

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
13th June 2021 - Trinity 2**



Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper
of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Please pray for Bishop Mark as he continues to build a new diocesan team, and for Bishops Designate Julie and Sam.

For the world:

Please pray for DR Congo (one of our link diocese) as people flee from the city of Goma following volcano eruption.

Pray for Jerusalem and other war torn parts of our world

Pray for countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Alan Stockton

For the Sick: Please pray for Kate McMahon, Muriel McKie, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends), Pat Hulme, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

11th June - St Barnabas

If you want to look St Barnabas up, try these Bible passages:

Acts 4:36-7, 11:25-6, 15:36-40

Barnabas was willing to risk everything to tell people about Jesus, he gave away money to help the poor and he invested in people and their faith and ministry. If you want to ask God to inspire your life and faith by the example of Barnabas why not think about these questions:

- What has God given you to be passionate about?
- How are your personal gifts and strengths being used for God?
- Whom do you see being excluded from the Church and from society?
- Can you encourage others like Barnabas?
- Who are the people who like Barnabas support you in your continued growth in faith?

Collect for St Barnabas

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements
and unselfish in our service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 112

¹ Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸ Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists^[d] also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for

an entire year they met with^[e] the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers^[f] living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord God: 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.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING:**2 Corinthians 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 judgment 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!

JUNE 2021 SERVICES

ZOOM Services:-

Joining details available by emailing the Rector

June 6th 6.00pm All Age Service
June 13th 6.30pm Evening Prayer
June 20th 6.30pm Evening Prayer
June 27th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK FOR THESE SERVICES - details on the website and in the parish magazine.

June 6th 8.00am BCP HC at St Bart's
9.30am MW at St Chad's
June 13th 9.30 am HC at St Chad's
11.15 am MW at St Barts's
June 20th 8.00am BCP HC at St Bart's
9.30am MW at St Chad's
June 27th 9.30 am HC at St Chad's
11.15 am HC at St Barts's

Wednesday 10.15am HC at St Chad's



Picture coloured as part of All-Age Zoom service last weekend. Well done Izzy - thank you for sharing.

Have you or your loved ones had your coronavirus vaccine?



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 - 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.
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