

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
23rd August 2020 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**



<p><b>Collect</b> God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
<p><b>FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK</b></p> <p><b>For our Community:</b> Please pray for young people who received exam results this week, for those now seeking employment and those who are beginning to prepare to go to University. Please pray for those awaiting results in the coming week who will then make decisions about whether to continue in education or seek employment.</p> <p><b>For our Church:</b> 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. Pray for those as yet unable to return to services and for our continuing online (facebook) ministry.</p> <p><b>For wedding couples:</b> Jarrad and Nicki as they start their married life together.</p> <p><b>For the world:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>For the Bereaved:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>For the Sick:</b> Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough, 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.</p> <p><b>From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> God of our redemption show us Jesus, that we may know deep within ourselves his saving presence.</p> <p><b>From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:</b> Bishop Elias Chakupewa, Tabora (Tanzania). Bishop Liverson Mng'onda, Taita-Taveta (Kenya).</p>	

## GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 16:13-20

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### Isaiah 51:1-6

1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

2 Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

3 For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

#### Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦  
you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me; ♦  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**Next Sunday: 30th August**

**Service at St Chad's 9.30am**

Don't forget to book your seat

Details on front page of our website & circulated as a separate leaflet on 9th August - contact Parish Office if you need a copy.

**Sermon on Facebook and by email** continues as throughout pandemic - posted after Service in church.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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