The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby 9th June - Trinity 3



Collect	Post-Communion Prayer
God our saviour,	O God, whose beauty is beyond our
look on this wounded world	imagining and whose power we cannot
in pity and in power;	comprehend: show us your glory as far as
hold us fast to your promises of peace	we can grasp it, and shield us from
won for us by your Son,	knowing more than we can bear
our Saviour Jesus Christ.	until we may look upon you without fear;
Amen	through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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 involved in the Election Campaigns and for yourself to use your vote wisely. Please pray for schools in our parish.

For our Church:

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

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital Please pray for those preparing for confirmation - Annabelle. Diane and Emma

Please pray for children and young people preparing for and taking exams

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 Amanda Fletcher, Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Baby Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Revd Ailsa Whorton (recovering from heart operation), 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 16th June 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 23rd June 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

Sun 30th June 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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Old Testament Reading: Ezek: 17:22-24	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 ²² Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it. 	 ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. ¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, ¹⁵ showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34 All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



TABLE TALK

11.30am - 12.30pm at St Chad's WEDNESDAYS 12th, 19th, 26th June, 3rd, 17th, 24th July

OR 7.45-9.00pm in the extension WEDNESDAYS 12th, 19th, 26th June, 3rd, 10th, 17th July

Table Talk provides an opportunity to take part in meaningful conversations about the things that really matter. Gather around a table to talk, laugh, be understood and get to know another's point of view.

The themes we will explore are:-

Burnout: How can I balance my life?
Friendship: How do we make and keep friends?
Destiny: How do we live a meaningful life?
Beauty: What does it mean to live an attractive life?
Ecology: How do we care for the planet?
Spirituality: How can we experience God?

Recognition of Graham Barley's service to PCC for 40 years Chair Fund

As at 12th June, we have received donations totaling £1,195

THANK YOU for your generosity.

We anticipate that the chairs will cost approximately £2000.00

Any further donations should be given to the parish office by 30th June.

Your cash or cheque donation should be placed in an envelope marked "Chair Fund" You can donate by BACS transfer (followed by email to the office) indicating that it is for the "Chair Fund"

If we receive more than £2000.00, we will look to buy more chairs or replace some of the broken blue ones as well.

