Alan Marsh, Marilyn Marsh, William Povah.

This week:

Wednesday 21st August: Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's 10:00am.

COMING UP:

Organ Music today at St. Bart's is week three of the "August Organ Pops" series. Today we're having everything you know by Handel.

If you're enjoying the organ music, the next recital is planned for Saturday 5th October at 7:30pm.

St. George's are running their stewardship £5 challenge for summer. If you wish to take part, please collect your £5 and using your skills and talents "grow it" over the summer. We'll be collecting the proceeds at our service on 8th September. Do keep supporting the Smarties tube appeal and bookstall also over summer.

Pilgrim Course - The Eucharist.

Starting on **Tuesday 10th September** at 7.30 pm and running fortnightly at St John's Wingates, this course is for all who want to grow in their Christian understanding.

The Eucharist is celebrated by Christians all over the world as a memorial of Christ's saving passion and resurrection. 'Do this in remembrance of me', says Jesus and for 2000 years Christians have faithfully obeyed this command. The Eucharist is an important part of Christian worship. The course explores this and how Christians know and worship God.

St. Bartholomew's Day: we're marking this next Sunday. There will be a bring-and-share lunch after the service to which everyone is invited. We have some sign-up sheets out so that we know what people are bringing and to make sure we don't just have 1000 pork pies.

St. Bartholomew's Honesty Library: is up and running in the back room at St. Bart's. Do browse and borrow the books or donate any spares you may have.

Committee Meetings in September:

Monday 9th St. Bart's committee at 7:00pm followed by the PCC at 7:30pm both at St. Bart's church

Tuesday 17th St. Thomas' committee at St. Thomas'

Monday 23rd St. George's committee at St. Bart's church

Heritage Week: - see leaflets in our churches

St. James' Daisy Hill have a programme of events from Tuesday 17th – Sunday 22nd September, including

Weds 18th 7:30pm: "Icons – Prayers without Words" – a talk given by Glenys Latham

Sat 21st 11:00am – Coffee Concert featuring Alex Thomas on trumpet followed by tea/coffee & cakes

Sun 22nd 2:00pm "Historic Daisy Hill" – a talk by members of the Local History Group

St. Katharine's are also planning an Open Day on Saturday 14th September to coincide with the Tour of Britain Cycle Race passing through Blackrod.

Communication Task and Finish Group: Part of our Mission Action Plan was to review our current methods of communication across the parish, what we have currently and looking at any missing areas. Therefore, I am looking for a group of people (with ideal a representation from each church) to come together for just a few meetings to go through this process. If you are interested or want any more information please speak to Rev Kirsty. (*first meeting mid Sept*)



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The Collect:

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23. 23 - 29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute,

persecuted, tormented – ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12. 49 - 56

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday: St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Readings: Isaiah 43. 8 – 13 / Acts 5. 12 – 16 / Luke 22. 24 - 30

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

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