

# PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



## SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to Worship today  
Christian Aid Week

### Sunday Services

<p><b>St George's Church</b> <b>9:15am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b> Revd Andy Jones / Revd Simon Cook [Area Dean]</p>	<p><b>St Thomas' Church</b> <b>9:15am</b></p> <p><b>Service of the Word</b> Revd Angela Wynne</p>	<p><b>St Bartholomew's Church</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Mayoral Service</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b> Revd Andy Jones / Revd Simon Cook [Area Dean]</p> <p><b>HYMNS: 721, 503, 454, 365, 507</b></p>
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### This week we pray for:

**Those who are ill:** Brian Cato, Jean Dawson, Denise Gilliland, Christine Greenhalgh, Jenny Harris, Keith Haworth, Mario Heaton, Edith Ibbotson, Joan James, Patricia James, Geoff Kyte, Edward Lakstigala, Eileen Marsh, Jean Partington, Norman Sidlow, Alan Simkin

**Those who have died recently:** Carlton Derek Watkinson, May Andrews

**And on their anniversaries this week we remember:** William Almond, David Barlow, Thomas Crook, Sharon Hart, Mary Harper, James Higham, Edna Marsh, Esther Parker, Harry Pomfret, Margaret Shields, Leonard Williams, Thomas Ralphs, Philip Rigby, Clara Skillicorn, William Valentine.

### Coming Up this week:

<p><b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30am – 11:30am</p>	St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Office Hour</b>
<p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00am 3:45 – 4:30pm 6:45pm 7:30pm</p>	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	<b>Monthly Midweek Communion followed by Luncheon Club</b> <b>NEW LOOK Café Church</b> <b>Baptism Preparation Evening</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<p><b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 10:00am - noon 7:00 – 8:30pm</p>	St Katharine's Church St John's Church, Wingates	<b>Plant Sale</b> <b>Team Youth Church</b>

Further details on upcoming events at the end of this pewsheet. Do keep any news, views and feedback coming.

We welcome our Area Dean, Revd Simon Cook to lead our services at St George's and St Bartholomew's this week. It's also Mayoral Sunday at St Bartholomew's this Sunday and we welcome Westhoughton Town Mayor, Cllr Miss Deirdre McGeown and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Alvis Younge.

### Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

#### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 16. 9-15 / John 5. 1-9**

<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word at St George's Church</b>	<b>Revd Andy Jones</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Thomas' Church</b>	<b>Revd Angela Wynne</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church</b>	<b>Revd Carol Pharaoh/Revd Andy Jones</b>

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## Today's Readings

*Collect:*

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*First Reading: Genesis 22. 1 - 18*

<sup>1</sup>God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' <sup>2</sup>God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>12</sup>The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*New Testament Reading: Acts 11. 1 - 18*

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'

<sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

*Gospel Reading John 13. 31 - 35*

<sup>31</sup>During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

*Post-Communion Prayer:*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## NOTICEBOARD:

### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**



Archbishop Justin Welby / Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

### Brighter Bunnies

Is a group for Mothers and Babies / Toddlers meeting Monday mornings in term time at St. Bartholomew's Church from 10:00am – 11:30am. To book a place, please ring or text 07703 703662.

### Bite Size worship:

Here's the link for this week's bitesize worship. This week the theme is Jesus the light of the world.

<https://youtu.be/LVbbG4cq5V0>

With prayers and best wishes,  
Carol

## Midweek Communion Service

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11:00am

St Bartholomew's Church



Our next Monthly Midweek Communion Service is on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am and will be followed by the Luncheon Club.

### Recording Attendance for School Admission

We are recording physical church attendance for school admission purposes.

Parents will need to sign registers or, in the case of St Thomas, have their card stamped if they physically attend the service – nothing else will count.

# New Look Café Church



**Each WEDNESDAY (weekly in term time)**

**Venue: St Bartholomew's Church**

**Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm**

**You are welcome to come and enjoy  
a snack, fun and activities and  
a short service of worship and songs.**

This Wednesday it's being led by Christine and the theme is "The Prodigal Son"  
*Luke 15. 11 - 32*

## Plant Sale

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 10:00am - noon**

**St Katharine's Church, Blackrod**

It's a sale of hanging baskets and bedding plants which are nursery grown and a reasonable prices.  
Refreshments will be available.

### Organ Music this week at St Bartholomew's:

Marc-Antoine Charpentier [1643 – 24 February 1704] composed six *Te Deum* [the ancient church hymn starting "We Praise, Thee, O God"] settings, although only four of them have survived. Largely because of the great popularity of its prelude, the best known is the *Te Deum* in D major, H.146, written as a *grand motet* for soloists, choir, and instrumental accompaniment probably between 1688 and 1698, during Charpentier's stay at the Jesuit Church of Saint-Louis in Paris, where he held the position of musical director. It is thought that the composition was performed to mark the victory celebrations and the Battle of Steinkirk in August, 1692, D major being the key trumpets and drums could play so becoming the key of glory & triumph.



After the work's rediscovery in 1953 by French musicologist Carl de Nys, the instrumental prelude, *Marche en rondeau*, was chosen in 1954 as the theme music preceding the Eurovision network broadcasts of the European Broadcasting Union. You may have heard it on Saturday night as it has become Charpentier's best-known work.

French classical pieces of the time used the "notes inégales" system where the pieces were written in a standard rhythm with the performers just knowing where to add the excited dotted rhythms.



# St Bartholomew's Sunday school

We are pleased to announce that from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 Sunday school has started again at St Bartholomew's church. This will be wonderful for children and young people to journey with faith, so we are looking forward to welcoming all.

It will be a prompt start from 11.00 am, all leaders will have been DBS checked and completed safeguarding training prior to supporting sessions.

There will be a brief application, with some essential details about your child or young person that will be required to be completed. Please see Joan O'Reilly after the service on Sunday if you wish your child to attend Sunday school or email Joan on : [joan.oreilly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joan.oreilly@hotmail.co.uk)



## St George's Sunday School

We are running Sunday school every fortnight at St George's, we will be meeting again this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### St George's Lent Challenge: Congratulations

Many thanks to all at St George's who followed our Lent Challenge with the Lent jars this year.

Together we raised £157.90 which when the tax refund is added, comes to around £197 for church funds.

Congratulations everyone & if you still have a jar, do return it to us, please.

## Card Reader

We now have a card reader at St. Bartholomew's church that we'll have out in the narthex at our services and events if you wish to donate to the upkeep of our churches that way and don't have any cash on you.

It's just like any card machine – you enter the amount you wish to give and simply touch-and-go or enter your card and PIN. If you enter your mobile number, you can have a receipt sent directly to your 'phone.

There will be instructions by it and someone to demonstrate it if you're not sure.

The cost to the church is minimal [less than 1p per transaction] so it's an easy and effective way to give to our churches.

Many thanks.

## Committee Meeting Dates

**Archdeacon's Visitation** for admitting Churchwardens to office: our closest one is at **Bolton Parish Church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm**. PCC members are also encouraged to attend this service. There are alternative dates and venues on the noticeboard if you're unable to make this date.

**St Bartholomew's Committee** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7:00pm at St Bartholomew's

**The PCC** will meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at St Bartholomew's church

**St George's Committee** will meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm also at St. Bartholomew's church.

## Team Youth Church – St John's Wingates

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

All welcome. If you can help either by setting up, clearing up or during the evening please see Revd Andy.

## Blackrod Scarecrow Festival

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Katharine's Church, Blackrod**

Further enquiries at Facebook – Blackrod Scarecrow

Or e-mail [blackrodscarecrowfestival@gmail.com](mailto:blackrodscarecrowfestival@gmail.com)

Or see the posters in church.

## Christian Aid Week

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May



This Christian Aid Week, we stand with the  
resilient women of Zimbabwe.

Resilient women, who are standing strong against the threat of drought. Providers who are determined to lift their families out of hunger.

As the climate crisis rages on, vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe face the threat of more intense droughts, floods, and storms. It's unjust that drought robs women like Jessica of the power to provide food for their families.

Together, we hope to restore justice to our world, and protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

We raise our voices with our neighbours to call for climate justice, for those most responsible to pay for the loss and damage felt in Zimbabwe and around the world.

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.

**In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.**

The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children.

And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe.

Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

**But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.**

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

There's much more information at the link below and we're planning collections again in all our churches this year.

[Christian Aid Week 2022 - Christian Aid](#)

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We're planning some events to mark this:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2 - 4:00pm

St Bartholomew's Church

**Afternoon Tea** – details are on the next page, but please book with a £3 deposit by 22<sup>nd</sup> May so that we can organise the tables and the catering.



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3:00pm

St Bartholomew's Church

**Platinum Jubilee Organ Recital** – as much royal related music as I can play followed by refreshments. Free admission with retiring collection. There will be refreshments served.



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am

St Bartholomew's Church

**The Platinum Jubilee Civic Service** – marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 4:00pm

St Katharine's Church

**Songs of Praise afternoon** – an afternoon of singing favourite hymns.

Also we have a **Jubilee Quiz** organised by Joan O'Reilly – quiz sheets £2 and a **Colouring Competition** £1 for children [but adults can take part].

Good luck all

Results will be announced on the 1st June

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# ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WESTHOUGHTON



**We would like you to join us to  
celebrate the Queen's  
*Platinum Jubilee***

**on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June to start at  
2.00pm until 4.00pm.**

**Afternoon tea will be served**



**Please book by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May with  
Jean Tonge, Elaine Simkin or  
Joan O'Reilly**

Donations of £3.00 will be welcome to reserve your place

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**Organ**

**Recital**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**3:00pm**

**Platinum Jubilee Programme**

A programme of music to mark the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee – *includes Walton, Handel, Elgar*

Organist Edward McHale

*Free admission / Refreshments served*

**All Welcome**



**Public lectures**  
**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

'Faith, personal and public...but never private'.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm

'What does it mean to be drawn by hope,  
not driven by fear?'

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

'The transforming power of love in action'.

We are looking forward to welcoming The Right Revd. Chris Edmondson to Bolton Parish Church to give three public lectures focusing on the voice of faith communities in public life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Bishop Chris was Bishop of Bolton 2008 – 2016 and continues to be a well-known and popular public speaker across the country.



*Bishop Chris writes:*

'Faith', 'Hope' and 'Love' are described in St Paul's First letter to the Corinthians, found in the New Testament of the Bible, as virtues and values that outlast all others. These are at the heart of the Christian faith, and uniquely modelled by Jesus, but also central to, and lived out in many of the other major religious traditions, including those represented across Bolton.

It feels a great honour and privilege to have been asked to give three lectures as part of the (postponed) celebrations to mark 150 years of the current Bolton Parish Church. Over the course of the three Tuesday evenings, I will be exploring how these virtues and values of faith, hope and love can be lived out individually as well as in and through our faith communities, for the well-being and flourishing of everyone in the town and borough.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Parish Church!

All best wishes and every blessing.

+Chris



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## Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer

### Five ways to take part in TKC this year



Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus, is entering its seventh year. It takes place between 26 May and 6 June this year, spanning the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

There are some ideas on the diocesan website that may be helpful for churches wishing to organise prayer events between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

[Click here for details.](#)

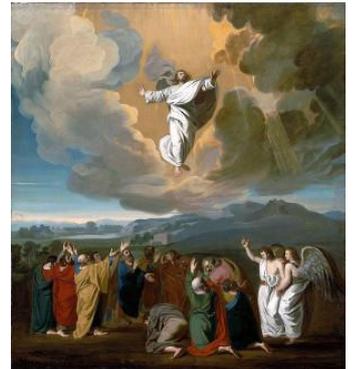
## Ascension Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter [which is why it's always on a Thursday each year]. This year, we're marking it with services at:

St John's Church, Wingates 10:00am followed by coffee and cake

St Katharine's Church, Blackrod 7:30pm

All welcome



# GLADE OF LIGHT



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have officially opened a new memorial to victims of the 2017 Manchester Arena bombing.

At the ceremony, the names of the 22 victims of the attack were read out by the Bishop of Manchester, Dr David Walker, followed by a minute's silence. The Manchester Survivors Choir and Parrs Wood High School Choir also performed at the service, singing the Beyonce's hit Halo.

At Manchester Cathedral the anniversary on 22 May will be marked with a quiet day. People are invited to spend time in prayer and to light a candle. The names of the victims will be read out at the 9am Holy Communion, 10.30 Sung Eucharist and 5.30pm Evensong. The bells will be rung at 10.31pm, the time of the attack.

[Read the full story.](#)

## Archbishop makes pilgrimage through Salford

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, visited Manchester and Salford on Thursday 5 May to mark the 600th anniversary of Manchester Cathedral and to make a pilgrimage on foot through Salford to MediaCity.

He stopped off at various points along the way to see something of the variety of life in Salford, to find out about the challenges and innovations in this diverse area and to pray with the people he met.

[Read the full story.](#)

Watch the video on [YouTube](#).

For photographs of the day, visit our [FlickR page](#).



## Diocese of Manchester Ember List 2022



Please pray for all those to be ordained this year and especially for these candidates who will serve in our Diocese. Pray for them in these final weeks of preparation and for a rich outpouring of God's grace for them and for the whole Church.

[Download the full list.](#)

In our Parish & Team, we're praying particularly for Revd Andy Jones who will be ordained priest at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## Manchester Diocesan Pilgrimage



**In the footsteps of Jesus**

**2 November - 9 November, 2023**

*With an option to visit amazing Petra*

Following the immense success of their 2017 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, our three bishops, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Mark Davies and Bishop Mark Ashcroft, are leading another in 2023 and invite you to join them.

Our travels through the Holy Land will introduce us to the landscape that shaped Jesus, and teach us to read the Gospels with fresh eyes as we stand on the shore of Lake Galilee, the Mount of the Transfiguration, or walk through the streets of Jerusalem.

We invite you to come prepared to be changed by what you see, and what you will discuss with fellow pilgrims and local people. Expect to be inspired and challenged by the situations and contrasts you encounter.

To find out more, [download brochure](#).

**CRUX**  
Church for a different world

May/June 2022



## Crux: May / June edition

The latest edition of Crux is now available to download.

Items include information about people being ordained this summer, our first Digital Sunday, the Children Changing Places project and an update on diocesan finances.

Printed copies of the latest edition should be in our churches now.

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