

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2026 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services

St George's Church	St Thomas' Church	St Bartholomew's Church
9:15am Service of the Word Elaine Simkin	9:15am Café Church Revd Angela Wynne	11:00am Holy Communion Elaine Simkin / Revd Carol Pharaoh Hymns: 545, 358, 676, 236, 818

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:

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Alice Ashton, Brian Clare, Thomas Farrimond, Lena Hodgkiss, Edward Lakstigala, Irene Maddison, Jim Wright,

NEXT SUNDAY: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 55. 1 - 5 / Romans 9. 1 - 5 / Matthew 14. 13 - 21

9:15am	Holy Communion at St George's	Revd Mandy Rhodes
9:15am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'	Revd Angela Wynne
11:00am	Service of the Word at St Bartholomew's	Revd Sue Aveyard

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Guest Speaker: Mike Chesterton from the Christian charity Safer Families/Home for Good will be speaking at St Thomas' and at St Bartholomew's services today.

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The week ahead:

Monday 27th 6:00pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Wedding Rehearsal
Tuesday 28th 6:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 29th 10:30am ---	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church	Talking tables Choir Practice - CANCELLED
Thursday 30th	St Bartholomew's Church	In use all day as a polling station
Saturday 1st August 10:00am 10:00am - noon 10:30am - noon 1:00pm 3:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St James' Church St John's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Diocesan Parish Share Agreement meeting Open Church with Refreshments Open Church with Refreshments Wedding – Bullough / Townsend Wedding – Horrocks / Hughes

Readings for Sunday 26th July 2026**Collect:**

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Second Reading: Romans 8. 26 - 39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he

also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13. 31 - 33 and 44 - 52

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be
free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your
love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your
body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.



Prayers: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

In the power of the Spirit and union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of parable and prayer, grant us the courage of the mustard seed, that we might not be overwhelmed by our smallness. Give us the patience of yeast, that we might not try to rush that which needs time. The vision of the man in the field, that we might recognise treasure when we find it. The wisdom of the merchant, that we might give all that we have for that which is truly precious. And strength of the net, that we might bear all things in life and not be torn.

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

Lord, we thank you that even the smallest seed of faith can grow into a mighty tree. We pray for the Church, that we may be a welcoming branch providing rest and shelter for the weary in our communities. Give us the patience to nurture tiny beginnings and trust in your unseen growth.

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

Lord of parable and prayer, your kingdom works its way in throughout the world to bring justice, mercy and peace to all nations. We pray for those searching and longing for peace and reconciliation, asking for an end to conflicts across the world.

We pray for our world leaders and local authorities. Guide them to plant seeds of justice, peace, and equality. In places where hope feels small or fragile, let it sprout and flourish into something extraordinary.

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

Lord of parable and prayer, your kingdom works its way in throughout the world to bring justice, mercy and peace to all nations. We pray for those searching and longing for peace and reconciliation, asking for an end to conflicts across the world

We lift up our local community, schools, and families here in Bolton. For those feeling isolated, overwhelmed, or overlooked, we pray they find a place of refuge and belonging in our midst. Help us to be kind neighbours, sowing love in everyday actions.

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

Lord of parable and prayer, with your kingdom comes healing, release for captives and hope for the poor. We pray for those who need healing, and for those longing for comfort, and we now lift to you those known personally to us in a moment of quiet.

We bring before you those who are sick, grieving, or facing uncertain futures. When their strength feels as small as a mustard seed, remind them that your power can move mountains and offer deep comfort.

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

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Lord of parable and prayer, your kingdom fills heaven and earth and even death cannot separate us from your love. We thank you for those who have gone before us in faith and helped to build up your kingdom. We pray for those approaching death and for those who mourn a loved one, asking that we will all be gathered together with you when your kingdom is fully established on earth

May your kingdom come

On earth as it is in heaven

Loving God, we thank you that you do not require perfect, unshakable faith—only a willing heart. As we step into the new week, help us to scatter seeds of joy, grace, and compassion wherever we go.

We praise you, Lord Jesus, for the richness of the parables that root our faith in the ordinary and yet transform it. Increase in us a sense of wonder, that we might see signs of your kingdom wherever we are, and bless us with the words to tell new stories of your love and grace to all we meet. We pray in your name.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. May our mustard-seed faith bring forth a harvest of love. Amen

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**THE PARISH OF
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Sunday 26th July

11:00am



**The Eighth
Sunday after
Trinity**

**“The Mustard
Seed”**

Holy Communion

All Welcome

Post- Communion Prayer

Well, I suppose everyone has their favourite post-communion prayer [*what, just me!*] and this week we get to mine, which just pips my other favourite into second place. We'll sing it during communion at St Bartholomew's immediately before it's said in the service.

There's a reflection on the words we've reprinted below:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

THIS prayer has a long tradition in Christian worship, right back to the fourth century. It originated as a poem by Ephrem the Syrian (c.306-73), was used in the fifth-century Malabar rite [the St Thomas' Christians] in South India as a prayer at Holy Communion, and came into many of our hymn books in translations by J. M. Neale and Percy Dearmer first published in 1859 and later in the English Hymnal. It took a while before it became the post-communion prayer for Trinity 8 in Common Worship.



It is fascinating to experience how those early worshippers responded to God in communion. The concerns addressed by the prayer seem contemporary to our lives, even if the language has a timeless feel. Deceit, disputes, clamour, and gossip; unholy actions and activities - these are the easy habits that we need God to save us from. Instead, we are given a vision of love, hope, and life, to feed and sustain us.

The intense physicality of the prayer is inescapable. No pious generalisations here, but a direct equation between being nourished by the Body of Christ and the impact this has on our bodies. Hands, ears, tongues, eyes - and feet, too, in the hymn version of the original - all absorb God's transfiguring, radiant power.

Eyes shine, and bodies are refreshed with a spiritual beauty that the commercial efforts of the advertising, health-care, diet, fashion, and cosmetic industries can never imitate. Here is a regime and a ritual that works.

If the prayer is wonderfully pragmatic, it is also programmatic. This is the effect that the sacrament of Christ's body will have on our bodies and our lives, listed sense by sense, clause by clause. Or, at least, this should be the effect. . . It is good to be reminded of what we are and will be in Christ.

The prayer could well be adapted as a form of self-examination - a preparation for confession perhaps. Have my hands offered service worthy of the most holy sacrament that is cradled and enthroned by them when I receive communion? Have I listened as eagerly to God's word as to gossip, grievances, and backbiting? Have I been honest in my relationships with others, and in my praise and worship of God? Would anyone recognise, for all my failings, the hope that is in me, or the life of Christ at work in me?

Fullness of life is what Christ comes to give us, to refresh us with, as we come to receive him. And the habits of worship are habits that we will be clothed with eternally. I love the physicality of the picture we get in Revelation of the worship of heaven: falling down before the throne of God, hands holding bowls of incense, eyes beholding what angels veil their faces to, and a myriad of tongues singing "Holy, Holy, Holy".

This is what we are being strengthened and shaped for, physically and spiritually, by our worship here. This is what Christ gives us a token and pledge of in communion, a promise that we will share in the communion of the saints, and indeed give glory to God for ever.

In holy communion, each of our hands takes these holy things to our comfort; each of us hears and receives God's holy word; and each tongue tells of the glorious mystery. Our eyes behold the Lamb of God, and our bodies are made clean by Christ's body. The prayer makes us realise that everything we are, in our full physicality — hands, ears, tongues, eyes, and bodies — is transformed by this offering of praise and thanksgiving.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.
Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.
The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

It's the weekend when we mark the feast day of St James the Greater. We pray for Revd Malcolm and Katie wearing and their family and all who work, worship and witness at St James' church in our own team and for the community of Daisy Hill which they serve

Saturday 25th July St. James the Apostle

Here's St. James' top 10 best bits!

1. Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. He was born in Galilee and died in around 44 AD in Jerusalem.
2. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."
3. James and his younger brother, the apostle St. John, are designated Boanerges (from the Greek *boanerges*), or "sons of thunder" ([Mark 3:17](#)), perhaps because of their characteristic fiery zeal ([Mark 9:38](#), [Luke 9:54](#)).
4. With Saints Peter and Andrew, James and John were the first four disciples whom Jesus called ([Mark 1:16–19](#)). James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.
5. Their question ("Tell us, when will this [the end of time] be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?") sparks Jesus' sermon on the last days and the end of time. [[Mark 13](#)]. *It's called eschatology if you really want to show off!*
6. As a member of the inner circle, James witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter ([Mark 5:37](#), [Luke 8:51](#)).
7. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration [[Mark 9:2](#)] and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.
8. James and John asked Jesus to let them sit, one at his right and one at his left, in his future glory ([Mark 10: 35–40](#)), a favour that Jesus said was not his to grant – *it's the reading below*.
9. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea who had him beheaded. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die and the only disciple whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament [[Acts 12. 2](#) – *also the reading printed below*]
10. As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago [translates as St. James]. Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place for pilgrims following Rome and Jerusalem.



Collect:

*Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us,
forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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.*

Acts 11.27 – 12. 2

²⁷At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Matthew 20. 20 - 28

²⁰The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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*Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church...

*Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.***

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs...

*Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.***

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share...

*Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.***

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing...

*Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.***

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death...

*Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.***

*Almighty God,
Grant that your Church
may faithfully hold and make known
the faith that has come to us through the apostles,
that with them and all your saints
we may inherit the glories of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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



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

Sunday School is now on its summer break. We're back in September.

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Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

We're on our Summer Break. We'll be back on Monday 7th September.

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 7th September 7:30pm St George's Church Committee meeting

Monday 14th September 6:30pm St Bartholomew's Church Committee meeting
Followed at 7:30pm PCC meeting

Monday 21st September 7:00pm St Bartholomew's Building & Maintenance Committee

July 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	July
Sunday 26 th	Trinity 8 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Café Church 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 27 th	6:00pm St Bartholomew's – Wedding Rehearsal
Tuesday 28 th	6:30pm St Bartholomew's – Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 29 th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice - CANCELLED
Thursday 30 th	ALL DAY – St Bartholomew's in use as a polling station
Friday 31 st	

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August 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	August
Saturday 1st	10:00am Open Church St James' Daisy Hill 10:30am Bric n Brac n Brew St John's Church, Wingates 10:00am St Bartholomew's – Parish Share Meeting 1:00pm St Bartholomew's Wedding – Bullough / Townsend 3:30pm St Bartholomew's Wedding – Horrocks / Hughes
Sunday 2nd	Trinity 9 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Service of the Word
Monday 3rd	
Tuesday 4th	1:30pm Holy Communion at Thurstons
Wednesday 5th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 6th	The Transfiguration of our Lord
Friday 7th	
Saturday 8th	2:00pm – 5:00pm St Bartholomew's "Singers of Note"
Sunday 9th	Trinity 10 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Service of the Word 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion 1:00pm St Bartholomew's – Baptism 2:00pm St Bartholomew's – Baptism 3:00pm St Bartholomew's – Baptism
Monday 10th	
Tuesday 11th	
Wednesday 12th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 13th	
Friday 14th	3:00pm St Bartholomew's Wedding – Woodward / Griffiths & baptism
Saturday 15th	The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Sunday 16th	Trinity 11 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's - Holy Communion
Monday 17th	
Tuesday 18th	
Wednesday 19th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 11:00am St Bartholomew's Midweek Communion & Luncheon Club 6:45pm St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation meeting 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 20th	11:00am – 1:00pm Kick Off Summer Fun at St John's Church 12:00 noon St Bartholomew's Wedding – Watkinson / Douglas-Littler
Friday 21st	
Saturday 22nd	
Sunday 23rd	St Bartholomew the Apostle / Trinity 12 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Café Church 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion & Bring and Share Lunch
Monday 24th	
Tuesday 25th	
Wednesday 26th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 27th	
Friday 28th	
Saturday 29th	
Sunday 30th	Trinity 13 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 31st	BANK HOLIDAY No groups meeting

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

It's the final meeting this week before the summer break. We plan to be back in September.

Church faculty:

Please note that as part of the plan to replace the main entrance doors and windows at St Bartholomew's, we are required to display the Form 4A public notice on our noticeboard and by the principal door until 11th August 2026.

Open Church with Refreshments

Every First Saturday at 10:30am – 12:00noon

St John's Wingates

Please do come and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We are collecting food donations for Westhoughton Assist.

Refreshments available and books and bric-a-brac stalls in aid of church funds.



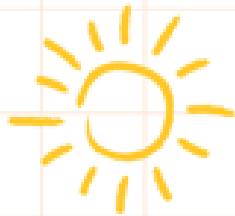
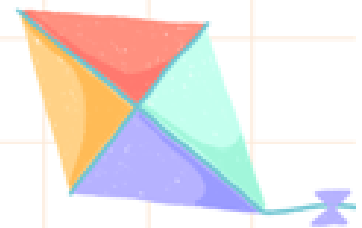
Open Doors

St. James Church, Daisy Hill

10 am -12 noon the first

Saturday of the month

Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, coffee, tea and toast - even crumpets if you like!



YOU ARE INVITED TO

KICK OFF SUMMER FUN

FOR
AGES
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COME AND ENJOY FUN ACTIVITIES, GAMES, AND ACTIVE
LEARNING FOR CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026

11AM - 1PM

**ST JOHN'S WINGATES CHURCH, CHORLEY
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ACTIVITIES:

Arts & craft
Group sport
Faith reflection

*Don't forget
to bring a
packed lunch*

For more information and to RSVP please email:
igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

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.

Make sure cookies are active and Ad blockers are inhibited.

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Lunchtime Concerts at Bolton Parish Church

1:15 – 1:45pm on Tuesdays

Refreshments from 12:45pm

Final concert this Tuesday before the summer break.

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.

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

Volunteer for Bolton Lunches 2026



Volunteer sign-ups are now open for Bolton Lunches 2026

Each summer, Urban Outreach works to make sure children across Bolton have something to eat during the school holidays. This year, we'll once again be preparing and delivering **thousands of packed lunches** - and we simply couldn't do it without the support of our wonderful volunteers.

🔍 What's Involved?

As a volunteer, you'll simply help by making sandwiches.

It does mean an **early 6:45am start**, but the atmosphere is always full of energy, and it's incredible to see what can be achieved together *before 8am*! Whether you can join us once or come along regularly, every bit of help really matters.

🕒 When?

Bolton Lunches will run, **Monday to Friday**, from **20th July to 28th August**.

You're welcome to volunteer for a single morning, a full week, one morning each week, or just the occasional day - whatever works best for you.

✓ How to Sign Up:

Simply click the email admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk and let us know which dates you're available.

❤️ Why It Matters

For many children in our community, these lunches are far more than just food - they're a vital source of support. Your time, care, and generosity help make that possible.

We'd love to welcome back familiar faces and meet new volunteers too. Come and be part of something practical, uplifting, and proudly Bolton.

Thank you for helping us make a difference this summer.

Many thanks, The Food Team at Urban Outreach (Bolton)

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News from our Diocese of Manchester

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



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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