

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – Christ the King**



**Collect**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of  
good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
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 continue to pray for local businesses.

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

Pray for all those in Care Homes and their relatives as they continue to struggle without visits.

Please pray for our schools as they remain open through lock down

**For our Church:**

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.

**For the Sick:**

Please pray for Mary Wishart. Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough, 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 whose funeral took place on Wednesday 18th

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Nicholas Dill Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekial 34:11-16,20-24

<sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. <sup>23</sup> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

## Psalm 95:1-7

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦  
Let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦  
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; ♦  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1 15-23**

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.31-46**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

<sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

### **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



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.

## Leprosy Boxes



Due to COVID-19 and my ill health, my request for the annual collection of boxes is well overdue.

There is no way I can collect the boxes, so I would be most grateful if those of you with a box could open them, count the money, and then write a cheque made payable to:-

**“THE LEPROSY MISSION”**

Please then post that cheque to:-

**Mrs Patricia Hulme  
 39 Breezhill Rd,  
 Neston, CH64 9PZ**

One off donations are always gratefully received.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Pat Hulme.

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**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:-

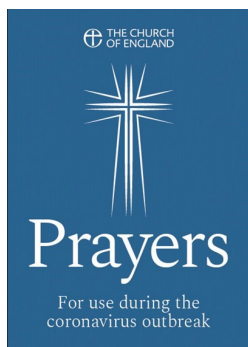
				<b>*ZOOM ONLINE</b>
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>		St Chad's Open 10-11am	St Bartholomew's Open 11-12noon	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew's Open 8-9am	St Chad's Open 10-11am		6.30pm Evening Prayer

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.**