

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
9th August 2020 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity**



Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.
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.

For our Church: Please pray for safety and wisdom as we begin to re-open our church buildings. Pray for those who will serve as Stewards and those who have volunteered to run the booking system. See attached document for further information. Pray for those as yet unable to return to services and for our continuing online (facebook) ministry.

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

For the world: Please pray for all those impacted by the explosion in Beirut. Please continue to pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of James Nash (relative of a congregation member) who was tragically attacked in his own garden in broad daylight and died as a result of his injuries.

For the Sick: Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough (Update from Wendy, Audrey is doing much better at home and her care package is being reduced from 24/7 to twice a day. She's due to have a blood test and scan next week with a view to having further treatment.), 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.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Prompted by today's gospel, we pray on where we may find calm in the storms of our present times.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Julio Trejo, Bishop Julio C Martin, Southeastern Mexico (Mexico). Bishop Humberto Maiztegue Goncalves, Southern Brazil (Brazil).

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:22-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

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

Dear St Bartholomew's and St Chad's planned giving scheme supporters,

Can we thank you on behalf of Thurstaston PCC all for your support for our churches during these trying times of the Covid 19 pandemic. We know that many of you have made special arrangements to continue supporting the church through newly set up standing orders or by sending cheques or your filled planned giving scheme envelopes to the Treasurer Kevin Marley (via the Rectory and other various routes). Anyone who has any doubt about how to support our churches during these times please contact Chris Turnbull - Chris can send standing order and gift aid forms and bank details etc. Our churches have many running costs which continue even though we have lost many sources of income e.g. hall hire, social events etc. so support is really needed to continue the good work of the church in Thurstaston and Irby.

It is now time for us to order the planned giving envelopes for next year which commence in October. We realise that as many of you have changed your method of giving that you may not want planned giving scheme envelopes any more. It will save us quite a lot of money if only those who will use planned giving scheme envelopes receive them, so please if you do not want them any more or you want to discuss anything please contact Chris Turnbull as gift aid officer (phone 0151 625 0089 or 07768 636 202 or email turnbullcj@gmail.com or at home at Springfield, Pinetree Drive, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 8AT) or contact Chris Smale Planned Giving Scheme Officer (phone 648 4944 or email postmaster@thesmales.plus.com). As we will be ordering envelopes in the next 10 days a prompt response would be very helpful.

Best Wishes to you all during these hard times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris Turnbull Thurstaston PCC Gift Aid Officer and Chris Smale Planned Giving Scheme Officer

Today is the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945 (three days after the bombing of Hiroshima). Somewhere between 60,000 and 80,000 people died as a result. Nagasaki had contained one of the largest and oldest Christian communities in East Asia. Now it is a spiritual centre for movements to ban nuclear weapons.

Lord, into your hands we commend our earth,
ever-threatened with disaster,
and all persons and situations we have spoken about,
written down or remembered in the silence of our hearts this day.
Strengthen our will for peace and justice;
increase our faith in your kingdom where
'love and faithfulness will meet, righteousness and peace will embrace'
and may your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.
Blessed is our God, now and unto the ages of ages.
Blessed is our God, who grants us peace and is the source of all peace.
Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.

Prayers for Peace and Justice on Hiroshima Day, World Council of Churches



We are ready
to slowly
re-open our buildings.

Please read
attached document
for details of how
we plan to do it
and what you
need to know.

Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050  **WIRRAL**

 **STAY AT HOME**

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 **save lives**

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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.