

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 23rd July - Trinity 7



Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the
source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live: may we
so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and
be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups

Please pray for all the people living in your street

Please pray for School staff and Families—For safety, protection and refreshment over the summer holidays

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 pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Dot Turner, Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Tony Fletcher, Margaret Fordham, Tina Samson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved:

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 23rd July **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
10.30am Communion at St Chad's (Junior Church doesn't meet
during school holidays but families are welcome at the service)

Sun 30th July **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 6th August **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
Transfiguration **10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**
Of our Lord

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ “This is what the LORD says—
Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.
⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let them foretell what will come.
⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

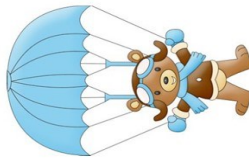
All: Praise to you, O Christ

Ready, Teddy, Go!

2pm to 4pm

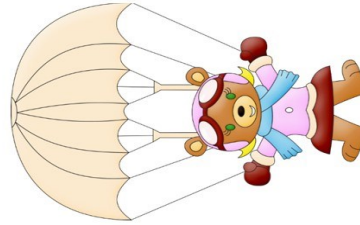
Saturday 19th August 2023

Celebrate St Bartholomew's Day and bring your teddy along for the afternoon:-



register your bear
make your parachute
(string and carrier bag provided)
watch your bear parachute
off the church spire!

It sounds mad but it's very funny and no bears are hurt in the process, however, bear in mind that occasionally one may get temporarily stuck in tree, so choose your bear accordingly to avoid too many tears.



It is a great family fun afternoon, there will be

- a children's raffle,
- tea and cake
- a lucky dip.

If you can help with

- setting up,
- being on a stall,
- donating or baking cakes,
- or have any donations for the children's raffle, please get in touch.

Thanks,

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Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

SHAMPOO

FEMALE HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE

DEODORANT

RNIB

See differently

They RDA are no longer accepting used postage stamps. However the RNIB will be happy to take them and so, please continue to bring your used stamps to either Church. RNIB do request that you leave if possible 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thanks in anticipation of your continued support . Jean Heath

WARM HUB EVERYONE WELCOME

Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm at St Chads

Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation with others. Newspapers and jigsaws. Borrow a book from our mini library.



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Everyone's
Responsibility**