

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
11th October 2020 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**



Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation
which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred
feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray the local lockdown measures help control the continuing rise of Coronavirus infections. Please pray for local businesses as they navigate the constant changes in what people are allowed to do and the measures which they need to have in place.

Please pray for the hospital chaplain (Revd Malcolm Cowan) as he unceasingly supports patients who can't have visitors.

Please pray for our schools as they navigate being in "bubbles" and seek plan for fundraising and learning in new ways - Christmas Fairs, Nativity Plays etc.

For our Church:

Please pray for the APCM - for people to offer to stand as PCC members, Deanery Synod Reps and Church Warden - see pages 8-9 of October crosstalk for more information - <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/2020-magazines/>

For the world:

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

Please pray for wisdom in the upcoming election in America.

For those preparing for marriage:

Please pray for Peter and Diana to be married on 6th November.

For the Sick:

Please pray for Eileen Lowe. Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), 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:

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

25 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4:1-9

4¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^l these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 22:1-14**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Next Sunday: 18th October

BCP Holy Communion St Bartholomew's 8.00am

Morning Worship St Chad's 9.30am

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.

Children's Society Boxes

It is that time of year when we would normally have a Children's Society Coffee Morning and collect boxes for emptying and counting. If you have a box that you would like emptied, please can you deliver it to my home (Barnstables, 233 Irby Road) or call me (648 6015) to arrange for me to collect it from you.

Alternatively you may prefer to make a cheque donation or you can donate online

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

What do the Children's Society do?

"Young people come to us when they have low self esteem. When they're living in families that can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform. Or when there's no-one else to lean on. Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to us for guidance to achieve to the life they dreamed of. To have a settled home, a secure job and starting a family. They're not asking for too much. We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after mum, dad, or their siblings more than they bargained for. Or who have been taken advantage of and find themselves carrying drugs to far away towns, or having sex with strangers. Often, the hope inside them has taken a battering, it might only be hanging by a thread. But we know it's there. **And we see a better future is within reach.**"

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held (by Zoom) on **Monday 26th October at 6.00pm**

Please put this date in your diary!

Official notifications will follow in due course (more info on pages 8-9 of October Crosstalk), but if you wish to attend the meeting, please let Revd Jane know, so that you can be sent the link to join in online, or a phone number which will allow you to join by phone call.

Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050

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 **save lives**

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