

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
25th July 2021 - Trinity 8 (St James the apostle)**



**Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven and  
became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to  
clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free  
from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever. Amen

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**

Please pray for local businesses

**For our Church:**

Please pray for Poppy DeBoorder being baptised this afternoon.

Please pray for Chris Tracey and Laura Morgan planning for their wedding on 6th August.

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

**For the world:**

Pray for the Olympic Games in Japan - for all taking part and all working at the venues

Pray for countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Kate McMahon, Muriel McKie, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends), Pat Hulme, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for family and friends of Vivienne Pennell



## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21**

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.<sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.<sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.<sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.<sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"<sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,<sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.<sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.<sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Covid – Stage 4 – Relaxing of Restrictions

The PCC Standing Committee remain concerned about the rise in cases and admissions to hospital, and therefore propose to keep things much as they are and under review.

### Things which will remain in place:-

- Keeping a **record of people who attend services** – although there will no longer be a need to pre-book
- **Hand sanitiser** will continue to be available
- **Face Coverings** - whilst it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church we would ask you to ensure you have one with you, and encourage you to wear it when appropriate - either for yourself or for others near to you. You may choose to wear it when moving around or if the church is very full, and especially when singing.
- **Service books** – we will continue to provide (on your first visit) copies of the service books to be taken home and brought to services which you choose to attend
- **Notice Sheets** will remain online
- **One way system** will remain in place at St Chad's
- **Ventilation** – we'll continue to keep the doors and windows open

### Things which will change:-

- **Social distancing:** There will be a section of each church building which will maintain social distancing measures and a requirement to wear face coverings throughout the service – We recognize that there are a whole lot of good reasons people will want to sit in these areas for themselves and for others. The other part of each church building will be non-socially distanced, but we ask that you remain considerate to others when choosing where to sit. Please space out as much as possible.
- **Singing** will be permitted – whilst seated and wearing a face covering – Praise the Lord!
- **Communion:** We will continue to bring this to you in your seat. Communion will be done by "simultaneous administration"  
*The simultaneous administration of consecrated bread and wine is effected by the president taking a wafer carefully from the paten or ciborium with the fingers and touching it briefly but carefully to the surface of the wine, allowing a small amount of the wine to suffuse into the bread.*  
Come September we will review whether everyone coming to the communion rail is appropriate and/or whether we return to using a common cup to serve wine.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Recovery Group, said:

"The relaxation of restrictions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July is only possible because of the vaccination programme which has reduced the percentage of those with Covid who become seriously ill or die.

"We are indebted to all who have developed and administered the vaccines and we encourage anyone who has not yet done so to take advantage of the protection they offer.

"Many will welcome the possibilities now before us, not least increased numbers at life events and a long awaited return of congregational and amateur choir singing.

"However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore our approach needs to be cautious and careful.

"Taking personal responsibility means responsibility for our neighbour, not just for ourselves, and taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be. Local church leaders know their communities and their own circumstances, and we will support them making local decisions to keep themselves and their community safe. We would ask everyone to support those making local decisions and respect risk assessments, which are in place to protect everyone as we enter the next phase."

# AUGUST 2021 SERVICES

## ZOOM Services:-

Joining details available  
by emailing the Rector

1st,8th,15th,22nd,29th  
6.30pm Evening Prayer



## SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 1st August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts  
9.30am MW at St Chad's

Sun 8th August 9.30am HC at St Chad's  
11.15am MW at St Bart's

Sun 15th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts  
9.30am MW at St Chad's

Sun 22nd August 9.30am HC at St Chad's  
11.15am HC at St Bart's

Sun 29th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts  
9.30am HC at St Chad's

Wednesdays 10.15am HC at St Chad's

In early July the clergy received a pastoral letter from Bishop Mark which stated:-

"The guidelines already encourage clergy to try to take two consecutive days off once a month. We want to give warm permission to take two days off a week between now and September, even though this might seem like an impossible dream to some of you."

So for the last week of July and the whole of August Revd Jane intends wherever possible to have Monday and Tuesday as days off.

Cheerful Giants grown by a member of the congregation



Have you or your  
loved ones  
had your  
coronavirus  
vaccine?



Give thanks with a donation to Christian Aid to help protect the most vulnerable people across the world, while the vaccine is out of reach. Find out more:-

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hour Helpline

0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

How to access a Safe Space

- Walk into any participating pharmacy in the UK.
- Ask at the healthcare counter to use their Safe Space.
- A pharmacist will show you to the Safe Space. Which will be the consultancy room.
- Once inside, you will find displayed specialist domestic abuse support information for you to access, to make that call or access Bright Sky safely.

Safe Spaces are open and ready for you to use.

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SUMMER SCARECROW FESTIVAL

29th August to 4th September

**Build your scarecrow and display in your garden or front of your business for all to see and enjoy!**

**Please visit our Facebook page for inspiration!**

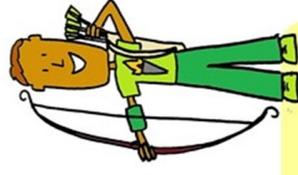


**Thingwall Irby Pensby Summer Scarecrow Festival**



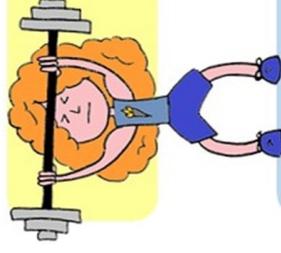
# Can you complete the Bible-lympics Trail?

**Find the trail points**  
Discover the story of a different character from the Bible  
Take on the 'Bible-lympics' challenges.



## Where?

There are 5 trail points to find  
– at St Bart's in the churchyard



## When?

23<sup>rd</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021



## For more information...

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