# Welcome to St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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:** Margaret Bruce 1997, Jack Wright 2012, Philip Knowles 2007, Fr Geoffrey Sowerby 2022, Brenda O'Nions 2017, Shaquille Anderson 2025.
If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer, please let us know.

## *UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS*

**Christmas Lessons and Carols –** Saturday 19th December 3:30pm

**Christmas Pop Concert with Creative Frame and Man About Town**– Sunday 20th December 5:45pm to 6:30pm. Doors open 4:00pm. Refreshments, art and music

**First Mass of Christmas –** Thursday 24th December 4:00pm

**Christmas Day Parish Mass –** Friday 25th December 10:00am

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Local lottery winner 21st. November - Thelma

Sunday 29th November 2026
Advent Sunday
Parish Mass 10:00am
Celebrant: Fr Ian White

Hymns: 15 8 (t. 128 ii) 16 19 (t. ii) 9

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

**Thursday: Said Mass** 10:00am in the Centenary Chapel

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

O Lord, as our church continues to persevere, threatened with the ever-present possibility of closure, we pray for the preservation of our building and our congregation. Help us to find the right words to express our love for this magnificent place of worship and to proclaim our care for all our parishioners. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died to save us all. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY 6th December 2026
Second Sunday of Advent Parish Mass 10:00am
Celebrant: Fr Ian Cook

If you haven't any cash, please donate to the church using the **card reader** near the refreshment serving counter.

Please see Jon for assistance

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

**www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3323/**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

***To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.***
***In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.***
***Nor let my enemies exult over me;***
***and let none who hope in you be put to shame.***

## COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
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 Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1. 3b-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

You, O LORD, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.
O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.

O that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.
You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
The word of the Lord.
***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 80(79):2ac. 3b. 15-16. 18-19. R. 4

R: ***Bring us back, O God;***
***let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.***

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The word of the Lord.
***Thanks be to God.***

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Psalm 85(84):8

R: ***Alleluia, alleluia.***
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
R: ***Alleluia.***

## GOSPEL Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us,
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
***Amen.***

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***The Lord will bestow his bounty,***
***and our earth shall yield its increase.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.
***Amen.***

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