

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
26th September 2021 - Trinity 17**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services  
can be found on the front page of our website**

<p><b>Collect</b> Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen</p>
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**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**  
Please pray for local businesses  
Please pray for families and young people making decisions regarding Covid vaccine.  
Please pray for our local MP's and all politicians following government reshuffle.

**For our Church:**  
Please pray for Junior Church and Seniors as they re-launch today.  
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 Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for families and friends of Andrew Hutson and Kevin Cullen



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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

<sup>4</sup> The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup> We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup> but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 5:13-End**

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:38-End**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> "For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**



### **Creation Care Course 7.30-9.30pm Thursday Evenings ONLINE**

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a unique collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, Heart-Edge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. We will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people, and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action.

**Week 1: Caring for Creation** (7th Oct)

**Week 2: Understanding Climate Change** (14th Oct)

**Week 3: Living Climate Change** – Stories from Melanesia (21 Oct)

**Week 4: Taking Action** – Caring for the Environment, Caring for People (18 Nov)

**TO BOOK** - GO TO <https://www.chester.anglican.org/cop26/cop26.php> and scroll down to the link

Revd Jane has booked and would be happy to chat, about what we discover and learn, with anyone else who decides to join - do let her know if you book!

# 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

This pattern is subject to change for festivals etc. Please keep an eye on the website for accurate details for any given Sunday

## SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 26th Sept

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 3rd October - HARVEST

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Sun 10th October

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am All Age at St Chads

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

## ZOOM Services:-

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Joining details available by emailing the Rector

It is that time of year when we would normally have a Children's Society Coffee Morning and collect boxes for emptying and counting. If you have a box that you would like emptied, please can you deliver it to Jean Heath (Barnstables, 233 Irby Road) or contact Barbara Kozler (342 8039), who will arrange collection. If neither of these options is suitable please drop the box off at the Parish Office at St Chad's.

**The  
Children's  
Society**

Alternatively you may prefer to make a cheque donation or you can donate online  
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

## 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.



Helping the bereaved  
find **support**

ataloss.org



<https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

## 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.