PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW WESTHOUGHTON

St Bartholomew St George St Thomas

Sunday 8th November 2026

The Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to Worship today

Sunday Services		
St George's Church **No service today** 	**St Thomas' Church** **No service today** 	**St Bartholomew's Church** **10:00am** Civic Remembrance Sunday Service Revd Mandy Rhodes **11:00am** Two minute silence at the War Memorial **11:30am** Holy Communion Service Revd Malcolm Wearing **Hymns: 580, 50, 43, 478**

Many apologies for the non-appearance of these pewsheets for the last few weeks, we have been having major computer issues, that we have now mostly resolved [I'm trying to recreate a few lost files]. If you've e-mailed us and haven't had a reply, apologies, we were unable to access the e-mails for a time but we're running again.

Many thanks for bearing with us
Ed

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This week we pray for:

We pray for:
Those who are ill: Carol Bullough, Kier Barry, Brian Cato, Denise Gilliland, Nigel Ginniff, Valerie Haddock, Paul Hibbert, Joan James, Kath Morris, Christine Parsons, Michael Partington, Barbara Peniston, Graham Spencer

Those who have died recently: Derek Norman *[the funeral service will be at St Bartholomew's church on Monday 9th November at noon]*

And on their anniversaries this week we remember: James Andrews, George Bailey, Arthur Bowden, Alfred Buckley, Joseph Buckley, Doren Clarke, Anthony Cowburn, William Crompton, Trevor Cupitt, Cedric Eastham, Donald Ellison, Philip Godfroy, John Henderson, Mary Keegan, Lily Knowles, Doreen Marland, Norman Mather, Alun Roberts, Leonard Sharples, George Twist, Edith Westby

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday before Advent

Readings:
Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - 18 / 1 Thessalonians 5. 1 – 11 / Matthew 25. 14 - 30

9:15am	**Service of the Word at St George's Church**	**Elaine Simkin**
9:15am	**Holy Communion at St Thomas' Church**	**Revd Angela Wynne**
11:00am	**Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's**	**Revd Malcolm Wearing / Revd Sue Aveyard**

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The week ahead:

Monday 9th	**THE WEEK AHEAD**	
9:30 – 11:00am	St Bartholomew's Church	**Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship**
12:00 noon	St Bartholomew's Church	**Funeral Service – Derek Norman**
6:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	**St Bartholomew's Committee Meeting**
7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	**Committees meet with Archdeacon Simon Cook**
Wednesday 11th		
10:30am	St John's Church, Wingates	**Talking Tables**
7:30pm	St Bartholomew's Church	**Choir Practice**
Saturday 14th		
10:00am - noon	St Bartholomew's Church	**Coffee Morning in aid of Bolton Hospice**

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Readings for Sunday 8th October The Third Sunday before Advent

Collect:
God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 5. 18 - 24
18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is
darkness, not light; 19 as if someone fled from a
lion, and was met by a bear, or went into the
house and rested a hand against the wall, and
was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the
Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your
festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-
offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept
them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from
me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to
the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll
down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - 18
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For
this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will
be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25. 1 - 13
'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight
there was a shout, "Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their
lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."
9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be
enough for you and for us; you had better go to
the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And
while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into
the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,
"Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I
tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.

Post Communion Prayer:
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers: Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

NOTICEBOARD



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.

Parent & Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

We are back each Monday in November from 9:30 – 11:00am at St Bartholomew's

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 9th November 6:30pm St Bartholomew's Committee
7:30pm PCC meeting with Archdeacon Simon Cook

Monday 16th November 7:00pm St Bartholomew's Building & Maintenance Committee

DIARY - November

November 2026 Diary … what's coming up

	November
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance Sunday – The Third Sunday before Advent** St George's - NO SERVICE St Thomas - NO SERVICE 10:00am St Bartholomew's – Civic Remembrance Service 11:00am Two minutes silence at the War Memorial 11:30am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 9th	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 12:00noon St Bartholomew's – Funeral Derek Norman 6:30pm St Bartholomew's – St Bartholomew's committee meeting 7:30pm St Bartholomew's – PCC meeting with Archdeacon Simon Cook
Tuesday 10th	
Wednesday 11th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 12th	
Friday 13th	
Saturday 14th	10:00am – 12:00 noon St Bartholomew's – Coffee Morning in aid of Bolton Hospice.
Sunday 15th	**The Second Sunday before Advent** 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion 1:00pm St Bartholomew's - Baptism 2:00pm St Bartholomew's - Baptism
Monday 16th	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship at St Bartholomew's 7:00pm St Bartholomew's – Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting

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Tuesday 17th	1:00pm – 2:30pm St Bartholomew's – Advent Course "Journey to Christmas" led by Revd Sue
Wednesday 18th	10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 11:00am St Bartholomew's Midweek Communion & Luncheon Club 3:45pm St Bartholomew's Café Church – *The Patriarchs* 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20th	
Saturday 21st	10:00am – noon St James Daisy Hill – Christmas Fair 10:00am – 1:00pm St Katharine's Blackrod – Christmas Fair 6:30pm – 8:30pm Ignite Youth Film Night at St John's Wingates
Sunday 22nd	**The Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King** 9:15am St George's - Holy Communion 9:15am St Thomas - Café Church 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 23rd	9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship
Tuesday 24th	
Wednesday 25th	10:00am St Bartholomew's Year 2 Schools Service – "*Advent*" 10:30am St John's Church Wingates – Talking Tables 6:45pm St Bartholomew's Baptism Preparation Meeting [Ed] 7:30pm St Bartholomew's Choir Practice
Thursday 26th	
Friday 27th	
Saturday 28th	11:00am – 1:00pm St John's Wingates – Christmas Fair 7:30pm St Bartholomew's - Choir of Westhoughton Concert with Haslingden Band Ignite Youth – Catalyst Community Event
Sunday 29th	**Advent Sunday** 9:15am St George's - Service of the Word 9:15am St Thomas - Holy Communion 11:00am St Bartholomew's – Holy Communion
Monday 30th	**St Andrew the Apostle** 9:30am – 11:00am Toddler Group with Wiggle Worship

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Advent Course

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Advent Course

Tuesdays 1:00pm



17th November
1st December
15th December

St Bartholomew's Church

Journey to Christmas

Led by Revd Sue Aveyard

All Welcome

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Coffee Morning for Bolton Hospice

THE PARISH OF
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Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th November

St Bartholomew's Church

10:00am - noon

In aid of Bolton Hospice

Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

Christmas Concert – Choir of Westhoughton



Christmas Fairs

It's that time of year when there re a lot around – see also posters following

Saturday 21st November

St James' Daisy Hill 10:00am – noon
St Katharine's Blackrod 10:00am - 1:00pm
St Thomas' School 11:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday 28th November

St John's Wingates 11:00am – 1:00pm – free admission

Lots of stalls including: chocolate tombola, raffle, childrens' toys (new & pre-loved) and books. And not forgetting Santa - £4 a visit.

Pasties will be on sale and live Christmas music from J.E.T.


ST. JAMES CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Come along for festive fun and a warm welcome!
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026
10 AM – 12 NOON
FUN FOR EVERYONE
Tombola • Games
Refreshments • Bacon Barms
FREE ENTRY


St Katharine's Church
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Grand raffle
Tombola
Bottlebola
Cake stall
Children's toys
Christmas gifts
Festive refreshments
Stitch and Knit
Santa's grotto -by appointment
Saturday
21st November
10am - 1pm


ST JOHN'S WINGATES
Christmas
FAIR
FREE ENTRY
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
11AM - 1PM
HANDMADE GIFTS~CRAFTS~
REFRESHMENTS~TOMBOLAS~
RAFFLE~BRAND NEW TOY STALL~
£1 STALL (BRAND NEW ITEMS)~
CAKES~NEW CHRISTMAS STALL
LIVE MUSIC BY J.E.T
CARRS Pasties
Exciting News!
Santa has agreed to visit us again.
£4 PER SANTA VISIT!
CHORLEY ROAD, WESTHOUGHTON.
BL5 3PL

Ignite Youth

Ignite Youth will be taking place on **Saturday 21 November.**

Time & Place: **6.30 - 8.30pm for a Film Night at St John's Wingates.**

The event is for Year 6 & up and will include food.
We welcome any new Year 6s and any other young people who want to join us.

RSVP or any questions to: igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

See poster below

We will also be having a **Bolton West Mission Community Catalyst Youth Event** on **Saturday 28th November:** Night Walk & BBQ at Rivington from 6-8pm. More news to follow.

Next Ignite Youth: 12 December



Please join us on Saturday 21 November

from 6.30 – 8.30pm for a Film Night at St John's Wingates

Food, fun and activities for all our youth in Years 6 and above

RSVP to igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com

Future Ignite Youth dates: 12 December

Advance Notice

Catalyst Event: Saturday 28th November 6-8pm

Night Walk & BBQ at Rivington. More news to follow.

Wingates Band Concert

A Wingates Christmas - Wingates Brass Band

Tuesday 8 December 8.00-10.00pm Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets: Adults £12 Under 16s Free Includes Refreshment

Please contact stjohnswingates.wardens@gmail.com to reserve tickets and pay on arrival.

Please note: a ticket must be reserved to guarantee entry. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

See poster below.

A WINGATES CHRISTMAS

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



Tuesday
8th December 2026

Doors Open 7:30pm
Concert Start 8:00pm

Tickets: £12

Under 16s Free
Includes Refreshments

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St John's Wingates

Wingates Band

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Café Church

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

Wednesdays 3:45 – 4:30pm

We're meeting next on November 18th – the rota is printed below.

Date	Topic	Leader
	KINGDOM & ADVENT	
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 6th January 2027 tba	



Advent / Christmas Services

We plan to have the leaflet with details of all our Advent and Christmas Services out next week.

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 pewsheet plus.

There is no service at St George's this morning.

Please remember that we're still running the wine raffle – buy a grape for £1 and you'll win a hamper [if that's the right work] of wine in time for Christmas. We're also planning on running a further Christmas raffle with a child-friendly prize.



Advent Challenge – we'll be distributing the Advent jars again from the end of November, please put in any loose change and return it to us at any of our Christmas / New Year services.

Message from Urban Outreach

🍂 On behalf of everyone at Urban Outreach, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the schools, churches and organisations who supported our Harvest Appeal this year.

*Together, you donated an incredible **14.5 tonnes** of food, along with **£1,312.79** in financial donations. This generosity will help us create around **1,100 food parcels** for individuals and families across Bolton who are facing difficult times. 💛*

Every tin, packet and donation makes a real difference. Your kindness helps us provide practical support to people in our community and reminds them that they are not alone.

🌟 We are so grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by everyone who took part. It is wonderful to see so many schools, churches and organisations coming together to make such a positive difference in the lives of others.

Please find attached a little thank-you from all of us at Urban Outreach. 💙

Thank you once again for your support and for helping us make a difference.

Many thanks,

The Urban Outreach Food Team

News from our Diocese of Manchester

The **November Prayer Diary** is available here.

Consultation on New Bolton Resource Church

Plans are progressing for a new Resource Church in Bolton, with consultation underway on a proposed Bishop's Mission Order (BMO), the formal framework for authorising and overseeing new mission initiatives.

As part of the consultation, an open meeting for Bolton Deanery will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7pm at St Paul and Emmanuel Centre, Deane, and the consultation will remain open until Monday 30th November.

Further information, including the BMO Briefing Document, is available on our website.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester
CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Parish Renewal

God of grace,

we hold before you the people and places

entrusted to our care.

By your Holy Spirit, renew our parishes in mission.

Give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions,

and power to our witness.

May we grow daily in love for you and for one another,

that the whole world might know your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

The Revd Rob Jackson – Notice of Appointment (updated)



The Revd Rob Jackson, currently Incumbent (STIP) of Irlam, St John the Baptist (Benefice) and Cadishead, St Mary the Virgin (Benefice), has been appointed Area Dean of Bolton.

He will be licensed at Bolton Parish Church on 24th January 2027.

The Revd Canon Dr Terry Clark – Notice of Retirement



The Revd Canon Dr Terry Clark will retire as Team Rector (STIP) of Deane (Benefice) and Incumbent (STIP) of Lostock, St Thomas and St John (Benefice).

His last day in office will be Monday 12th April 2027.

Appointing the next Bishop of Manchester

Pray With Us

As we begin this journey together, please pray for all involved in the process, for wisdom and discernment, and for the person whom God is calling to serve as the next Bishop of Manchester.

A Prayer for the Manchester Vacancy in See

O God, in whom all Wisdom dwells,
lead us in Jesus Christ your Son as
we seek a new shepherd for the flock.
Grant us hope and trust, faithfulness
and joy, and obedience to your ways
of justice, mercy, and peace; where
the Spirit leads may we follow, and as
we attend to you, O God, may our
work and our lives
be led with gentleness, grace, and
love,
through your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.
Amen