

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
19th September 2021 - Trinity 16**



Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for the right person to be identified to become a Foundation Governor at Dawpool (more info included later in this newsletter)

Please pray for local businesses

Please pray for families and young people making decisions regarding Covid vaccine.

Please pray for our local MP's and all politicians following government reshuffle.

For our Church:

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:

Please continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan

Please pray for all who have been affected by earthquakes and hurricanes

Please continue to pray for countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

For the Sick: Please pray for Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for families and friends of Andrew Hutson and Kevin Cullen



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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Creation Care Course 7.30-9.30pm Thursday Evenings ONLINE

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a unique collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, Heart-Edge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. We will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people, and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action.

Week 1: Caring for Creation (7th Oct)

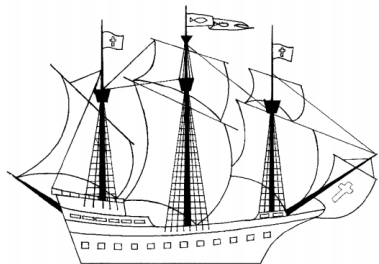
Week 2: Understanding Climate Change (14th Oct)

Week 3: Living Climate Change – Stories from Melanesia (21 Oct)

Week 4: Taking Action – Caring for the Environment, Caring for People (18 Nov)

TO BOOK - GO TO <https://www.chester.anglican.org/cop26/cop26.php> and scroll down to the link

Revd Jane has booked and would be happy to chat, about what we discover and learn, with anyone else who decides to join - do let her know if you book!



**Foundation Governor Vacancy
at Dawpool CE (Aided) Primary School
September 2021**

We are looking to appoint a foundation governor at our school and would like you to consider whether you could serve God in this way.

Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational development of the children in the school. You do not have to be an educational expert as you will be given help in developing such skills, and training is available on all aspects of school governance. What is important is a willingness to commit to the role and an ability to ask questions whilst working with others to ensure the best outcomes for the children by challenging and supporting school leaders in equal measure. School governance uses the experience of people from many walks of life and if you work in business, have an interest in finance or have experience of working in a variety of situations then you could make a valuable contribution to the work of the school governing body.

Governing body meetings take place once or twice a term with smaller subcommittees held termly or as needed. Membership of any committee will be based on your interests and experience. If you would like further information, please contact Revd Jane who will be willing to talk through with you what it's like being a foundation governor and how it all works.

Christian ministry can take many forms and we strongly feel that church school governance is an important part of the church's mission. We have many families linked to our school and an opportunity to share the Christian message with many who may not have any experience of the Christian faith. We would therefore encourage you to ask God if this may be the work that He is calling you to do. It is a requirement that Foundation Governors are members of a Christian Church and regularly attend worship services in that Church.

If you would like someone to pray with/for you, or if you feel that you could take on this very important role, then all we ask is that you fill in a form which is available from Revd Jane and who will discuss this with you further. We are especially keen to hear from anyone who can offer skills relating to finance / business / data, as this is the skill gap being left by the outgoing governor. However, we would also love to hear from you if you can offer enthusiasm, commitment and other skills. We would like to know if you are interested in the role now or possibly in the future.

SERVICES

From September

The new pattern of services will be:-

- 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's – every week
- 10.30am service every week:-
 - 1st Sunday – HC at St Barts
 - 2nd Sunday – All age at St Chads
 - 3rd Sunday – MW at St Barts
 - 4th Sunday – HC at St Chads
 - 5th Sunday – Baptism at St Barts – or HC if no baptism booked
- Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's – every week

This pattern is subject to change for festivals etc. Please keep an eye on the website for accurate details for any given Sunday

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 19th Sept

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am MW at St Barts

Sun 26th Sept

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 3rd October - HARVEST

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am HC at St Barts

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

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 Jean Heath (Barnstables, 233 Irby Road) or contact Barbara Kozler (342 8039), who will arrange collection. If neither of these options is suitable please drop the box off at the Parish Office at St Chad's.

**The
Children's
Society**

Alternatively you may prefer to make a cheque donation or you can donate online
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr 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.



Helping the bereaved
find **support**

ataloss.org



<https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

Covid Precautions and Safety from September 2021 at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby

- **Track and Trace** – If you have got into the habit of filling in a bringing a trace and trace form with you to services, please continue to do that. Otherwise, the sides people will ask for your name and a contact phone number. After the service, this list will be stored in the parish office for three weeks and then destroyed.
- **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. We would encourage you to wear it for entry and exit to church and when moving around. Those who find wearing a face covering difficult due to medical conditions remain exempt. We will require you to wear a face covering when singing.
- **Service books and Hymn Books**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, these will be in the pews, please stack them carefully at the end of the service.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, these will be in a box at the back of church. Please take what you need (you will be guided by the sides people) and then return the books to the correct boxes at the end of the service.
- **Notice Sheets** will remain online. However, there will be some available in church each week, please ask the sides people if you would like a copy.
- **One way system** will remain in place at St Chad's
- **Ventilation** – we'll continue to keep the doors and windows open
- **Social distancing:**

We recognize that there are a whole lot of good reasons people will still wish to sit socially distanced, both for themselves and for others. If you choose to sit in a non-socially distanced part of church, we ask that you remain considerate to others when choosing where to sit and please space out as much as possible.

 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – One side of the church building will maintain social distancing measures, whilst the other will be non-socially distanced.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – When the sides people put the chairs out each week, they will ensure that there are always some which are socially distanced. Please speak to the sides people if you have a specific requirement which doesn't appear to have been met in the seating layout.
- **Singing** is now permitted but only if wearing a face covering.
- **Communion:** Communion will be done by "simultaneous administration". You will be invited to come to the communion rail (wearing a face covering whilst moving) and to remain standing to receive. If mobility makes this difficult for you, please inform the minister or the sidespeople and communion to be brought to you.
 - * *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.
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – Please come forward starting from the front pews and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please only queue on the organ side in the sanctuary (ie between the choir stalls, but not between the pews were people are still sitting or returning to sit down). Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left, remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and return to your seat keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – Please come forward using the central aisle starting from the front rows and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left or right (depending upon where the space is), remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and continue to walk to the wall end of the rows of chairs and thereby circle back to your seat, keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
- **Chatting and Fellowship**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, please try to do this outside of the building. The aisle is too narrow for people to safely pass if you are chatting to someone.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, please try to do this outside whenever possible, unless you have a drink in your hand – see below.
- **Refreshments** at St Chad's – Only the people on the rota will be allowed in the kitchen. Please do not enter for any other reason. Drinks will be served through the hatch. The volunteers will add any milk or sugar that you require (in order to reduce the number of people touching milk jugs/bottles and spoons. Please queue wearing a face covering and at a safe distance from the person in front of you. Please do not allow children to approach the hatch. Once you have collected your drink(s), please move away from the hatch and sit down to enjoy your drink whilst chatting to others who are sat near you. When you have finished your drink, please return your cup ASAP to the hatch, so that the volunteers can wash up and leave the kitchen safe and tidy for the next group in the building. At this stage we will be serving drinks only. We will reconsider biscuits at a future stage.