

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
26th April 2020 – The Third Sunday of Easter**



<p>Collect Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.</p>
<p>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: Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us. Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. Sources: websites of the WCC and the ACA. From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Montreal; Bishop Thomas Corston, Moosonee (Canada).</p>	

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.

Lectio 365 Prayer App

Need help praying?

Try this App

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



Melanesia Mission UK (MMUK) has launched an emergency appeal following Cyclone Harold which has caused widespread destruction, killing people and damaging buildings and growing lands. See attached Poster for more information and details of how you can give.



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
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77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB

OR IF POSSIBLE BY BACS TRANSFER
CAF Bank Ltd,

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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.
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Christian Aid Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

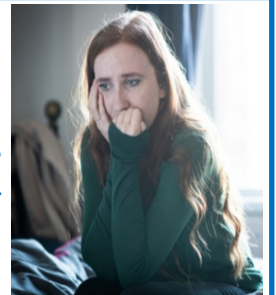
Support our work in affected communities

around the world.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/>

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.



GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

WORSHIP AT HOME

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>
A sermon each Sunday
Worship on Wednesdays for children

TV
Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise

BBC Radio 4
Sunday 8.10am – Sunday Worship

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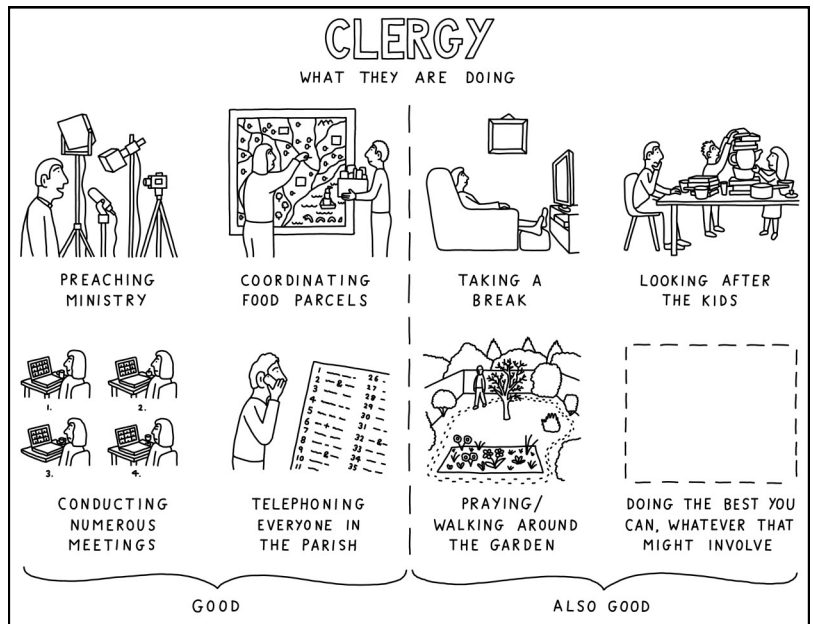
Face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

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.



Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050 **WIRRAL**

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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.

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

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