

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th September 2021 - Trinity 15**



Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human
frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all
things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to
our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for local businesses

Please pray for all involved in education - pupils, teachers, staff working in schools and colleges, those preparing to go to University.

For our Church:

Please pray for your PCC - meeting on Mon 13th Sept

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 continue to 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 family and friends of Andrew Hutson

OLD TESTAMENT READING:**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

4 The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 3:1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERVICES

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

From September

The new pattern of services will be:-

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

- Sun 12th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am All Age at St Chads
- Sun 19th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am MW at St Barts
- Sun 26th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am HC at St Chads

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

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



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr 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.

Covid Precautions and Safety from September 2021 at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby

- **Track and Trace** – If you have got into the habit of filling in a bringing a trace and trace form with you to services, please continue to do that. Otherwise, the sides people will ask for your name and a contact phone number. After the service, this list will be stored in the parish office for three weeks and then destroyed.
- **Hand sanitiser** will continue to be available
- **Face Coverings** - whilst it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church we would ask you to ensure you have one with you, and encourage you to wear it when appropriate - either for yourself or for others near to you. We would encourage you to wear it for entry and exit to church and when moving around. Those who find wearing a face covering difficult due to medical conditions remain exempt. We will require you to wear a face covering when singing.
- **Service books and Hymn Books**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, these will be in the pews, please stack them carefully at the end of the service.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, these will be in a box at the back of church. Please take what you need (you will be guided by the sides people) and then return the books to the correct boxes at the end of the service.
- **Notice Sheets** will remain online. However, there will be some available in church each week, please ask the sides people if you would like a copy.
- **One way system** will remain in place at St Chad's
- **Ventilation** – we'll continue to keep the doors and windows open
- **Social distancing:**

We recognize that there are a whole lot of good reasons people will still wish to sit socially distanced, both for themselves and for others. If you choose to sit in a non-socially distanced part of church, we ask that you remain considerate to others when choosing where to sit and please space out as much as possible.

 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – One side of the church building will maintain social distancing measures, whilst the other will be non-socially distanced.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – When the sides people put the chairs out each week, they will ensure that there are always some which are socially distanced. Please speak to the sides people if you have a specific requirement which doesn't appear to have been met in the seating layout.
- **Singing** is now permitted but only if wearing a face covering.
- **Communion:** Communion will be done by "simultaneous administration". You will be invited to come to the communion rail (wearing a face covering whilst moving) and to remain standing to receive. If mobility makes this difficult for you, please inform the minister or the sidespeople and communion to be brought to you.
 - * *The simultaneous administration of consecrated bread and wine is effected by the president taking a wafer carefully from the paten or ciborium with the fingers and touching it briefly but carefully to the surface of the wine, allowing a small amount of the wine to suffuse into the bread.*
 - Come September we will review whether everyone coming to the communion rail is appropriate and/or whether we return to using a common cup to serve wine.
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – Please come forward starting from the front pews and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please only queue on the organ side in the sanctuary (ie between the choir stalls, but not between the pews were people are still sitting or returning to sit down). Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left, remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and return to your seat keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – Please come forward using the central aisle starting from the front rows and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left or right (depending upon where the space is), remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and continue to walk to the wall end of the rows of chairs and thereby circle back to your seat, keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
- **Chatting and Fellowship**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, please try to do this outside of the building. The aisle is too narrow for people to safely pass if you are chatting to someone.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, please try to do this outside whenever possible, unless you have a drink in your hand – see below.
- **Refreshments** at St Chad's – Only the people on the rota will be allowed in the kitchen. Please do not enter for any other reason. Drinks will be served through the hatch. The volunteers will add any milk or sugar that you require (in order to reduce the number of people touching milk jugs/bottles and spoons. Please queue wearing a face covering and at a safe distance from the person in front of you. Please do not allow children to approach the hatch. Once you have collected your drink(s), please move away from the hatch and sit down to enjoy your drink whilst chatting to others who are sat near you. When you have finished your drink, please return your cup ASAP to the hatch, so that the volunteers can wash up and leave the kitchen safe and tidy for the next group in the building. At this stage we will be serving drinks only. We will reconsider biscuits at a future stage.