

Welcome to St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley



Diocese of Leeds

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

Sick and suffering: Craig Craggs, Fiona Benson

Recently departed:

Year's mind: John (Jack) Kaye Lafferty 2009
Sheila Rawson 2010, Jack Windross 1964,
Ivor Broughton 1994, Joan Clayton 2010,
Betty Waspe 2025, Ben Handley 1998,
Margaret Lovett 2014

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Heritage Open Day – Sunday 20th September
9:30am – 12 noon (Mass 10:00am -11:15am)

Harvest Thanksgiving Parish Mass and Church Parade – Sunday 11th October 10:00am

PCC Meeting – Monday 12th October 7:00pm on Zoom

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Local lottery winner 5th September – Rachel

Please take a look at St. Bartholomew's Armley website on 'A Church Near You'

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3323/

Sunday 13th September 2026

24th Sunday of the Year
(Trinity 15)

Parish Mass 10:00am

Celebrant: Fr Ian Cook

Hymns: 324 393 378 282 466

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Sunday (today) Heritage Open Day

9:30am - 12:00 noon

WHAve! 2:00pm – 4:00pm (with tea/cakes)

Tues Creative Community Conversations

10:00am – 1:00pm (with refreshments/lunch)

Thursday Said Mass 10:00am

Friday WHAve! 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Saturday WHAve! 10:00am – 5:00pm

(10:30 – 12:00 Open rehearsal and performance,
1:00 – 5:00 Open choral workshop)

Heritage Open Day 10:30am – 5:00pm

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

Dear Lord, please help us in our endeavours to keep our church open. Give us strength, inspiration, courage and your blessing as we try.

We ask for an increase in members every Sunday and at our Thursday services. In Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Amen

NEXT SUNDAY 20th September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Trinity 16)
Sunday Parish Mass 10:00am

Celebrant: Fr Ian Cook

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

COLLECT

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.
Anger and wrath, these are abominations,
and the sinful man will hold them fast.
The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord,
and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded.
Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.
Does one person harbour anger against another
and yet seek for healing from the Lord?
Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself
and yet pray concerning his own sins?
If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath,
who will make atonement for his sins?
Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity,
remember destruction and death
and be true to the commandments.
Remember the commandments
and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High
and overlook error.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R. 8

**R: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**
3. He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

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

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us
dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we
die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we

are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he
might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 13:34

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will
my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven
times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but
seventy times seven.'

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began
to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand
talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be
sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment
to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have
patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity
for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him
the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of
his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing
him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his
fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with
me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison
until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what
had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and
reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master
summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave
you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you
have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?"
And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should
pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of
you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!

*The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your
wings.*

Or

*The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.