

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026 THE ELEVENTH 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 Angela Wynne	9:15am Holy Communion Revd Carol Pharaoh	11:00am Holy Communion Revd Sue Aveyard / Revd Malcolm Wearing Hymns: 765, 655, 506, 446 / 258, 624

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: Andrew Gorton, Catherine Lovett

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Cissy Barton, George Barton, Florence Butterworth, Marion Butterworth, Mary Crompton, Robert Greaves, Robert Greenhalgh, Gladys Harrison, John Hesketh, Pollie Haworth, Marlene Hodgkinson, John Holbrook, Marilyn Marsh, John Myatt, William Povah, Robert Warner

NEXT SUNDAY: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 51. 1 - 6 / Romans 12. 1 - 8 / Matthew 16. 13 - 20

or

St Bartholomew the Apostle

Readings: to be set

9:15am	Service of the Word at St George's	Elaine Simkin
9:15am	Service of the Word at St Thomas'	Revd Angela Wynne
11:00am	Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's	Elaine Simkin / Revd Carol Pharaoh

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The week ahead:

Monday 17th 6:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 19th 10:30am 11:00am 6:45pm 7:30pm	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Talking tables Midweek Communion / Luncheon Club Baptism preparation meeting Choir Practice
Thursday 20th 11:00am – 1:00pm 12:00 noon	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church	Kick Off Summer Fun Wedding – Watkinson / Doulas-Littler

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Readings for Sunday 16th August 2026

Collect:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 56. 1, 6 - 8

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Second Reading: Romans 11. 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel: Matthew 15. 21 - 28

²¹Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Loving God we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.

We pray for the church – today's followers of Jesus

Lord God, help us to love those whom we find it difficult to love.
Give us a heart that reaches out to those we would otherwise ignore.
This will not be easy, Lord. It is not in our nature.
We spread our love thinly –
among those we can relate to,
those who share our values
and those who do not threaten our comfortable lifestyle.
It's not easy, Lord, and on our own we shall fail.
But with your help all things are possible.
You led the way, and it is your example that we look to.
You turned the values of this world upside down.
Do the same with us, Lord.
Help us live the reality of your love.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our troubled world

For people dealing with the effects of natural disasters – earthquakes, cyclones, floods, droughts and fires;
for people caught up in man-made conflicts bringing death and destruction;
for people suffering and coping with the uncertainties of ill health, broken relationships and death.

We remember Jesus saying:
Blessed are those who mourn – those who feel the pain of the world - for they shall be comforted.

Given help, given hope Lord, we bring to you our fears,
we bring to you our pain,
we bring to you our anxieties,
we bring to you our weaknesses,
we bring to you our despair,
we bring to you our doubts and lay them all at your feet.

With empty hands we reach out to you
and ask for overwhelming love and peace and joy in our world
and in our lives; to sustain, cleanse, calm, revive, and heal.

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Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, your call on our lives is always towards hope and grace. We pray for all young people who received their A level exam results this week.

We ask your blessing on them as they navigate their next step knowing that you are there for them always. As we rejoice with those who receive good news, we ask your blessing on them, knowing that you celebrate with us whenever life is rich and rewarding.

Bless those who are burdened with anxious thoughts; and comfort those who may face disappointment. Finally, we pray for those who still wait, in hope and amid uncertainty for their GCSEs next week. Keep watch with them, loving God, and be their strength.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves God of salvation,
you open the way to life by offering us unconditional love.

We rejoice in our freedom, our healing and our hope.

Teach us to be open to others, to offer welcome and practice inclusion in Jesus' name.

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

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Sunday 16th August



11:00am

**The
Eleventh
Sunday
after Trinity**

The Canaanite Woman's faith

Holy Communion

All Welcome

Organ Pops – St Bartholomew's

August is the month when good taste goes away and we have a famous piece at the end of our services.

This week, before the service, we'll have a few transcriptions by some local organist including a famous piece by Rachmaninov originally for piano and "The Holy City."

It is a religious Victorian ballad dating from 1892, with music by Michael Maybrick writing under the alias Stephen Adams, with lyrics by Frederic Weatherly. Its sheet music sales made it one of the most commercially successful songs in the UK and United States around the beginning of the 20th century. The song is mentioned in James Joyce's *Ulysses* (1922) and it gained renewed popularity when it was sung by Jeanette MacDonald in the 1936 hit film *San Francisco*.



Maybrick was born at 8 Church Alley, Liverpool, the fourth of the eight children. His grandfather and father served as parish clerk at St Peter's, Liverpool, and were minor composers. He was also a keen sportsman and after moving to the Isle of Wight, became a magistrate, was Mayor of Ryde five times and Chairman of the Isle of Wight Hospital.

In a strange twist both he and his brother James have been named as possible identities for Jack the Ripper.

We'll also mark the birthday of Samuel Sebastian Wesley [14th August] who died 150 years ago this year. He was the son of Samuel Wesley and grandson of Charles Wesley and owes his middle name to his father's devotion to the music of J S Bach. He was organist at Hereford and Exeter cathedrals, first organist of the new Leeds parish church [now minster] before moving to Winchester and finally Gloucester cathedrals. It was said he moved to the place where the fishing was finest.

We'll sing a couple of his hymn tunes today.

The Church's One Foundation arose as a result of a long-forgotten theological controversy known as the Colenso affair. This defence of the traditional church position was written in 1866 by Samuel Stone, a young curate in Windsor. This controversy also resulted in another hymn being written in favour of biblical orthodoxy "Lord, thy word abideth." It's said that Mrs Wesley was entertaining a group of friends in the close at Winchester, discussing a bowl of strawberries when Dr Wesley burst in, placed this tune on the piano with the words "I think this will be popular" and Mrs Wesley named the tune Aurelia on the spot. Pity they were singing it to "Jerusalem the Golden" but it is now wedded to these words.

The local connection is that **William Kenneth Macrorie** served as curate at St John's church Wingates in Lancashire before being appointed as the rival Bishop of Maritzburg in

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Natal, directly entering the bitter schism caused by the unorthodox-viewed Bishop John William Colenso.

O thou, who camest from above has words by Charles Wesley set to S S Wesley's tune "Hereford."

We'll close with the **Choral Song and Fugue**.

This piece, written at Exeter, is the third of his first set of Three Pieces for Chamber Organ, both sets having been written for the organ at Killerton House, Broadclyst, Exeter, the home of Wesley's pupil Lady Acland, to whom they are dedicated. They have always been paired together despite being musically unconnected. The fugue theme comes from Travers' anthem "Tell it out among the nations that the Lord our God is King" if you want to sing along. It contains pedal notes that aren't on modern organs so it all gets a bit complicated towards the end.



The local connection is that this piece was played by John Scott at the Opening Recital of this organ in 1995 and again by me at the 30th Anniversary recital last November.

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

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August 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	August
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

We plan to be back in September – we're meeting this coming week to set a timetable.

Revd Carol's Final Services:

Revd Carol's final services at each church in the parish will be on

Sunday 16th August 9:15am St Thomas'

Sunday 20th September 9:15am St George's *[to be confirmed]*

Sunday 20th September 11:00am St Bartholomew's

The farewell service for the whole team will be on her final Sunday
27th September 3:00pm at St Bartholomew's.

St Bartholomew's Day

This year we're marking St Bartholomew's Day on **Sunday 23rd August** at 11:00am with a service followed by a "bring and share" buffet lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the service and lunch. If you are able to bring and contribute something to the lunch, there will be some sign-up sheets in church **this week** so we have a rough idea who's bringing what.

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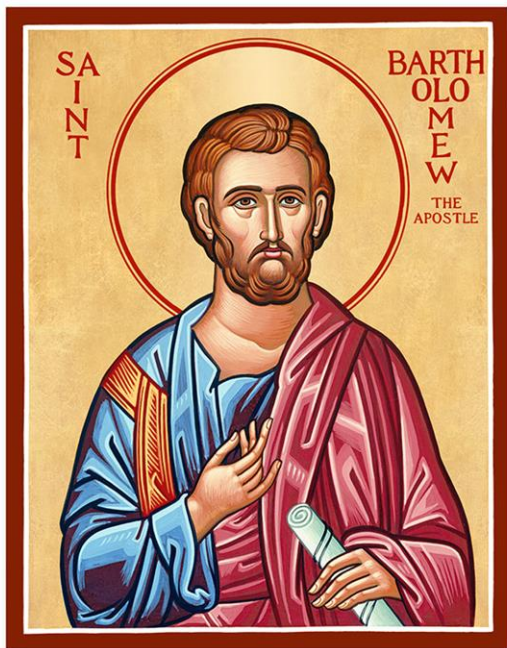
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St. Bartholomew's



Day

Sunday 23rd

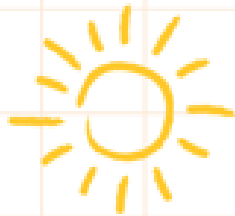
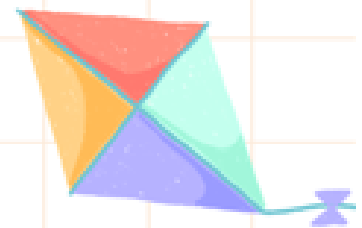
August

11:00am

**Holy Communion Service celebrating the
life and work of this parish church**

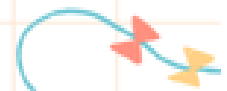
Followed by a bring and share lunch

All Welcome



YOU ARE INVITED TO

KICK OFF SUMMER FUN



FOR
AGES
3-16

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
ROAD, WESTHOUGHTON, BL5 2TF**

ACTIVITIES:

Arts & craft
Group sport
Faith reflection

*Don't forget
to bring a
packed lunch*

For more information and to RSVP please email:
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St George's Update

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

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Committee Meeting

at St Bartholomew's church

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

“Celebration” - Team Praise Service

Join us on Friday 4th September at 7pm

**An evening of praise and thanksgiving with the Team
Worship Band.**

Hymns and songs from across the years.

Refreshments will be served after the service

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

As part of the evening, we will celebrate with Carol on her retirement.

The music will be a mix of old and newer hymns with reflections and readings.

All welcome – see poster below.



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Café Create, Bolton

Claremont House Bark Street, Bolton BL1 2AX

CJ, who is part of our choir, at St Bartholomew's, works here. It's part of CreateBolton, a Christian Arts based charity in the heart of Bolton Town Centre.

More details at www.createbolton



KIDS EAT FREE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Cafe Create provides free meals to children during the **school holidays**.
A child can eat free with the purchase of an adult meal.

*Free children's meals
10 am - 1.30 pm*

*Open Weds - Sat
10 am - 2 pm*

October Coach Trip

Liverpool Day
Trip

SATURDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 2026

PICK UP

8am

St James Church, Daisy Hill



**£15 Per
Person**

COLLECTION

5PM

Liverpool City Centre
(advised on day)



Inclusive
Church

St James Church
presents

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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 **August Prayer Diary** is [available here](#).

New Canons of the Cathedral Announced

Congratulations to the eight newly appointed Canons of Manchester Cathedral, recognised for their dedicated service to the Diocese of Manchester and the wider Church. They include The Revd Canon Kirsty Screeton, a former curate of this parish who returned to St Bartholomew's last year to preach as part of our 30th anniversary celebrations.



Bishop David has made the appointments in consultation with the Dean and Chapter. It is customary for the title of Canon to be used from the date of appointment. Please pray for the new Canons as they prepare for their installation service at the Cathedral on 28th September 2026.



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.

