

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
PARISH OF BURNLEY



31st August 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let
God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

The Locum vicars' meanders

Today will be my final week with you for 6-7 weeks as I undergo knee surgery. I was hoping I could wait till early next year, but this is now not possible. I will advise as soon as able the arrangements the Bishop is putting in place. The Incumbency committee has commenced its work, and the Parish Profile has been finalized. The Bishop informs me that the next stage is about to commence.

Last Sunday's celebration of St Bartholomew's day was a very happy and memorable occasion. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day and especially to Daniel and the Choir.

The General Synod of our Church has set aside today as a day of prayer for refugees. The plight of refugees is seen across the world as men, women and children seek to escape the tragedies of war, political unrest, abuse by terrorists and governments determined to remove anyone from their shores who challenge or refuse to submit. During September we plan to observe the Season of Creation giving thanks to God for the gift of the created order and our responsibility to preserve it and to exercise good stewardship. Please watch for further information. Intercessors for the time please include prayers for the planet.

Shalom, Fr. Ray

INTROIT HYMN

AM 563 - Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

SENTENCE

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.

We ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

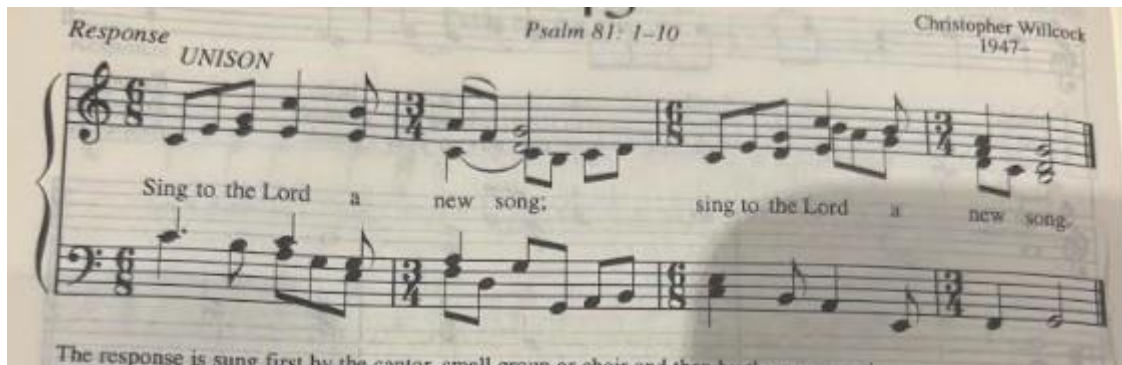
1ST READING

Jeremiah 18.1-11 S. McMahon

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

PSALM 81.1,10-16



2ND READING J. Harrison

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.* ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?' ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 14.7-14

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn

AM 557 - Beauty for brokenness

Final Hymn

AM 604 - Brother, sister, let me serve you.

SAVE THE DATE:



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Sunday 21 September 2025 at 14:00

Sing for peace!

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