

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

(The Blackburn Diocesan Prayer)

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make
disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders.
Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the
prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow
in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ **Amen.**

Please remember also in your prayers

The Great Harwood Ecumenical Partnership.
Churches Together-
Anyone serving in the Armed Forces
Our partner parish of Ohlendorf-Mahner in Germany

For those to be baptised today.....

Lyra Ann Sadler

Those who live on...

Windsor Road Wordsworth Drive Worston Lane

Those who have asked for our prayers.....

Nairi Dilys Earnshaw Yvonne Tattersall
Wilf Walker Muriel Whalley Peter Taylor
Emma Whittle Andrew Brian Henderson
Constance Cartmel Graham Campbell Paul Heath
Baby Thea Slater

Those who need our continuing prayers.....

Peter Harper Zak Hilda Nuttall Leigh Dewhurst
John Gray (Senior) Hazel Burks Chris Baron Ann
Gray Ruth Cotton Andrew Allen

For those in Care who need our prayers including....

Doris Stanczyk Vera Grimes Sylvia Henderson
Eric Baines Edna Cornthwaite

From the Book of Remembrance

Doris Sharples Dorothy Nicoll Winifred Frankland
Roy Cross Stella Barber Catherine Truman

Parish of Great Harwood St Bartholomew and St John *Working within Great Harwood Ecumenical Partnership*

17th December 2017

ADVENT 3

A VERY WARM WELCOME to St Bartholomews for
worship today. *Please ask if there is anything you need to
know, or help you would like*

YOUR FIRST VISIT? or been away?

- ❖ Please fill in and hand in a **Welcome Card**.
- ❖ **Children** are always very welcome – “**Busy Bags**” to help young children feel included are at the back, please ask; there is a **Creche** in the Extension during the 10am service (to the right as you leave)
- ❖ **KS1 children only in the Creche** "Please wait for a hymn before going out"
- ❖ There is a **toilet** in the Extension

A COLLECTION for church work is taken during the service; if you are a taxpayer, please make your gift worth 25% more by using the gift-aid envelopes supplied.

Please ask about ways to give regularly.

DURING THE SERVICE

We welcome anyone who would normally take Communion in any Christian church to receive; please come up when you are invited. If you prefer to receive a Blessing, please carry the service leaflet with you. *We have gluten-free wafers, please ask.*

Many people use the time while people are receiving communion for prayer and reflection – please give them **QUIET AND SPACE to do so.**

"Please check that your phone is on silent or switched off"

Sunday & Other Services

8.30am Quiet Communion
10.00am All Age Communion with Baptism
6.00pm Carol Service
8.00pm Carols on Towngate with band

Mon, Tue & Thursday

8.30am-8.50am Morning Prayer will be in church
Evening Prayer at 4.30pm on Thursday's
**No daily prayers after Christmas until
Thursday 4 January**

Wednesday

10.00am Quiet Communion

Next Sunday 24th December 2017

8.30am NO SERVICE
10.00am Celebration Communion
6.00pm Crib Service
11.45pm Celebration Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00am All Age Communion

WHAT'S ON DURING THE WEEK

Mon	5.45pm	Smartie Club
Mon	7.00pm	Time Out
Mon	8.00pm	Youth Group
Tue	9.30am	St. Barts Tots party
Tue	2.30pm	St. Bartholomew's Christmas Service in church
Wed	10.00am	Quiet Communion

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS SICK

At home or in hospital please let Colin know
Tel: 01254 884039 Leave a message with the persons name, address and Telephone Number If possible, hospital and ward number, so contact can be made.

FOR ANYONE NEEDING PRAYER

or wishing to put themselves or others on the Healing list. Would you please contact **Margaret Ogden**
Tel: 01254 883134

RAISE THE ROOF' Renew – Rebuild - Repair JUST GIVING

We need to raise at least £10,000 this year towards the renewing of the nave and north aisle roof and gutters. Can you help by giving from £1 ? Its easy – Just Text 'bart01 £ to 70070And it can even be gift aided

MY DONATE

by donating using our online service"Please use the following link <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/stbartholomewstjohnparishchurch>

SMARTIE CLUB AND TIME OUT

Help is required to assist in running the Smartie and Time Out clubs. If you can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings to help with the groups please speak to Chris.

PARENTS OF YEAR 4 CHILDREN

If you think your child might like to attend St Christopher's, the qualifying attendance period starts **now**. You need to reckon on attending more or less weekly to be sure of a place. So that Colin and Chris can keep a look out for you, please fill in a yellow Welcome Card and mark it "St Christopher's 2020" or similar.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Old Testament	Isaiah 61	1-4 & 8-11	(Page 748)
Psalm 126	On the card		
New Testament	1 Thessalonians 5	16-24	(Page 1188)
Gospel	John 1	6-8 & 19-28	(Page 1061)

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Both our schools have vacancies for Governors, to help set the direction of the school and constructively challenge the leadership. Foundation Governors have a special responsibility for developing the school's ethos as a place of Christian prayer and values. The commitment is for 4 years (renewable) and basically involves 2 evening meetings a term. You don't have to have a background in education or be a parent - there are many other skills we can use. Please talk to Ann Yates (St Bart's), Heather Wearden (St John's) or the clergy to find out more.

FRONT PORCH

When entering and leaving church , please take care there are now two steps, one of which is narrow.

DATES FOR DIARIES

CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Sunday 17th December 6.00pm

ROAMING NATIVITY

Monday 18th December see Flyer for details. 6.30pm Starts at Churchfield House. Ends in Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHURCH

Crib Service	6.00pm
Midnight Service	11.45pm
Christmas Day	NO 8.30am SERVICE
Christmas Day	10.00am