

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd August 2020 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be
free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your
love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of your
life; glory to you for ever.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community: Please pray for local shops and businesses as they remain open, begin to re-open or remain closed. Pray for those exited by the easing of lockdown and more freedom to do things they have missed. Pray for those who remain anxious and uncertain about going out. Pray for those still shielding and unable to go out until next week.

For PCC: Working towards re-opening our buildings . Please pray for wisdom and please be patient - Safety is our first priority.

For wedding couples: Jarrad and Nicki planning for their re-scheduled wedding on 22nd August.

For the world: Please pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths.

For the Sick: Please continue to pray for Molly (will be 2 this month) in Children's hospital - large cyst removed from her liver on 9/7/20 - recovering well - please keep praying.

Please also continue to pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough (Wendy Gerrard's Auntie), Roy Fordham, Moira and Peter DeBoorder (Sister and Brother in law of Julie DeBoorder) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Julie would like to pass on the good news that her friend Lynne Rose is now in remission, thank you for all your prayers.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Archbishop Laurent Mbanda, L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira; Bishop Samuel M Mugisha, Co-Adjutor Shyira. Bishop Jered Kalimba, Shyogwe (Rwanda).

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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

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

In July the newly set-up (in response to Covid-19) D/Ds totalled £ 965
Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £2782
So **income** (which would have come in through church services had we been physically meeting) totalled **£3747**
This compares to a total in July 2019 of £3625

This month we have had another couple of new Direct Debits set up (thank you)
and also received two one-off donations totalling £800.00 (thank you)

We must also continue to 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.

pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk

Church Remains Online for the time being

We are not yet ready to open. Please be patient. Safety of everyone is our first priority.

The PCC is currently working through over 60 pages of documentation from the Church of England regarding what is required before we can open for services. We are looking into whether we need a booking system for services (which most churches who have opened now have). We are looking at how we can safely "steward" one way systems, use of anti-bac etc etc. We are looking at how we can quarantine service books after use - or whether to use only the screen We are looking at how we maintain online as well as in church - because initially there will be more people staying at home than there will coming to church - simply because of how few people we will be able to get in the buildings. We are looking at how we can continue the ministry of baptisms/weddings/funerals alongside Sunday services, when we have to quarantine the building for 72 hours between services. We cannot re-open until all of these things have been properly thought through and a risk assessment has been agreed by the PCC.

Church will feel very different when we return. We will not be able to greet each other in the ways we are used to as we need to maintain social distancing at all times. We will not be able to sing. We may need to tell you where to sit e.g. filling up from the front. Initially we may only have services of Morning Prayer. Communion (if we can work through the complexities) will be very different - it maybe that the priest will come to you rather than you to the communion rail, and as before lockdown you will only be able to receive bread.

Many churches, including plenty in our deanery, are using July and August to plan and prepare for opening in September. **Please be assured that your PCC are working very hard to make difficult decisions and we will let you know as soon as we can when we are ready to re-open the buildings for services.**

In the meantime, be assured that we will continue to provide resources for you to use at home and we will continue to upload a weekly sermon to facebook.



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