

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 31st May 2020 – Pentecost



## Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### Prayer prompts based on the readings for today:-

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says Jesus. And so, merciful Saviour, we make our prayer that our many thirsts may be quenched:

- the thirst for change, longing for better things
- the thirst for relief, desperate for assistance
- the thirst for solutions, confused by complexity and fear
- the thirst for security, obscured by anxiety and chaos
- the thirst for the ordinary, displaced by worry

You manifest your Spirit for the common good; give us faith to trust your promise of living water in the droughts of our lives. On that first Pentecost, the crowd, astonished, said, 'How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?' Give us fresh awareness of being part of that new company of people created that day. The boundaries that held us back are crossed. The old hostilities are ended, and a new life has begun. We rejoice that we are all members of the one body. Empower your people to let the rivers of living water flow. ...

- Spirit of truth lead us.
- Spirit of discernment guide us.
- Spirit of compassion unite us.
- Spirit of Jesus, inspire us,
- and all for your love and mercy's sake. Amen.

**For the world:** Please pray for China and Hong Kong. Please pray for those affected by cyclone Amphan in eastern India and Bangladesh

**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, Sally West (Judith Hodgson's friend's daughter) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and friends of Fiona Lorimer (Pat Hulme's sister)

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop William Ray, Bishop Keith Joseph, North Queensland; Bishop Gary Nelson, North West Australia; (Australia).

As we give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Mark to be our next diocesan bishop:  
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 Bishop Mark in his new role as the next Bishop of Chester. Bless guide and strengthen him to answer your call; in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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## GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39

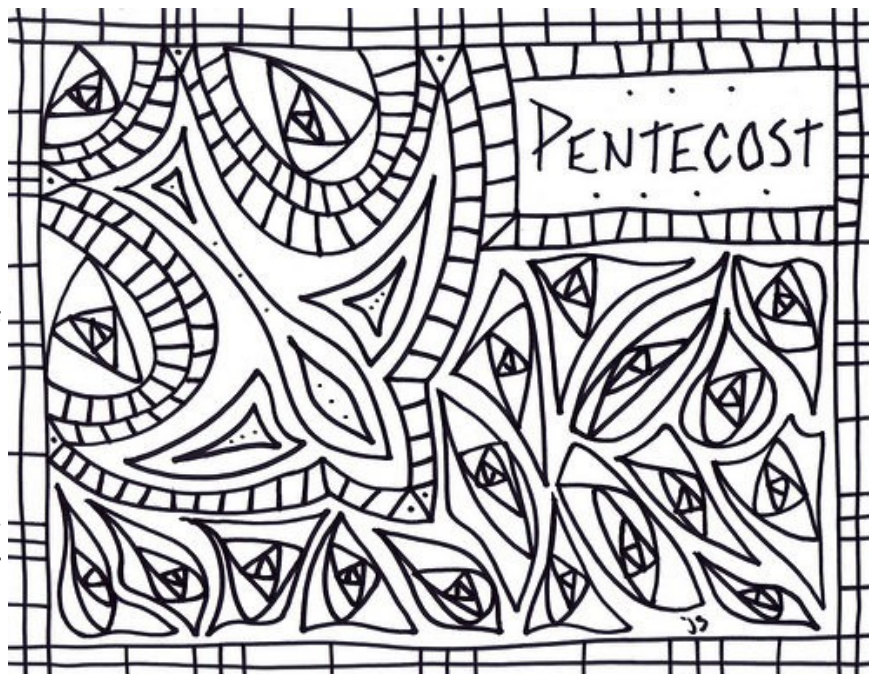
### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

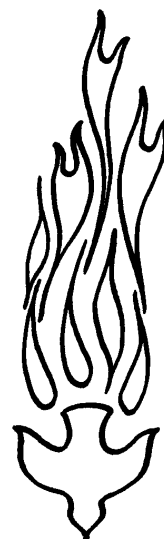
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



# HOLY SPIRIT FIRE

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They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...  
— ACTS 2:3-4 NIV

## Hearts for Homes

Thank You from one of the nursing homes:-

*My name is Dawn, I am magic Moments Assistant at Charlotte house . I would like to thank you , and your friends for thinking off ourselves at this difficult time. The hearts you made have been attached to keyrings with a photograph , and message for residents family's , The residents fully enjoyed carrying out these activities.*

The finished hearts should be approximately 6.5cm high x 6.5cm wide. They can be knitted or sewn in any bright colours. They need to be in pairs - one for the resident of the care home and one for the relative - so they feel united in these weeks when they can't physically see each other.

Bags for nurses (12"x15" with drawstring) also still being received and distributed.



And the latest part of the project is Aprons. Elizabeth has adapted a pattern which can be shared with any other talented sewing machine users who would like to have a go.

If you can't knit or sew - you can still help. Do you have pillow cases, old sheets, duvet covers, table cloths etc that can be re-purposed?

Please drop off items in my porch or contact me (07599 186 893) and I will collect.

All finished items can be dropped off into my porch 11 Heathbank Avenue Irby (Julie DeBoorder)

Thank you again

## A Note of thanks and encouragement from the Treasurer:-

During April 2020:-

12 people have set up a new standing order totalling: £681

4 people have increased the amount they give each week/month

Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £2250

Our total income for April 2020 has totalled £4337

Well Done all. Many Thanks, Kevin



*In April 2019, we had total receipts of £7239. This means our April income is down by £2902. We are making savings elsewhere which helps to balance this a little bit. We obviously have an additional loss of income from Hall Hire and as a result we have temporarily reduced our parish share payments to the diocese.*

### 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)

### 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>



### 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

**PLUS Billy's Corner (Birkenhead Market)  
FREE home delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables  
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