

Sunday Services across the Team

St Bartholomew's:	8.00am (2nd & 4th Sundays) 11.00am each week
St Thomas'	8.00am (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) 9.15am each Sunday
St George's	9.15am each Sunday
St John's	8.00am (1st & 3rd Sundays) 9:30am each week
St James'	8.00am (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays) 10:45am each Sunday
St Katharine's	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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St George



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

September is here and it's back to school and back to normal routines. No doubt parents and those responsible for looking after school-age children will breath a sigh of relief.

When I was at school reaching the beginning of September was always both a good and bad thing. Good because my birthday falls at the start of the month. Bad because it usually meant I went back to school on my birthday! I would spend the six-week holiday longing for my birthday to come and hoping September school term would never come. At the start of the summer holidays, six weeks of carefree days stretched out before me, but it seemed in no time at all I was back at school.

The older you get the quicker time seems to slip through your fingers. There always seems so much to do, so many other things you would like to do and not enough hours in the day to achieve them. As we go through life, we can often take for granted the specialness of every moment God gives us to enjoy. A few years ago, my husband Peter, found these words printed on a card. They are written from the viewpoint of someone on a train journey, looking out of the window.

"Lord as I sit here and watch the world whizz by, as trees and fields blur into a wash of colour, help me not to rush through life. This train takes me from one destination to another, it's only aim being to do it as quickly as possible, much like me and my life at times. Rushing through everything - so much to do that there is not enough time to sit and think, to look and appreciate. I know that life can be busy at times, but I don't want to look back on what I've had and see a blur through a train window, everything rushed and taken for granted. I need to stop and look with 'child-like' eyes on a world you created, a life you gave me, and be thankful." (words by David Gatward)

I think in these words there is a useful lesson for us. We can so easily overlook all that we have and the many different ways God blesses our lives. As summer turns to autumn, let's pray that each of us will have the confidence to not crowd every moment of every day with activity and take some time to simply enjoy being a child of God.

God bless, Carol



Pilgrim Course – The Eucharist

Every other Tuesday 7:30pm at St. John's Wingates
First meeting – Tuesday 10th September

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.

Café Church – Autumn Term 2019

Week starting 9th September

Café Church returns at St. Thomas' on a Wednesday and St. George's on a Thursday from 3:45 – 4:15pm.

Planned dates are:

St. Thomas: 11th September, 25th September, 9th October, 30th October, 13th November, 27th November, 11th December

St. George: 12th September, 26th September, 10th October, 31st October, 14th November, 28th November, 12th December

More details on the Café Church publicity notices in all our churches

#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 September is Creation marking the period of the year when we move into autumn and celebrate with our Harvest services.

We are having a student on placement with us in the parish throughout September. Here is a brief introduction that she has written to introduce herself:

"My name is Layfetta Masih and I am an Ordinand at St Mellitus college in Liverpool. I am about to begin my second and final year of training. I am married to Nabeel a passionate worship leader and lecturer. Together we have 4 children, Malachi 12, Joel and Joshua 10, and Salomey 4 years old. I am on long term placement at St Andrew's Church in Radcliffe and look forward to doing my four weeks of 'alternative training experience' with the church families of St Bartholomew's, St George's and St Thomas's. Please do keep us in your prayers as we journey through training and beyond."



Wingates Church Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9th September 9:00am

The Toby Carvery - Watergate [junction 4 of the M61

The guest speaker at this meeting is retired pharmacist, Stephen Freeborn with his talk entitled "Keep Taking the Tablets."

Coffee Concert

Saturday 21st September 11:00am

St. James' Church Daisy Hill – part of Heritage Weekend events

Featuring Alex James on trumpet followed by refreshments. Free entry but donations requested.

Secondary School Form Signing

There will be letters going out this month to make appointments for signing secondary school application forms. We'll be doing the signing one evening in October at St. Bartholomew's church and the letters will be out as soon as we've agreed that date!