

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
25th October 2020 – Last Sunday after Trinity**



Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty, that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and 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 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.

For the Bereaved:

Please pray for family and friends of Eileen Lowe.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: *Archbishop John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

19 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Thess 2:1-8

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL READING: Matt 22:34-end**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Evening Prayer by Zoom - If you wish to have the details for how to join these services, please contact Revd Jane. There will be Evening prayer on 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**. 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: 1st November

Holy Communion St Bartholomew's 8.00am

Morning Worship St Chad's 9.30am

Family Service by Zoom 6.00pm - contact Revd Jane for details of how to join this service

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."

Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050

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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.