

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
28th March 2021 - Palm Sunday**



Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a
servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our
salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
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 pray 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: Psalm 118:1-2,19-24

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2:5-11

- ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

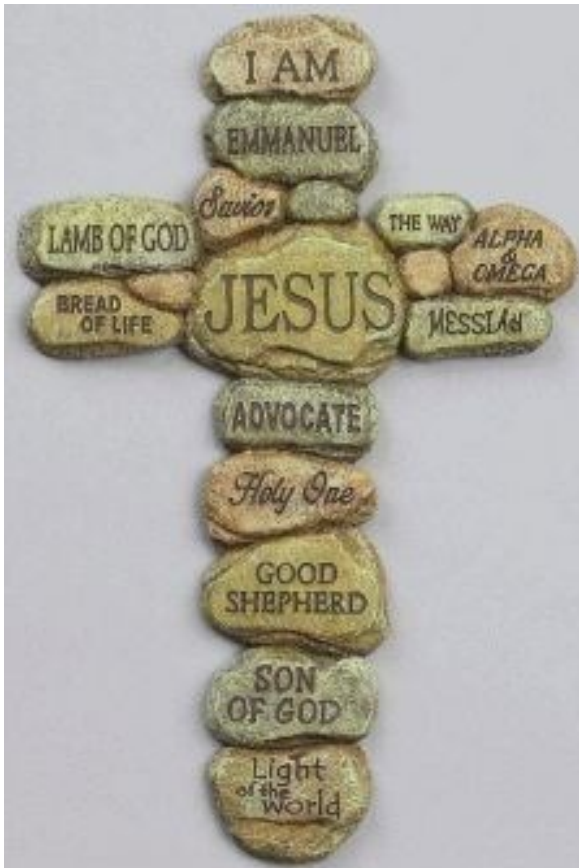
Electoral Roll

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.



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>



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.

We will continue to provide a sermon via facebook, the weekly emails (including notice sheet, sermon, family together at home resource and other bits and bobs), and Evening Prayer via Zoom. We will continue Wednesday morning Zoom - bring your coffee and chat meeting - 10.15-11.00am.

We would encourage you again to connect with each other and use the phone contact groups from Lock down number 1. If you were not in a phone contact group back then and would like to be in one now, just let Revd Jane know and she'll get you linked up with some other folk.

Revd Jane is always available to you and please don't hesitate to pick up a phone and have a chat - about anything - even if you are just bored and need someone else to speak to.

March 28th 6.00pm

ZOOM ALL-AGE

FAMILY SERVICE



Palm Sunday

FOR ZOOM

JOINING DETAILS

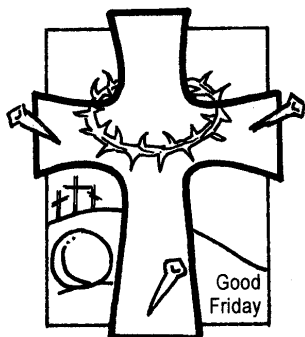
CONTACT REVD JANE

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!*



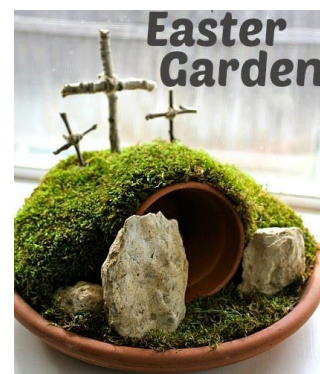
Holy Week Prayer Stones

These will be available
to collect from
St Bartholomew's Porch
and the Rectory Drive
(77 Th ingwall 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.