



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church	St Thomas' Church	St Bartholomew's Church
9:15am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh	9:15am Holy Communion Revd Kenneth Newport	11:00am Service of the Word Sue Aveyard / Elaine Simkin Hymns: as in the order of service

This week we pray for:

Those who are ill: Carole Bullough, Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Valerie Haddock, Paul Hibbert, Joan James, Pat James, Michael Partington, Barbara Penistan, Claire Pope, Kitty Pope Graham Spencer.

Those who have died: Sandra Dickinson

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: John Berry, Tony Berry, Ralph Chapman, George Fairclough, James Littler, Dennis Newton, Joseph Partington, John Pemberton, William Richardson, Richard Smith, Joan Southworth, Darryl Woodward.

NEXT SUNDAY: The Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Exodus 19. 2 – 8a / Romans 5. 1 - 8 / Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

9:15am	Service of the Word at St George's	Elaine Simkin
9:15am	Service of the Word at St Thomas'	Christine Andrews
11:00am	Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's	Revd Carol Pharaoh / Sue Aveyard
	Team Rector: Revd Carol Pharaoh 01942 859251	carol.pharaoh@gmail.com

Team Vicar: on sabbatical

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 @Westhoughtontowerbellringers

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PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

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The week ahead:

Sunday 7th 3:00pm	St James' Church Daisy Hill	Team Confirmation Service
Monday 8th 9:30 – 11:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship St Bartholomew's Committee Meeting PCC meting
Wednesday 10th 3:45pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church Bolton Parish Church	Talking tables Choir Practice Archdeacon's Visitation
Saturday 13th 3:00pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Bell Peal

Bolton Ironman –

This Sunday

This is running again on Sunday 7th June and there are a number of road closures in our area between 7:00am – 11:00am that day, especially along the A6 and around the Chequerbent roundabout.

Please check your route and allow extra time especially if coming to St George's or St Thomas' that morning.

It should be clear for the 11:00am services and the confirmation service at St James at 3:00pm

Readings for Sunday 7th June 2026**Collect**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5. 15 – 6. 6

Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

6 "Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

4 "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. **5** Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth— then my judgments go forth like the sun. **6** For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

New Testament Reading: Romans 4. 13 - 25

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. **14** For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, **15** because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. **17** As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. **20** Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was

strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, **21** being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. **22** This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." **23** The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, **24** but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. **25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9. 9 – 13 & 18 - 26

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. **10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

18 While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." **19** Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. **21** She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

22 Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. **23** When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, **24** he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. **25** After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. **26** News of this spread through all that region.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers: The First Sunday after Trinity

We give thanks for the Church throughout the world and especially for the work of this church and our parish and team in the local community.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for nations of the world and for those in authority. We remember especially those who are caught up in conflict and who scared, hungry and homeless.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially those who are on the church prayer list or known to us or to you alone.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We remember all those who have died in father especially those recently departed and those who mourn for them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Merciful Father,

Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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St Bartholomew

St Thomas

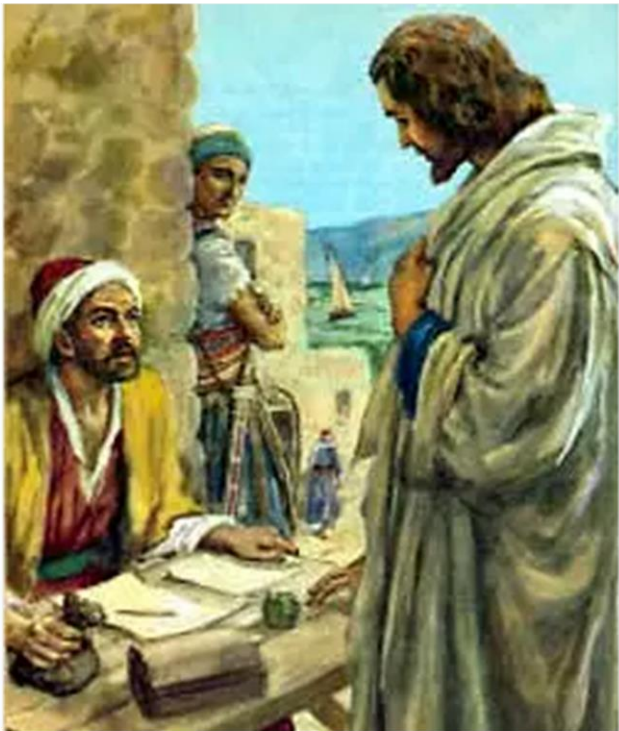
St George

THE PARISH OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
WESTHOUGHTON



Sunday 7th June

11:00am



**The First
Sunday after
Trinity**

Jesus calls Matthew
"Follow me."

Service of the Word

All Welcome

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



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.

Office Hour – Baptism Bookings

We're now running Saturday morning appointments for booking baptisms. Please e-mail westhoughtonparish@outlook.com for an appointment.

Sunday School

We're running at St Bartholomew's but not St George's this week.

Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

We're running this week and each Monday morning in June 9:30 – 11:00am

Parish Website

We've moved to the "A Church near You" website – please see

[St Bart's - A Church Near You](#)

Committee Meetings

Dates of Committee Meetings: *all at St Bartholomew's church*

Monday 8th June

6:30pm St Bartholomew's Committee

7:30pm PCC

Monday 22nd June

7:30pm St George's Committee

CONFIRMATION 2026



This year's Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 7th June at 3:00pm at St James' Church, Daisy Hill with Bishop Matthew. We pray for those from our team being confirmed at this service.

Experience Creation Event - cancelled

The Experience Creation event planned for this week at St Bartholomew's church has been cancelled. We will look at rearranging this later in the year.

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June 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	June
Sunday 7th	<p>Trinity 1</p> <p>9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Service of the Word</p> <p>3:00pm St James' Church – Team Confirmation Service</p> <p>NB Ironman events – road closures</p>
Monday 8th	<p>9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 6:30pm St Bartholomew's St Bartholomew's Committee Meeting 7:30pm St Bartholomew's PCC Meeting</p>
Tuesday 9th	
Wednesday 10th	<p>10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm Bolton Parish Church – Archdeacon's Visitation 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice</p>
Thursday 11th	St Barnabas the Apostle
Friday 12th	
Saturday 13th	3:00pm Quarter Peal – Lancashire Association of Bell Ringers 150 th anniversary
Sunday 14th	<p>Trinity 2</p> <p>9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Service of the Word 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion</p> <p>1:00pm St Bartholomew's – Baptism 2:00pm St Bartholomew's – Baptism</p>
Monday 15th	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Tuesday 16th	
Wednesday 17th	<p>10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – <i>Jesus turns water into wine</i> 7:30pm Manchester Cathedral – Archdeacon's Visitation 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice CANCELLED</p>
Thursday 18th	

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Friday 19th	
Saturday 20th	7:30pm St Bartholomew's - Brixi Singers Concert 7:00pm St John's Wingates – Ignite Youth meeting
Sunday 21st	Trinity 3 Fathers' Day 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Service of the Word 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 22nd	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St Bartholomew's - St George's Church Committee
Tuesday 23rd	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Wednesday 24th	Birth of St John the Baptist 10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 6:45pm St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation Meeting 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 25th	
Friday 26th	
Saturday 27th	Blackrod Scarecrow Festival
Sunday 28th	Trinity 4 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion 10:30am Manchester Cathedral – Ordinations Blackrod Scarecrow Festival
Monday 29th	St Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday 30th	

Café Church

Returns fortnightly in term time at St Bartholomew's church on
Wednesdays 3:45 – 4:30pm

The timetable for the summer term is below

We are looking for anyone who can help out with refreshments once or twice during the term. Please see any of the leaders.

	MIRACLES OF JESUS		
17-June	Jesus turns water into wine (John 2: 1-12)	Elaine	
01-July	Jesus walks on water (Matthew 14: 22-33)	Christine	
08-July	<i>School Production</i>		
15-July	Jesus feeds 5000 people (John 6: 1-14)	Joan	
	AUTUMN TERM Next Café Church 09 th September 2026		

Blackrod Scarecrow Festival

Sat 27th – Sun 28th June

St Katharine's church will be open with stalls, raffle and £5 lunch bags with sandwiches, crisps, chocolate bar and a drink to eat in or take away.

All welcome.



Lancashire Association of Change Ringers

Mark their 150th anniversary this June. They are organising bell ringing throughout the association on Saturday 13th June.

There will be ringing at St Katharine's, Blackrod between 11:00am and noon and we'll be welcoming them to ring a quarter peal at St Bartholomew's from 3pm.

Ignite Youth

Have their next meeting on Saturday 20th June from 7:00 – 8:30pm at St John's church, Wingates.

Year 5s moving up to year 6 after summer are especially welcome to attend.

More details on the poster later in this Pewsheet.

Summer Concerts

We have a couple of concerts coming up at St Bartholomew's church in the next month.

The Brixi Singers return on Saturday 20th June at 7:30pm for a "Summer Serenade" concert of seasonal popular music. Tickets are £12 at the door

On Saturday 4th July, Ed will be playing an organ recital starting at 2:00pm. Given the date, we're having a mainly American programme which gives us not only the organ repertoire to go at but lots of Broadway and Hollywood too. It's free entry but with a retiring collection, so you have to pay to leave.

All welcome – further details on the posters later in this pewsheet.

St George's Update

Shop online at Easy Fundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Register to support St George's Church, the Hoskers.

Each time you shop, suppliers make donations to our church.

Thousands of suppliers are involved.

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St George's Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd June 7:30pm at St Bartholomew's church.



Please join us on Saturday 20th June

(Year 5s going up to Year 6 after the summer
are welcome to join us)

7.00 – 8.30pm

at St John's Wingates

Food, fun and activities for all our youth

RSVP to igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

Next Ignite Youth - Saturday 11th July at 6pm

(Year 5s will again be welcome
& families & carers)



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The Brixi Singers

Musical Director Richard Lea

present

Summer Serenade

An evening of
popular, seasonal
music

Saturday June 20th 2026

7.30pm

St Bartholomew's

Westhoughton BL5 2BG

Tickets £12 Under 16s free

Available on the door or from 07862736766



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
WESTHOUGHTON



Organ

Recital

Saturday 4th July

2:00pm

*"Born on the 4th July" programme of [mainly]
American music.*

Organist Edward McHale

Free admission / retiring collection

Refreshments served

All Welcome

Archdeacons' Visitations: A Time for Welcome, Celebration and Commitment

Each year, following the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), church officers take part in the Archdeacons' Visitations - an important moment in the life of our diocese.

These services mark the formal admission of newly elected churchwardens, who are only officially in post once they have been admitted by their Archdeacon. Sidespersons and PCC members also make declarations of commitment to support the mission and ministry of their parish. Visitations are both a legal and spiritual milestone, grounding the year ahead in prayer, encouragement, and shared commitment.

While historically they included reports on parish life and clergy conduct, today they focus on recognising and celebrating the vital ministry of churchwardens. They are also a valuable opportunity to gather with others from across the diocese, meet fellow churchwardens, Area Deans, and their Archdeacon, and be reminded that each parish is part of a wider community.

This year's Visitations will be especially meaningful, as they will be the final set led by Archdeacon Rachel before her retirement. These services are an opportunity to give thanks together for Archdeacon Rachel's support of parishes across the archdeaconries of Salford and Bolton.

Full details of this year's Visitation services, including dates and venues, together with the required forms, can be found at the link below.

[**Read More**](#)

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Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
ARCHDEACONRIES OF MANCHESTER,
ROCHDALE, BOLTON AND SALFORD

2026

To the Rector, Vicar or other Officiating Minister of:

This notice must be displayed on the principal door of your church.

ARCHDEACONS' VISITATIONS 2026

CHURCHWARDENS WILL BE ADMITTED AT THE FOLLOWING VISITATION SERVICES,
COMMENCING AT 7:30PM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

ARCHDEACONRY OF BOLTON

Monday 1 June St Mary Rawtenstall
Wednesday 10 June St Peter w St Philip Bolton
Wednesday 8 July Christ Church Walshaw

ARCHDEACONRY OF ROCHDALE

Tuesday 2 June Christ Church Ashton
Tuesday 9 June St Chad Rochdale
Thursday 18 June Oldham Parish Church
Monday 22 June St Luke Heywood

ARCHDEACONRY OF MANCHESTER

Thursday 4 June St Michael with All Angels,
Lawton Moor
Wednesday 10 June St Matthew with St Mary
Crumpsall
Wednesday 17 June Manchester Cathedral

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALFORD

Wednesday 3 June St Peter Swinton

It is a legal requirement for all churchwardens to be admitted into office

The act of admission at the Visitation is an important and significant event for your Parish. The Venerable the Archdeacons of Manchester, Rochdale, Salford and Bolton further request that members of the clergy should be present at the Visitation to support the lay officers of the Parish. All members of parochial church councils are also invited to accompany the churchwardens and sidespeople.

NOTES FOR CLERGY AND NEWLY ELECTED CHURCHWARDENS:

- If a churchwarden cannot attend the date for the visitation service for their deanery, they may attend and be admitted at any alternative visitation service in the diocese.
- An elected churchwarden will lose the right to be admitted into their office if they do not attend a visitation service or complete alternative arrangements (which must be made directly with either an Archdeacon or the Diocesan Registrar) before **31 AUGUST** in the year in which they have been elected at the annual meeting of parishioners.
- All churchwardens (whether elected for the first time or re-elected for a further term) must make the declarations for the due execution of their office. Online forms can be found on the diocesan website www.manchester.anglican.org by searching for 'churchwarden admission'.

DONNA MYERS, Diocesan Registrar,
St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND

**Our closest service is highlighted at Bolton Parish Church on
Weds 10th June at 7:30pm. The other dates and venues are
available for those who can't attend on that date.**

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ENCOUNTER

**A new midweek
service and time
for fellowship
running through
May & June 2026**

**FROM THURSDAY MAY 7TH
GATHER FOR TEA & COFFEE
FROM 10.30AM
SERVICE 11.30AM-12PM**

Lunchtime Concerts at Bolton Parish Church

Join us for our season of Lunchtime Concerts at Bolton Parish Church!

We have a wonderful range of musicians this year, and all of these concerts are free of charge-with donations accepted and encouraged.

April 21st Bolton School Young Musician of the Year

April 28th Josh Hughes, classical guitar

May 5th Aidan McCusker, tenor

May 12th Isabella Briggs, piano

May 19th Kirsty McNaughton, soprano

May 26th Johanna Leung and Chichi Li, clarinet and piano

June 2nd Junior Royal Northern College of Music

June 9th John Powell, Baritone

June 16th Heidi Aspinall, saxophone

June 23rd Jasmine Higgs, Soprano

June 30th The Sylvia Quartet (from the Royal College of Music, London)

July 7th No concert (we are hosting graduation ceremonies this week)

July 14th The Apple Sellers

July 21st Logan Ferris, Organ

July 28th Palm Court with the Northern Duo

MIDSUMMER OPEN DAY **BOLTON PARISH CHURCH** **FREE ENTRY**

MAKER'S MARKET

10AM - 3PM

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS
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JEWELLERY, COSMETICS
ARTISAN FOODS
ART
TOWER TOURS
TOMBOLA

VISITORS PARK FREE

BOLTON PARISH CHURCH
SILVERWELL STREET

Rotary
Bolton Lever 

News from our Diocese of Manchester

The **Prayer Diary** for June is [available here](#).

Farewell Service for Archdeacon Rachel Mann

As Archdeacon Rachel prepares to retire from her role as Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton, all are invited to Manchester Cathedral for a special service of Evensong on Sunday, 5th July 2026 at 5:30pm. Please add this date to your diary. We hold Rachel in our prayers and look forward to gathering together to celebrate her ministry and bid her a fond farewell.



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SERVICES

Archdeacons' Visitations Services

This week marked the start of the annual Archdeacons' Visitation Services, where newly elected churchwardens are formally admitted to office. Services have already taken place at St Mary's Rawtenstall, Christ Church Ashton, and St Peter's Swinton, and will continue across the diocese throughout June and July, bringing together churchwardens, clergy, and lay leaders in prayer and shared commitment.

At yesterday's service, Archdeacon Rachel Mann, who is preparing to retire next month, reflected on the importance of rest as a way to reconnect with God and sustain ministry. Her message resonated with those beginning their roles, offering encouragement as they prepare for the responsibilities that lie ahead. She also expressed gratitude for the support she has received, and was thanked by those present for her committed service to our diocese.

If you are attending the upcoming services, we look forward to seeing you there.

[Read More](#)



A Prayer for Our Diocese

Almighty and eternal God,
we thank you for the life and witness of your people
in Manchester Diocese over many years,
and give thanks for the signs of your kingdom today.

As we look to the future,
may we grow deeper in faith,
proclaim the hope that comes from knowing you,
and live the gracious love of Jesus.

We ask these things through the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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