

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby

1st November 2020 – All Saints Day



Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of
all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your
kingdom;
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:

As today is All Saints please pray for those who have been bereaved throughout the year

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), 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 Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop of the Internal Province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm 34:1-10

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 3:1-3

3 ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he¹ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5.1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord

5 When Jesus¹ saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

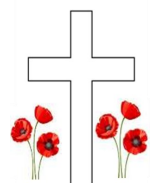
¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

All-Age Remembrance Trail in St Bartholomew's Church Yard

There are 4 special places to pray in the churchyard during this season of Remembrance.

1. All Hallows Eve – confronting our fears
2. All Saints – remembering those whose lives inspire us in faith
3. All Souls – remembering our own beloved dead
4. Remembrance – honouring the sacrifice of those in war, and praying for peace



All Souls - Remembrance and Thanksgiving

The display is now installed. 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.



A special thank you to those who continue to remember to collect their used stamps for RDA and a reminder, with Christmas not too far off, to save all those Royal Mail stamps.

Next Sunday: 8th November

Morning Worship St Bartholomew's 11.15am

Holy Communion St Chad's 9.30am

Act of Remembrance by Zoom 10.45am - *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.

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 **save lives**

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