

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – The Second Sunday of Easter**



<p><b>Collect</b> Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
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**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 (Wendy Gerrard's Auntie), Roy Fordham, Stan (friend of Chris and Susan Smale), Sally West (Judith Hodgson's friend's daughter), Chris Ormsby (Lil's oldest grandson) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and friends of Gwyneth Brown (Chris Rostock's Mum), Bryan Beech (Wendy Gerrard's Dad), Ieuan Felix

**From Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for those currently undertaking "Foundations for Ministry" Course and for those considering it for the future.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Charles Mwendwa, Meru (Kenya). Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter, Mexico (Mexico).

**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 the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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.**



**Some signs of Spring  
especially for those  
staying safe at home**



**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.**

## FIRST READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, **he breathed on them** and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Hold (ing)**

**Onto**

**Prayer/Promises**

**Each Day/Even though**

**He**

**Offers**

**Peace**

**Eternally**



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

## **TV**

Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise

## **BBC Radio 4**

Sunday 8.10am – Sunday Worship

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

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

## **CHESTER DIOCESE LIVESTREAMING SERVICES**

<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 do take a look.

## **Lectio 365 Prayer App**

Need help praying?

Try this App

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>



**HUGE THANKS AGAIN** as even more of you have set up a standing order or sent a donation. This is a great help as we have no other income from church services or hall hire or anywhere else at the moment.

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". It would then be helpful if you emailed the Treasurer with the start date, frequency and amount.  
[pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk)

**Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050**  **WIRRAL**

[www.wirralinfobank.co.uk](http://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.



## **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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