

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
21st June 2020 – Second Sunday after Trinity
Father's Day**



Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your
Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer prompts based on the readings for today (Matt 10:24-39):-

Our Redeemer we hear again your reassuring command, 'Do not be afraid.' We long to make it our own and live securely in its power. We long for the trust that builds courage. We long for the conviction that recognizes grace in the hardest of circumstance. We long to be those who are not afraid because our hope is in you. This is our longing ...

But turning longing into reality comes so hard. Fear makes us timorous when we want to be brave. Fear makes us run when we were so determined to stand. Fear makes us weak even when we thought ourselves so strong. Our longing turns to trepidation although we try to hide it ...

Then we hear your grace. There is no need to hide. What was hidden will be uncovered anyway. 'Do not be afraid' not the consequence of our wills but the gift of your presence. A disciple is not above the teacher; it is enough to be like the teacher. United with you, death nor fear shall have dominion, for you are Lord even of the fearful.

Pray for all who are full of fear right now – whatever the circumstance. May they come to know healing, hope and newness of life.

For PCC: Working towards re-opening our buildings - lots of work needed first - from risk assessment to purchase of anti-bac, gloves, cleaning materials etc., to putting up posters and working out how social distancing can work. Please pray for wisdom and please be patient - Safety is our first priority.

For wedding couples: Jarrad and Nicki who were due to be married on 20th June, Lauren and Matt who were due to be married on 27th June. And for John and Amanda who celebrate their 10th Anniversary on 19th.

For the world: Please pray for peace and justice across our world, especially remembering "Black lives matter"

For the Sick: Please pray for Cecil Jones, 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: Please pray for families and friends of Beryl Tait and Albert (Al) Skinner

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Owen Chiedozi Nwokolo, On the Niger; Bishop Stephen A Oni, Ondo (Nigeria).

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:11-32

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.



²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

The PCC are currently working on risk assessments and practicalities required to re-open our buildings. Please be patient.

At the moment government permission is for private prayer only and there are lots of conditions to be met to ensure this is done as safely as possible.

It is therefore likely that when we are ready, we will re-open St Chad's first (easier to social distance, clean and create a one way system) and that only a few people will be allowed in the building at anyone time.

An Update from the Treasurer (May 31st 2020):-

Once again - THANK YOU for your continued donations which is helping us to continue to pay essential bills.

In May the newly set-up (in response to Covid-19) D/Ds totalled £706 Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £2573

So **income** (which would have come in through church services had we been physically meeting) totalled **£3279**

This compares to £3743 in May 2019

We must also thank those who have long-standing direct debits (which are not included in the figures above for either 2019 or 2020) for your continued support.

We are making some savings as a result of not physically meeting which helps to balance this a little bit. We obviously have an ongoing 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

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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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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.**

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