

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
21st March 2021 - Lent 5**



Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and
sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please continue to pray for ALL key-workers
Please pray for all victims of abuse

For our Church:

Pray for our Annual Meeting (19th Apr) and for people to stand for election to PCC and as Church Wardens
Pray for our Lent witness through facebook, through Lent groups, and as individuals.
Please pray for our worship and mission and we remain in online mode.

For the world:

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

For the Bereaved: Please pray for all who have suffered bereavement during pandemic and especially those whose first anniversary is coming up.

For the Sick: Please pray for Muriel McKie, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, Sue Maggs (Chris Rostock's friend) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

**A prayer for the discernment process
Appointment of new bishops**

Almighty God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom
and calls us to follow him.
Guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,
to show humility, love and mercy as we seek your Kingdom.
We pray for those you are calling
to be the next bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead
and for those discerning that call.
Lead and strengthen them to answer your call;
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the
people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

**Don't forget
Clocks forward
next weekend**



NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

⁶ And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING:

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Electoral Roll

It is that time of year when we revise our Church Membership List (Electoral Roll) - so **if you consider yourself to be a member of St Bartholomew's or St Chad's then now is the time to take action!**

1. Check if you are already on the roll - <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/electoral-roll.php> - If yes, no further action is required unless you have moved house recently - in which case please email me your new address.
2. Fill out an Application form - <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/electoral-roll.php> - This needs to be printed and posted/delivered to "The Electoral Roll Officer, c/o The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB" in **physical form with a signature to arrive no later than Sunday 4th April**
 - If you have teenagers who have turned 16 or will turn 16 in the next twelve months, please check whether they would like to be included
 - If you are unsure whether you live in the parish - please check here <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/guides/roads-within-the-parish/>
 - If you are unsure whether to tick box 2 a,b or c - then feel free to ask Revd Jane for help

Annual Parochial Church Meetings Monday 19th April 7.30pm by Zoom

Please think about supporting our church by becoming involved as a PCC Member or Churchwarden. **Nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens are also available on the parish website or from the parish office.** These forms need to be returned (in physical form with signatures) to Revd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB.

PCC UPDATE
RE: CHURCH SERVICES
following PCC meeting
on 1st March 2021

The PCC acknowledges the need to remain cautious and patient, and aware of the most vulnerable and still shielding in our congregations. We need to allow for vaccination program to have its fullest effect and for the science to back up the proposed government roadmap. It was therefore agreed that we will not restart Sunday services until, as a country, we are able to move into Step 3 (May 17th at the earliest). Services will restart as soon as is practical after that date.

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.

**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>



**National Day of
Reflection**
23 March

God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen.

**A bell will be tolled at St Bartholomew's
for one minute at 12noon**

Reflect

Take a minute to reflect

Join our minute of silence at 12 noon, shine a light at 8pm or take a moment to reflect on the last year in your own way.

Connect

Take a moment to connect

Reach out to someone you know going through a bereavement by sending flowers, writing a card or having a chat.

Support

Show your support

Create a colourful poster for your window or shine a light at 8pm to show your support on the National Day of Reflection.

More information, resources and ideas can be found:- <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection>

Bereavement advice can be obtained from AtaLoss.org

March 28th 6.00pm

**ZOOM ALL-AGE
FAMILY SERVICE**



Palm Sunday

FOR ZOOM

JOINING DETAILS

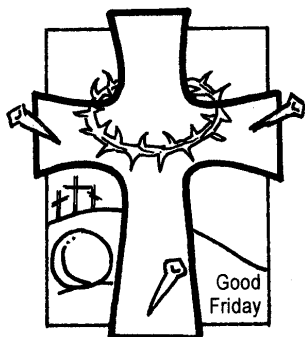
CONTACT REVD JANE

rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Good Friday

2nd April - 2.00pm

ZOOM SERVICE



Thursday 1st April

8.00pm ZOOM SERVICE



**MAUNDY
Thursday**

Easter Day - April 4th

10.30am ZOOM SERVICE

6.30pm

ZOOM EVENING PRAYER

**St Bartholomew's will be
open for Private Prayer**

8.00-11.00am

Feel free to pop in

Stay for a few minutes (or more).

**You will need to fill in a track and
trace form, wear a face**

covering and

follow

social

distancing.

*Easter...
Christ is risen!*



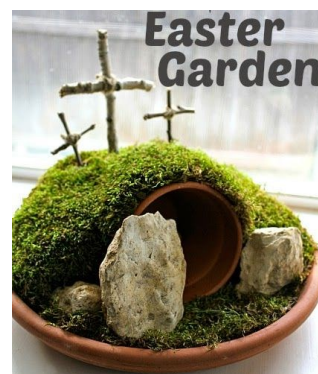
Holy Week Prayer Stones

These will be available
to collect from
St Bartholomew's Porch
and the Rectory Drive
(77 Thingwall Rd)
from Sat 27th March



**Can you make
an Easter Garden?**

Please send a photo to
rector@thurstaston.org.uk
and we will include them
on our weekly notice
sheet. There may even be
a prize for the most
creative one!



EASTER TRAIL

**Starts at St. Bartholomew's Lychgate
and finishes in Irby**

Complete the trail (available from Sat 27th March)
by 6pm on Easter Day (4th April 2021).

Put your quiz sheet* in the box at the end of the trail (or you can email your
answers to rector@thurstaston.org.uk) and collect a sticker from the box.

One completed sheet will be chosen (by drawing lots) and a prize
awarded. The winner will be announced on our church facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

*Quiz sheets are available in the church porch.