

Welcome to St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley



Diocese of Leeds

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have asked for our prayers: Joe Dawes

Sick and suffering: Craig Craggs, Fiona Benson and Rita Walker

Recently departed:

Year's mind: Mary Edgington 2007
Alice Waters 1995 Charlie Dawkins 1985
Geoffrey Earnshaw 2005 Joseph Milner 2015
Edwina Gregory 2020 Margaret Tree 1972
Emmanuel Howard 2014

If you know of anyone who has any need of prayer, please let us know.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Colosseum of Chaos (Red Ladder Theatre) – Saturday 25th July 2:00pm (rehearsal 11:00am)

WHAve! – Saturday 1st August 12 – 2:30pm (with lunch)

WHAve! – Saturday 8th August 12 – 2:30pm (with lunch)

Wedding - Saturday 15th August 1:00pm
Adam Farrar/Jennifer Pearce

St. Bartholomew's Day Mass – Sun 23rd Aug

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Sunday 12th July 2026

Fifteenth Sunday and Week of the Year (Trinity 6)

Parish Mass & Church Parade 10:00am

Celebrant: Fr Ian Cook

Hymns: 334 237 352 297 368

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Monday PCC Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday Said Mass 10:00am
in the Centenary Chapel

WHAve! Choral Project 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday WHAVE! Choral Project
7:00 – 8:30pm

Saturday Summer Fair 11:00am to 2:00pm

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, WE ALL SAY:

We remember before you all those who worship at or are associated with St. Bartholomew's. May they continue to be strong in their faith and commitment. We pray for the future of your church in this parish and ask that ways are found to enable us to continue worshipping at this church. We also pray that Christ's love may be extended to all those with whom we come into contact. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY 19th July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday and Week of the Year (Trinity 7)

Sunday Parish Mass with Baptism
10:00am with guest preacher Richard Brooke (ordinand, College of the Resurrection, Mirfield)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14 R. Luke 8:8

R: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

1. You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. **R.**
2. And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. **R.**
4. The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' <

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.'

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.