



SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026

THE FIFTH 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 Elaine Simkin / Revd Sue Aveyard Hymns: as in the service sheet

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: Steven Evans,

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Margaret Aspinall, Dorothy Chadwick, Hannah Coop, Gillian Fisher, Clifford Hilton, Margaret Hodgins, Andrea Holder, Roy Howarth, Edith Hulton, Keith Hulton, Leonard Martin, May Martindale, James Nightingale, Dorothy Norman, Ann Richardson, Hilda Stuart, Phyllis Walker, Arthur Westby, Robert Whitton, Minnie Wrigley.

NEXT SUNDAY: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 55. 10 - 13 / Romans 8. 1 - 11 / Matthew 13. 1 - 9 & 18 - 23
Readings at St George's will be: Ruth 1. 15 - 16 / Matthew 7. 24 - 27

9:15am Café Church / Year 6 Leavers' Service at St George's Lay Led

9:15am Service of the Word at St Thomas' Christine Andrews

11:00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Revd Carol Pharaoh / Elaine Simkin

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Team Vicar: on sabbatical

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The week ahead:

Sunday 5th afternoon	St Bartholomew's Church	School Production Setting Up
Monday 6th 9:30 – 11:00am daytime	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday 7th Daytime 1:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church Thurstons	School Production Rehearsal Holy Communion Service
Wednesday 8th 10:30am 7:30pm All day	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Talking tables Choir Practice - CANCELLED School Production
Thursday 9th All day	St Bartholomew's Church	School Production
Friday 10th All day	St Bartholomew's Church	School in to clear up and clean
Saturday 11th 6:00pm	St John's Wingates	Ignite Youth Summer BBQ

DO NOTE:

Some regular church events are being cancelled this week due to the St Bartholomew's school production.

Readings for Sunday 5th July 2026**Collect:**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9. 9 - 12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading: Romans 7. 15 - 25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that

dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 11. 16 - 19 and 25 - 30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."
¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. ²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

God has drawn us down many different routes to this shared worship here. Let us be still and open our hearts to his presence.

Heavenly Father, we are the body of Christ because your Spirit binds us together. Give us true concern and love for one another so that we can support and encourage each other without malice or quarrels.

Lord, hear us Lord graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, all the states and kingdoms of this world are answerable to your authority, and much evil is allowed to flourish through the silence of good people. Give us the courage and the words to speak out your truth, humbly and persistently.

Lord, hear us Lord graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, be in all our listening at home, at work, at school and college. May we give our full attention to you and to one another, happy to grow wiser through each conversation.

Lord, hear us Lord graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those suffering acute and incessant pain, for those who have no one in whom they can confide, no one to listen. We pray that your love will enfold them, your peace brings them rest, and your healing transform them.

Lord, hear us Lord graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, make us ready during this life for the life to come. We remember those who have made their journey through death and commend them to your safekeeping.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for making your ways known to us and guiding us to your truth.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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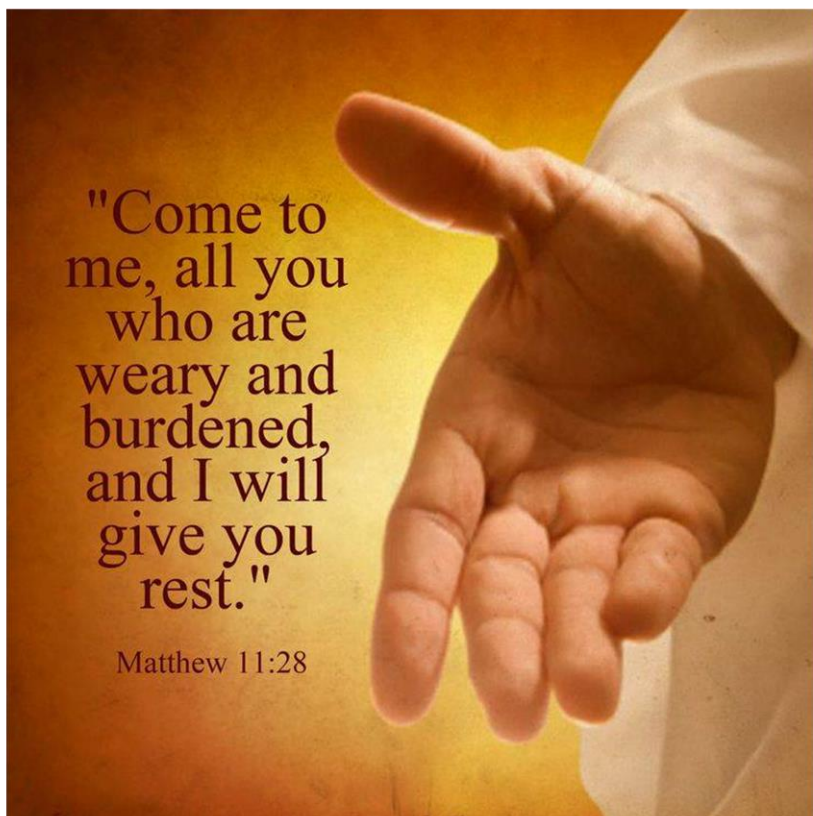
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THE PARISH OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
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Sunday 5th July

11:00am



**The Fifth
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Service of the Word

All Welcome

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From last weekend's ordinations:



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Revd Matt Dunne who is serving as curate at Bolton Parish Church with Revd Hannah Lane.

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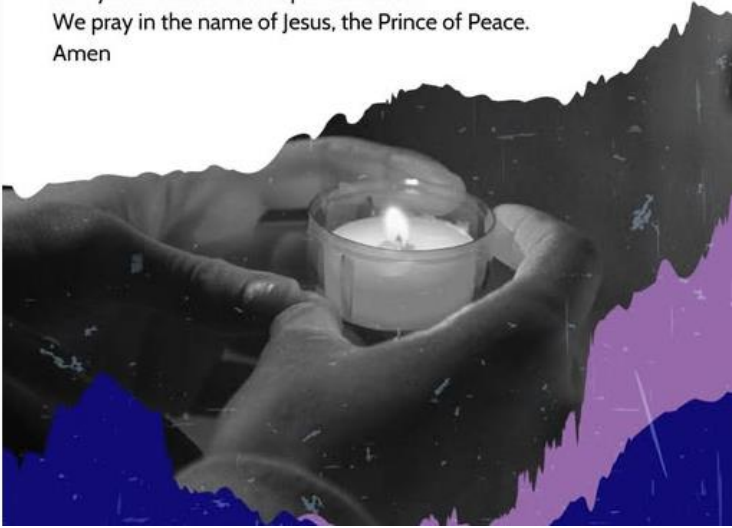
Revd Beccy Clark, ordained as priest and serving in the Deane Team.



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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 meeting at both St George's or St Bartholomew's this Sunday for the last meeting before the summer break.

Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

We're running this week on Monday morning 9:30 – 11:00am at St Bartholomew's church. We're also meeting next Monday 13th July which will be the final meeting before the summer break.

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

Ignite Youth BBQ

Ignite Youth will be taking place on **Saturday 11th July**

Usual place: **St John's Wingates**

Please note: starts at earlier time of 6pm and finishes 8pm

Ignite Youth is for Year 6 & up and includes activities, food and games. We want to invite any Year 5s moving up to Year 6 in September as well. Parents, carers & siblings are welcome too!

Please remember to RSVP letting us know numbers so we can cater for everyone. Also, if there are any dietary requirements or allergies.

Please **RSVP by Sunday 5th July** or let us know if you have any questions: igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

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See flyer later in this pewsheet.

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July 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	July
Sunday 5th	<p>Trinity 5</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>3:00 – 6:00pm SCHOOL PRODUCTION SET UP</p>
Monday 6th	<p>9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's</p> <p>SCHOOL PRODUCTION REHEARSAL</p>
Tuesday 7th	<p>9:00am – 4:00pm SCHOOL PRODUCTION REHEARSAL 1:30pm Holy Communion at Thurstons</p>
Wednesday 8th	<p>9:00am – 10:00pm SCHOOL PRODUCTION</p> <p>10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice – CANCELLED</p>
Thursday 9th	<p>9:00am – 10:00pm SCHOOL PRODUCTION</p>
Friday 10th	<p>SCHOOL PRODUCTION CLEAN UP</p>
Saturday 11th	<p>6:00pm St John's Wingates – Ignite Youth Summer BBQ</p>
Sunday 12th	<p>Trinity 6</p> <p>9:15am St George's - Café Church / Year 6 Leavers 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 13th	<p>9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's</p>
Tuesday 14th	<p>2:00pm St Bartholomew's St Bartholomew's School Leavers Service</p>
Wednesday 15th	<p>10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 11:00am St Bartholomew's Midweek Communion and Luncheon Club 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – Jesus feeds 5,000 <i>[FINAL session before summer break]</i> 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice</p>

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Thursday 16th	10:00am St Bartholomew's Year 6 School Leavers Service
Friday 17th	
Saturday 18th	Whole Day – St Bartholomew's "Singers of Note" Singing Day
Sunday 19th	Trinity 7 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 20th	
Tuesday 21st	
Wednesday 22nd	St Mary Magdalene 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 23rd	
Friday 24th	
Saturday 25th	St James the Apostle
Sunday 26th	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 27th	6:00pm St Bartholomew's – Wedding Rehearsal
Tuesday 28th	6:30pm St Bartholomew's – Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 29th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice - CANCELLED
Thursday 30th	ALL DAY – St Bartholomew's in use as a polling station
Friday 31st	

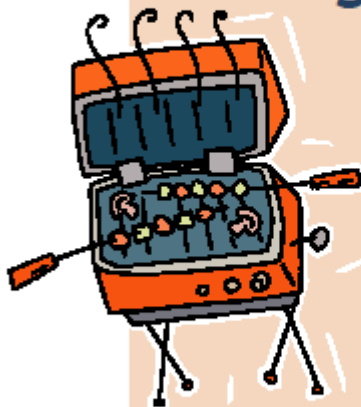
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St John's Wingates Church,
Chorley Road, Westhoughton
BL5 3PL

RSVP to:

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with numbers & dietary requirements

by Sunday 5th July

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		
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		

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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YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE

Next Sunday [12th July] at St George's it's our Year 6 leavers' service at 9:15am.

We're running Café Church with activities and refreshments that morning, all welcome.

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**ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH,
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St. George's Church and School

Year 6 Leavers Service

Sunday 12th July

9:15am

**Café Church Service followed by
refreshments**

All Welcome

Lunchtime Concerts at Bolton Parish Church

1:15 – 1:45pm on Tuesdays

Refreshments from 12:45pm

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)

admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk

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News from our Diocese of Manchester

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



NEWS

Archdeacon Rachel's Farewell Service and Collection

We are looking forward to gathering at Manchester Cathedral for a very special Evensong this Sunday, as we prepare to bid a fond farewell to Archdeacon Rachel Mann ahead of her retirement later this month.

Join us at 5:30pm as we celebrate Rachel's ministry and give thanks for the remarkable contribution she has made to our diocese over more than twenty years. It will be an opportunity to reflect on her faithful service, offer our thanks, and wish her every blessing in retirement.

We are also putting together a collection of messages from people and parishes across our diocese. If you would like to share your own tribute to Rachel, please send it to comms@manchester.anglican.org

Acting Area Deans

We are pleased to share the appointment of four Acting Area Deans, who will support their deaneries while full-time Area Deans are recruited, alongside their existing roles.

- Deanery of Bolton - Revd Dave Thompson



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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