

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
29th August 2021 - Trinity 13**



**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our  
earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**

Please pray for local businesses

Please pray for a sense of joy as people visit the Scarecrow 's on display around the community

**For our Church:**

Please pray for our plans to re-open Tots and Tinies, and for re-opening the Hall to other User Groups

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 the people of Afghanistan

Please pray for all who have been affected by earthquakes and hurricanes

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

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for families and friends of Roy Helsdown

**TREASURER NEEDED**

**Due to a change in personal circumstances, our current PCC treasurer no longer has the time to carry out the treasurer's duties.**

**If you, or someone you know, might be able to take on this role, please let Revd Jane know ASAP.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

**4** So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

All: Glory to you, O Lord

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”<sup>l</sup>

<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

## SERVICES

### From September

The new pattern of services will be:-

- 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's – every week
- 10.30am service every week:-
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – HC at St Barts
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – All age at St Chads
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – MW at St Barts
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – HC at St Chads
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Baptism at St Barts – or HC if no baptism booked
- Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's – every week

### SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 29th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts

9.30am HC at St Chad's

Sun 5th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

### ZOOM Services:-

*Joining details available  
by emailing the Rector*

**29th August**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer**



Massive thanks to Elizabeth, Emma and Julie for their hard work and creativity in getting us ready to take part in the scarecrow festival.



## St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday (Term Time)  
9.30-11.30am  
(Starting 9th September)

£1.50 per Adult & one child,  
additional children 50p each  
All Welcome

Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions

For further information please contact **Allison** via the Parish Office 648 8169

### General Timetable for the morning

9.30am Session starts - General Play and Craft activity out  
10.45am Snack Time (drinks provided, please bring your own snack)  
11.00am Tidy up Time  
11.10am Story and Song Time  
11.30am Session Ends



## Reader Licensing service

As many will know Graham Morris (from St Mary's Upton) is on placement with us to gain experience in a different parish as the final part of his (now completed) training as a Licensed Lay Minister / Reader. The licensing service is at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 9th October at 2.30pm.

Due to Covid restrictions the Diocese would like to have advance details of those attending that service so could you please email Graham on [GLMorris@me.com](mailto:GLMorris@me.com) by Saturday 4th September if you would like to attend.

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>

## 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.