

PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew

St Thomas

St George



SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 THE FOURTEENTH 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 Kenneth Newport	11:00am Service of the Word Elaine Simkin / Revd Sue Aveyard Hymns: as in the order of service

This week we pray for:

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

Those who have died: Judith Pye

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: Damian Carey, Ernest Dodson, Mary Dootson, Dorothy Edwards, Phyllis Fitzpatrick, James Greenhalgh, Mary Homer, Tony Leatherbarrow, Alexander MacQuarrie, Hilary Montgomery, Robert Pemberton, Alice Westhead, Sandra Westhead.

NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Genesis 50. 15 - 21 / Romans 14. 1 - 12 / Matthew 18. 21 - 35

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	Elaine Simkin / Revd Carol Pharaoh

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Monday 7th 9:30am – 11:00am 7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship returns St George's Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9th 10:30am 3:45pm – 4:30pm 7:30pm	St John's Church Wingates St Bartholomew's Church St Bartholomew's Church	Talking tables Café Church returns – session 1, Creation Choir Practice

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[St Bart's - A Church Near You](http://www.stbarts.org.uk)

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Collect:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33. 7 - 11

The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Second Reading: Romans 13. 8 - end

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For

salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 18. 15 - 20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray today for our world, our Church and our community.

Merciful God, you teach us how to deal with disagreement in a loving, responsible and respectful way. We are aware, however, that there are so many places in our world where war has broken out. There is a total lack of respect and love for neighbours as countries seek to overwhelm and dominate each other.

We pray for places in the world where there is conflict, trouble of all types, and situations which harm so many people, costing them their homes, communities and so much more. We pray for the families that are torn apart. We pray for the children who lose their childhoods. We pray for world leaders and people in positions of authority and ask that they will use their power with humility, wisdom, compassion and honesty. We pray for peace to break out where there is conflict.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of your creation. We remember that we are blessed to live in the beauty of your world. Help us to value the animals, plants and birds that we share it with. We pray that we will love and care for it as you would have us do, looking to restore the areas we may have damaged rather than simply using and abusing it.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God we thank you for your Church here on earth. We don't always agree on everything but we thank you that there are more blessings keeping us together than differences tearing us apart. We thank you for the various denominations that might work alongside us to share your love and to care for others. We know that every Church community faces challenges, but pray that their focus will remain firmly on you. We thank you for all who lead our churches - grant them the wisdom they need to guide us in our spiritual lives. Bless everyone who works with them, both lay and ordained, and we pray for everyone who contributes in any way, big or small, to our Church community and its life. We pray especially for the people who have yet to learn about You and ask that we may be the people you choose to deliver your message of love.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for our community, for everyone who makes it the place it is to live in. We pray for the people who provide our services, our shops and the things that give our community a heart. We pray for our schools at the beginning of the new school year – we ask that staff and pupils alike will return refreshed and ready for learning. We pray for families that may be finding life difficult; perhaps finances are a struggle or there are other challenges to be faced. We pray for older people and the challenges they may face. We pray for people who are alone and who may feel lonely and we pray for people who might not feel safe in their own homes. We pray this morning that you will be aware of their needs and if we are the answer to those needs, then encourage us to help them in your strength.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for everyone who is ill or struggling whether in body, mind or spirit. We pray for comfort and your loving arms around them, we pray also for anyone who cares for them, whether paid professional or unpaid family and friends.

We pray also for anyone who is coming to the end of their earthly lives – may they be welcomed into heavenly rest with you. Enfold those who are left behind to grieve in your love. You understand the pain of grief whether the grief is fresh and raw or older but still very painful.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and ask that you will help us to live our lives in peace and harmony with each other, seeking to forgive where forgiveness is needed and encourage where encouragement is necessary.

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

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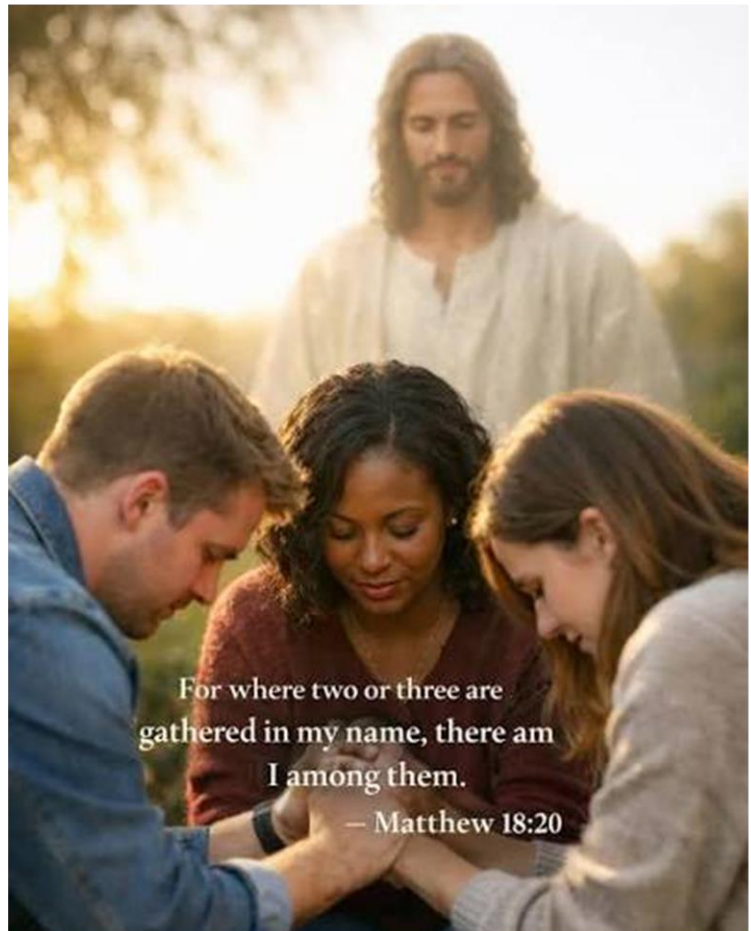
**THE PARISH OF
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Sunday 6th September

11:00am

**The
Fourteenth
Sunday
after
Trinity**



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 back this week at both St George's and St Bartholomew's. We meet at St Bartholomew's on the first, second and third Sundays each month in term time. At St George's, we're meeting on the first and third Sundays, but this is being reviewed – do look out for updates.

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Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

We'll be back from Monday 7th September from 9:30 – 11:00am and meeting each Monday during term time.

Parish Website

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

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

[St George's Church - 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

Secondary School Admissions forms

If any parent has a Secondary School admission supplementary form to be completed for schools, please hand them to a member of the clergy or a Church Warden in September.

Please provide details of which churches in the team you have attended and don't forget to also give a contact phone number. If you have a stamped attendance card, please enclose those with the forms.

The forms will be completed and handed back in plenty of time for the deadlines in late October/November.

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September 2026 Diary ... what's coming up

	September
Sunday 6th	Trinity 14 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Service of the Word
Monday 7th	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's – FIRST MEETING after summer break 7:30pm St Bartholomew's St George's Committee Meeting
Tuesday 8th	
Wednesday 9th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – Creation Day 1 Night & Day 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 10th	
Friday 11th	
Saturday 12th	
Sunday 13th	Trinity 15 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
Monday 14th	Holy Cross 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
Tuesday 15th	
Wednesday 16th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 11:00am St Bartholomew's Midweek Communion & Luncheon Club 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 17th	
Friday 18th	
Saturday 19th	10:00am – noon Coffee Morning at St Katharine's church 2:00pm – 5:00pm St Bartholomew's "Singers of Note"

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Sunday 20th	Trinity 16 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's - Holy Communion
Monday 21st	St Matthew the Apostle 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Building & Maintenance Committee meeting
Tuesday 22nd	
Wednesday 23rd	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – 6:45pm St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation Meeting [Ed] 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 24th	
Friday 25th	
Saturday 26th	
Sunday 27th	Trinity 17 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Service of the Word 11:00am St Bartholomew's - Holy Communion 3:00pm St Bartholomew's – Revd Carol's farewell service
Monday 28th	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's
Tuesday 29th	St Michael and All Angels
Wednesday 30th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice

Revd Carol's Final Services:

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

Sunday 20th September 9:15am St George's

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, see poster below.



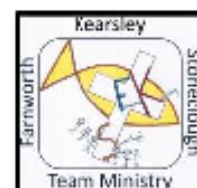
“Lord for the years ...”

**A Songs of Praise Service
of Celebration and Farewell
to Rev'd Carol & Peter**

Hymns, readings and reflections

Sunday 27th September 3:00pm

St Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton



Café Church

Returns fortnightly in term time at St Bartholomew's church on

Wednesdays 3:45 – 4:30pm

We plan to be back on September 7th – the updated rota is printed below.

Date	Topic	Leader
	CREATION / Looking after our planet / Eco Church / Thanksgiving	
9 Sept	Creation Story (Genesis 1)	Elaine
23 Sept	Looking after God's world (Job 12. 7-10)	Carol
7 Oct	Fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5. 22-23)	Joan
21 Oct	Saying thank you (Luke 17.11–19)	Christine
28-Oct	HALF TERM	
	KINGDOM & ADVENT	
04 Nov	All the Saints (Matthew 5. 1-12)	Angela
18 Nov	Advent Candle themes - The patriarchs / Abraham (Genesis 12.1-3)	Elaine
2 Dec	Advent Candle themes - The prophets / Isaiah (Isaiah 9. 2-7) or John the Baptist (Matthew 3. 1-6)	Joan
16 Dec	Advent Candle themes – Mary (Luke 1. 26-38)	Christine
	SPRING TERM	
	Next Café Church 6 th January 2027 tba	

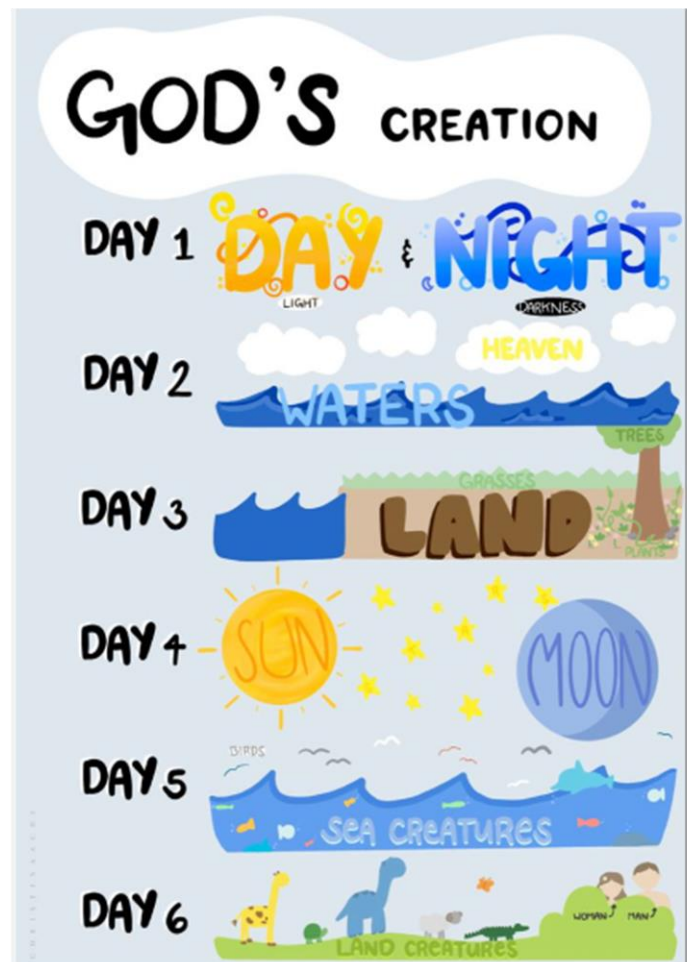
Café Church

It meets every other Wednesday in term
time at St Bartholomew's church

3:45 – 4:30pm

Creation

The Story of Creation



Wednesday 9th September
Genesis I

Next meeting
Wednesday 23rd September

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.

Use the QR code in pewsheets plus.



Committee Meeting

at St Bartholomew's church

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

Autumn Fair

at St Bartholomew's church

Saturday 17th October 10:00am – 1:00pm

St George's will be running their usual bookstall at this event. If you have any books to donate, please bring them along to church over the next few weeks.

Many thanks.



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AUTUMN FAIR

St Bartholomew's Church
Saturday 17th October
10:00am – 1:00pm

**Crafts, stalls, gifts, tombola, bottles, books,
toys, pick and mix, cakes & bakes, raffles**

FREE ENTRY

**Refreshments
and lunches served**

**Stalls available – contact Elaine by text
07732 749 871**

Raising funds for St Bartholomew's church

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

CONTACT : VERA 07870 848 843



**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS AT
BOLTON PARISH
CHURCH**

Heritage Open Days 2026

-  Saturday 12 September 2026, Saturday 19 September 2026
at 10 a.m. for 5 hours
-  [Bolton Parish Church \(St Peter Bolton-le-Moors\)](#)
Churchgate Bolton, Greater Manchester, BL1 1PS, United Kingdom
-  Saturday 12th & 19th September 2026
Come and join us for our heritage Open Days! We will be offering Tower tours for a suggested donation of £5, along with lunches, a chance to wander around the church, and some incidental music along the way. Keep your eyes on our social channels for the final timings of our programme.

There are more local events listed at

[Bolton](#)

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/printable-area-lists/greater-manchester.html>



EVENTS

Heritage Open Days

Churches across the Diocese of Manchester will be opening their doors this September as part of the national Heritage Open Days, giving visitors the chance to learn about centuries of faith, architecture and local history.

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of built heritage, and runs from the 11th to 20th September. Many of our beautiful historic buildings will be welcoming visitors for tours, history displays and activities for children. These events provide an opportunity to appreciate some of Greater Manchester and Lancashire's finest ecclesiastical architecture and learn about the communities which built and sustained these churches over the generations.

All Heritage Open Days events are free. Full details of participating parishes, including opening times, accessibility information and booking arrangements, can be found on the [Heritage Open Days website](#).

Pictured: St Augustine of Canterbury, Pendlebury

Dear Friends

We are currently advertising for someone to work alongside in Greater Manchester/Merseyside as a Church and Community Relationships Coordinator, and I would be grateful if you could share this with your church members (and anyone else you think might be able to spread the word).

Church and Community Relationship Coordinator – Greater Manchester/Merseyside

The Church and Community Relationship Coordinator is a role focussed on inspiring, resourcing and activating individuals and churches to understand the biblical mandate to care for children and families. You will inspire them to respond and play their part in the solution.

The role will focus on growing relationships with Church leaders, networks, and individual Christians. The role is to stir, resource and activate the Church as we work together to provide a holistic solution which prevents children from entering the care system, and increases the number of safe and nurturing homes through fostering, adoption and supported lodgings.

For more information and to apply please follow this link https://safefamilies.uk/job_roles/church-and-community-relationship-coordinator-greater-manchester-merseyside/

Thanks so much for your help.

Every blessing.

Mike



Mike Chesterton

Church and Community Relationships Coordinator



News from our Diocese of Manchester

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



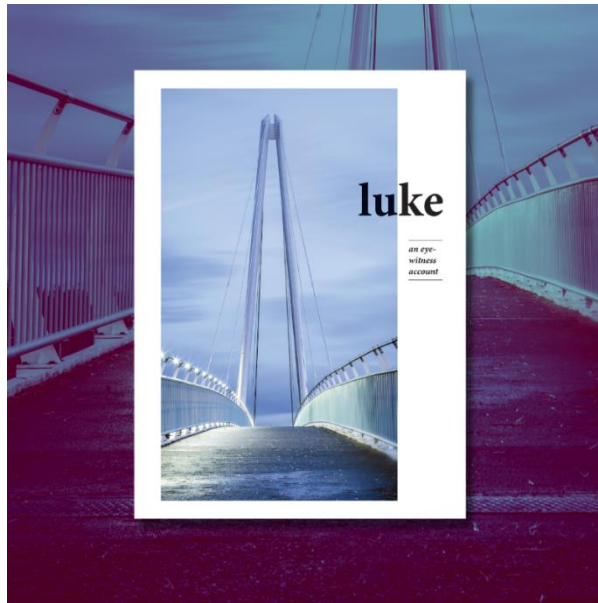
PARISH NEWS

St John's Farnworth Celebrates 200 Years

St John the Evangelist, Farnworth, is celebrating its 200th anniversary on 9th September, and all are invited to join the celebrations. There will be an exhibition, memorabilia, raffle and refreshments on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September, open from 10am to 4pm each day, and a special Service of Celebration on Sunday 6th at 2pm.

📍Address: St John the Evangelist, Church Street, Farnworth, BL4 8AQ

[Read more here.](#)



NEWS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S OFFICE

Northern Gospel

In partnership with [Hope Together](#), the [Faith in the North](#) programme is developing a printed and digital edition of the Gospel of Luke, featuring photography and stories from people across the north of England.

Drawing inspiration from the Lindisfarne Gospels, the Gospel seeks to celebrate stories of faith and explore the good news of Christ. The aim is to give out thousands of these next year to those seeking the hope of the Gospel, working in partnership with church leaders across the North.

To learn more about how you can get involved and help share this custom Gospel in 2027, join an online webinar on Thursday 1st October at 12 noon.

[Register for the webinar](#)



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.

