

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby

8th November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday



Collect

.God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the
kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the
world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 remain open through lock down

For our Church:

Please pray for Pete and Di who married on Wednesday having brought their wedding forward from Friday in order to beat lockdown!

Give thanks for each other and pray for those who will find lockdown especially hard

For the world:

Please continue to pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths. Please pray for France following the terror attacks last week, for Turkey following the earthquake last week, and for Austria following this week's terror attack. Please pray for the security services in our country as the terror threat level is raised to severe.

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 Alan Fletcher.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Archbishop Howard Gregory - Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5: 18-24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

1 O God, make speed to save me; ♦

O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life

be put to shame and confusion; ♦

let them be turned back and disgraced

who wish me evil.

3 Let those who mock and deride me ♦

turn back because of their shame.

4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦

let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

5 As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦

come to me quickly, O God.

6 You are my help and my deliverer; ♦

O Lord, do not delay.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,¹ so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.1-13

All: Glory to you, O Lord

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



WIRRAL FOODBANK

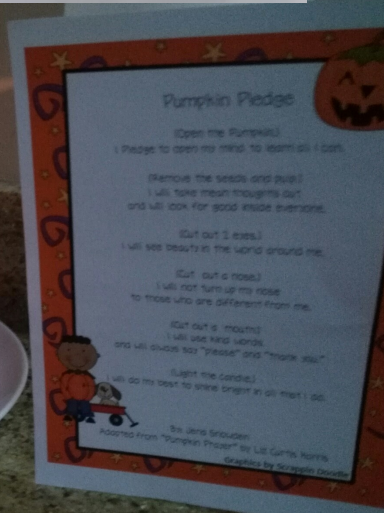
Can you help with donations for Wirral Foodbank? Items can be dropped off at Dawpool Primary School - enter through the pedestrian entrance and place your items in the lime green donations bin. In order to avoid congestion at drop off and pick up times, we suggest that you drop your items between 10.00-11.30am. If you can't get to school, items may also be dropped off to 38 Heathbank Avenue (box in front of the garage)

The following items will be much appreciated so they can be given out during the month of December

- RICE PUDDING
- CEREAL
- TEA
- COFFEE
- SQUASH
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED /PACKET SOUP
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- RICE
- INSTANT MASH
- PASTA SAUCE
- TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSH
- DEODRANT
- SHAMPOO
- CHOCOLATE
- BISCUITS
- SUGAR
- JAM
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- NAPPIES SIZE 5&6
- TOILET ROLLS



Thank you to Max, Nicole, Frances, Lawrence, Will, Jasmine and Seren for sharing their pumpkin creations with us. WELL DONE



**DURING LOCKDOWN – Church Services are not permitted but
CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS TO COME AND PRAY ON SUNDAYS**

With the help of some very willing volunteers, and following the service pattern already in place, the building will be open:-

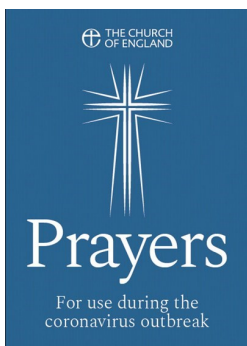
				*ZOOM ONLINE
Nov 8 th		St Chad's Open 10-11am	St Bartholomew's Open 11-12noon	10.45am Act of Remembrance
Nov 15 th	St Bartholomew's Open 8-9am	St Chad's Open 10-11am		
Nov 22 nd		St Chad's Open 10-11am	St Bartholomew's Open 11-12noon	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Nov 29 th	St Bartholomew's Open 8-9am	St Chad's Open 10-11am		6.30pm Evening Prayer

You will still need to observe all the same safety rules as for church services (sanitising, face masks, social distancing etc) and you will still need to complete a test and trace form.

When coming to church for individual prayer you may like to simply come for a few minutes and sit in the peace and sanctity of the building. We don't expect people to come and sit in silence for the whole hour - you can arrive and leave at any time during the hour the building is open.

At St Chad's the chairs will be slightly rearranged (still socially distanced) into more of a horse-shoe shape with a coffee table in the middle which have a visual display to help your focus (Thank you to Julie and Margaret for providing these).

Some may like some more structure to help them pray and you could use the morning worship book which you have in your pack if you've already been to a service, or is available in church for you to collect if this will be your first visit since lockdown.



Or you may like to use the booklet which we posted out in April. I still have some of these if you have lost yours or didn't receive one in the first place - let me know if you'd find it helpful to have one now.

For those who choose to remain at home, we will continue to provide sermon via Facebook and Zoom Services as indicated above. And don't forget the Daily Hope Phone Line is still available.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

At this stage we don't believe it will be necessary for you to book a space in church for individual prayer, but if all the seats are taken you will be asked to wait until one becomes available, and if our expectation regarding numbers of people is incorrect, we will implement a booking system.

***To join a ZOOM service, please contact Revd Jane who will give you the details.
You can join a ZOOM service online or by landline telephone.**

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



Look for the poppy and the cross picture.



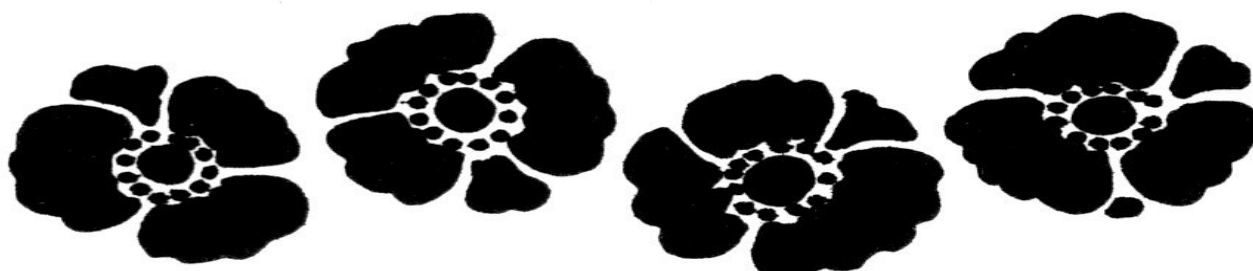
A special thank you to those who continue to remember to collect their used stamps for RDA (Riding for the Disabled) and a reminder, with Christmas not too far off, to save all those Royal Mail stamps.

We now have an Amazon smile account. The Link can be found on the website at www.thurstaston.org.uk, on the first page, scroll down until you see the amazon smile banner. If you click on the banner it will take you directly to amazon, any purchases you then make Amazon will donate money to the church with no cost to you.

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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.