

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 18th October 2020 – St Luke the Evangelist



Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with
the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame, filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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), John Gerrard who is having a knee operation and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: *Archbishop Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, USA).*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:3-6

- ³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Psalm 147:1-7

- 1 Alleluia.
How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre;

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 4:5-17

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia,^[a] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-9

All: Glory to you, O Lord

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy^l others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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!

You can join this meeting **ONLINE** or by **TELEPHONE**

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 landline telephone call.

We will be electing the following parish representatives:-

TWO Church wardens - One nomination received to date

at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners - which will take place at the same Zoom meeting

THREE Deanery Synod representatives - Two nominations received to date.

SIX Parochial Church Council representatives - Four nominations received to date

Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member*. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Nomination forms can be accessed via the website - or by request to the Parish Office

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/>

More information about what's involved in these roles can also be found on the website:-

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/being-a-pcc-member/>

If you are attending the meeting it would be helpful if you have read (or have sight of) the following documents:-

1. The Annual Report for 2019 (which includes the Accounts for 2019) - available on the website and paper copies were posted with the October Crosstalk Magazine.

<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/pcc-annual-report.php>

2. The minutes of last year's APCM - pages 10-11 of October Crosstalk Magazine

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the Honorary Secretary before the meeting.

* Current PCC Members: Liz Whitehead (Church Warden), Graham Barley (PCC Secretary), Malcolm Studholme (Deanery Synod), Chris Smale (Deanery Synod), Julie Davies (Deanery Synod), Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Pat Neil, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Roger Dennison, Andrew Hardford, Judith Hodgson

All Souls - Remembrance and Thanksgiving

All Souls – 2nd November – is the day in the church calendar when we remember and give thanks for those who have died. Most years we hold a special service on the nearest Sunday in which we remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. Sadly, due to the Covid pandemic and the limited numbers of people that we can safely get into our church building we have decided this year not to hold this service.

However, we will still be praying for and remembering our loved ones and have come up with a creative way to do that. Members of our congregation have been busy making origami doves and we will be writing the name of your loved one onto one of those doves. At the end of October we will then be hanging all of the doves in a visual display at St Chad's (Roslin Rd, Irby) so that we will be able to use it as a focus for our prayers on Sunday 1st November. The display will be visible through the window of St Chad's and we will leave it on display for at least a week, so if you are walking past at any point, please feel free to take a look.

If you would like a loved one's name (family, friend, work colleague) included on a dove, then please contact Revd Jane with the name(s) that you would like included.



Church Services by Zoom - You can join ONLINE or by TELEPHONE

We had our first service of **Evening Prayer by Zoom** last Sunday and it was successfully attended by six people. If you wish to have the details for how to join these services, please contact Revd Jane. There will be Evening prayer on 18th and 25th Oct and going forwards these dates will be published as usual services on the website calendar and on the back cover of the Crosstalk parish magazine.

We are also planning some **All Age Family Services by Zoom**. We hope the first one will be at 6pm on Sunday 1st November (children welcome to come in their PJ's!). Watch this space for more information.

Next Sunday: 25th October

Holy Communion St Bartholomew's 11.15am

Morning Worship St Chad's 9.30am

Evening Prayer by Zoom 6.30pm

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."

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 **save lives**

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