

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
6th September 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly  
pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:** Please pray for children and young people returning to schools and colleges.

**For our Church:** Please pray for the PCC and for wisdom as we seek to work out how and when to re-open for community groups.

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

**For those preparing for marriage:** Please pray for Peter and Diana to be married on 6th November.

**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 pray for Tony (in hospital following being knocked off his bike in Thurstaston). 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.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: (Prompted by the Gospel Reading for today)**

Whether we like it or not – when a relationship breaks down, regardless of who is at fault, Jesus puts the burden on us – on you and on me – to initiate reconciliation. He does that because you and I have experienced the reconciliation that is ours through the death of Jesus. We know what it is to feel the relief and joy of knowing that the gap between God and us has been closed because of what Christ has done for us. And we have to live that reconciliation in our own lives.

The Jesus way of doing that is practical and has a profound realism about it. Try to set the matter straight in private he says. How wise that is. Don't go sounding off about it, that will only make things worse. It's only if the private approach doesn't work that others are asked to help – and notice the careful steps advocated here. Try to work it out within a spirit of reconciliation – try and try and try again. This is how it should be, and this comes directly from Jesus.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Pray for the Anglican Church of South Africa - Archbishop Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup> Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## **Psalms 119:33-40**

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ♦  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ♦  
I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, ♦  
for therein is my delight.
- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies ♦  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; ♦  
O give me life in your ways.
- 38 Confirm to your servant your promise, ♦  
which stands for all who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, ♦  
because your judgements are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; ♦  
in your righteousness give me life.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."<sup>1</sup> <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:15-20****All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

**All: Praise to you, O Christ****Next Sunday: 13th September****Holy Communion St Chad's 9.30am****Holy Communion St Bartholomew's 11.15am**

Don't forget to book your seat

Details on front page of our website and 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 (August 31st 2020):-

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

In August the newly set-up (in response to Covid-19) D/Ds totalled £ 891 Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £ 1465 So **income** (which would have come in through church services had we been physically meeting) totalled **£2356**  
***This compares to a total in August 2019 of £3833***

This month we have had another couple of new Direct Debits set up (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)

## Congratulations to Rob and Pauline King who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a Wedding Blessing last weekend.



Before the service,  
Revd Jane with  
eternity ring;  
which is shown on  
the cushion used  
for the rings on  
their wedding day.



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Socially distanced  
photo after the  
service.



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