

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th April 2020 – Easter Sunday**



Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church
with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power
of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: For our link diocese of the Solomon Islands and The Congo - as they also struggle with the Coronavirus

For the Parish: Please pray for:-

all who are struggling with self isolation and social distancing;
for wedding couples and baptism families as we wait for guidance on
when it may be possible for these to take place.

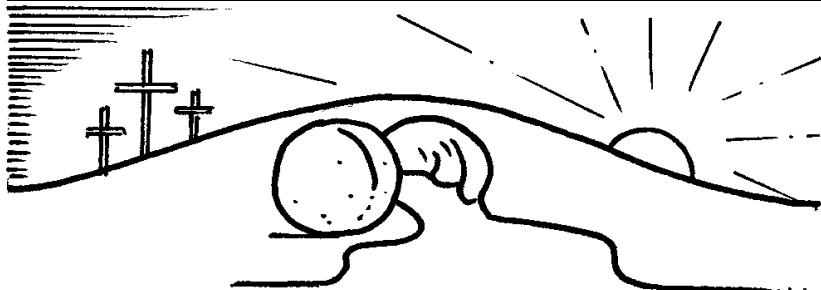
For our Community: Please pray for:-

all who work in the NHS and other key roles in these challenging weeks;

For the Sick: Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough, Roy Fordham, Gwyneth Brown and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are stronger than death; raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop George Kasangaki, Masindi-Kitara (Uganda). Bishop Alan McIntosh Gates, Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church, USA).



Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

A Prayer for our Diocese

Almighty God, who sent Jesus Christ to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom and calls us to follow him: guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit, to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.

We pray for the person you are calling to be the next Bishop of Chester; bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call; in the name of Jesus Christ and in

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORSHIP AT HOME - <https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

TV BBC1

Sunday Worship 11.00am and Songs of Praise 1.15pm

BBC Radio 4

Sunday 8.10am – Sunday Worship

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

CHESTER DIOCESE LIVESTREAMING SERVICES

5:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 10am on Sundays.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/chestercathedralchoirandorgan>

WIRRAL NORTH DEANERY LIVESTREAMING CHURCH SERVICES

Several churches in our Deanery are live streaming services so if you have the technology then choose one of these (listed in order of the time of service) to have a look at:-

Christ Church Higher Bebington 10.00am at can be found by opening up YouTube and then searching for "Christ Church HB".

Christ Church Barnston and St Michael's Pensby 10.30am

Go to website barnston.info and click on "online service".

Townfield Church 10.30am

It can be accessed by simply being on

www.facebook.com/townfieldchurchbebington at 10.30am on Sunday. It can be watched without a Facebook account, or commented on with an account. It will also appear as a recording to watch later on the same page.

St Andrew's Bebington 10.30am

Posting lots of things on our facebook page [facebook.com/standrewsbeb](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsbeb)

Mon to Fri: thought for the day at 8am, midday prayer at 1pm, evening prayer at 8pm, Sunday: online worship at 10:30am.

These all stay on the facebook page afterwards, and are also added afterwards to our church website standrewsbebington.org.uk

People are very welcome to make use of any of these.

St Mary's Upton 11.30am Sunday www.stm-upton.org.uk/service-stream

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and **the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear** of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you."** ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



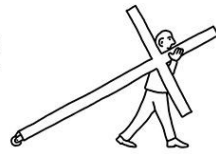
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PALM SUNDAY REENACTMENT



VIRTUAL FOOT WASHING



SOLO WALK OF WITNESS (FOR EXERCISE ONLY)



CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS



THREE HOUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



ONE HOT CROSS BUN (SHORTAGE OF FLOUR)



EASTER BONNETS AND GARDENS (SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA)



[HELD LATER THAN SUNRISE TO AVOID TOO MUCH OF AN EARLY START]



SUNRISE SERVICE



GARDEN EASTER EGG HUNT



CLERGY DRESSING UP AS SOME KIND OF RABBIT



OOH - PASTA! EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH



Lawrence and Frances

Foot washing

Jacob and Joshua decorated eggs



Daffodils at Foxhill



Bobby's Easter Chick

Houses of Prayer



Some of you will recall just before “lockdown” that we were advertising prayer events linked to the Diocesan “Houses of Prayer” initiative, which aims to get us using our buildings more for prayer. Julie DeBoorder is our link person for this initiative and has come up with a creative solution to not being able to use the church buildings. This prayer is written on a front bedroom window of her house. *The real thing is much easier to read than the photo, so it has been overwritten on the image to help you to read it.* Well done Julie—this is such a powerful witness to all who walk past. And also, Well done to everyone who is witnessing to their neighbours by displaying Palm Crosses prominently in windows.

Easter Gift

Are you in the fortunate position that your income has not been affected by Coronavirus? Are you beginning to discover that as you "stay at home" you are not spending as much as you would normally on recreational activities etc? If so, could you consider making a one-off Easter donation to help support the ongoing mission and ministry of our parish?

Continued Thanks to those of you who are setting up standing orders or sending a donation in place of your weekly envelopes.

Our church relies on donations to provide care and support to everyone in this community. Now more than ever, if you are able please give generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.

WHILE BUILDINGS REMAIN CLOSED ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:-
Mr K Marley (Treasurer), c/o The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB

OR IF POSSIBLE BY BACS TRANSFER

CAF Bank Ltd, Sort code:40/52/40 Account: 00018674

In the "Reference Box" - please make sure to include your name - and if space allows the words "regular giving" or "Easter Gift". It would then be helpful if you emailed the Treasurer with the start date, frequency and amount. pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk



Christian Aid Coronavirus Emergency Appeal
Support our work in affected communities
around the world.

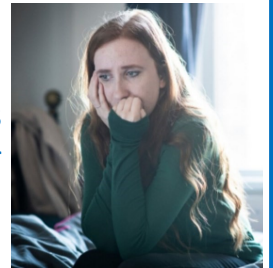
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/coronavirus-emergency-appeal>

Or telephone 020 7523 2493

The Children's Society Emergency Coronavirus Appeal

Thousands of vulnerable children who were already struggling have been plunged into desperation and danger by the Coronavirus crisis. The Children's Society offers some children their only lifeline. Please help by donating to our Coronavirus Appeal.

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/lifeline> or telephone 0300 303 7000



Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050  **WIRRAL**

www.wirralinfobank.co.uk

Welcome to the online resource to help you find support services near you. We are here to support Wirral residents requiring advice, guidance and additional help during this ongoing and difficult coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

 **STAY AT HOME**

 **PROTECT THE NHS**

 **save lives**

LOCAL FIRMS DOING HOME DELIVERIES

Lewis Butchers Greasby, Tel: 0151 678 7990, Bank transfer or cash in envelope on doorstep.

Derek Massey butchers, Telegraph Road, Heswall, Tel: 0151 342 5646.

Fine Fruits Pensby Road delivers veg boxes. Tel: 0751 691 4095

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