

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
24th Oct. 2021-Trinity 21**



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

Collect

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of
truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all MP's and all of our local councillors
Please pray for all who work in education - for a safe and refreshing half term

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities
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 World leaders taking part in UN Climate Summit COP26 in Glasgow in November

For the Sick: Please pray for Judith Hodgson, Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: All who experienced bereavement during pandemic, who still haven't been able to "finish the normal process of funerals" either practically or emotionally.

If you have a Children's Society box that needs emptying, please can you deliver it to Jean Heath (Barnstables, 233 Irby Road) or contact Barbara Kozar (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.

Alternatively you may prefer to make a cheque donation or you can donate online:-

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

Junior Church happens TWICE this month - we'd love to see you at either or both!
Sundays 24th and 31st October
bookending half term - alongside the 10.30am service at St Chad's

If you are coming on 31st Oct you are invited to bring a small pumpkin to carve, with large spoon to scoop with and knife to carve with. There will be battery tea lights and treats to takeaway.



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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.



The clocks go back
on the final Sunday of October,
and the change comes into effect
at 2.00am.

That means that this year it's
happening in the early hours of
Next Sunday (31st October)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 7:23-end

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46-end

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

A Season for Remembering

November is traditionally a time of remembering, when we would normally gather in church in large numbers to think about those we have loved but see no longer, and then later in the month, we think of those who have died or been injured in active service.

This year will be a bit different from previous years. Some people have already returned to church services whilst others are still finding that difficult. We want to enable everyone to be able to remember during this special season of the church year.

So, we'll be offering the following to help you with this:

**Drop into St Chad's church (Roslin Rd)
between 3-4pm on Sunday 7th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer.**

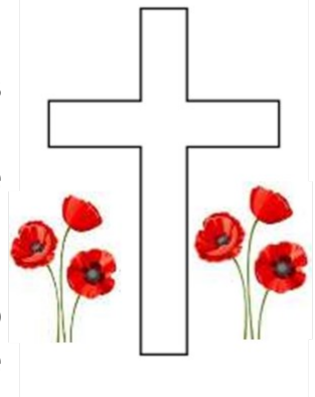
You may like to bring a postcard with you – colourful or plain. Whilst in church (or before you arrive) write a brief 'memory prayer' on your postcard to say thank you to God for special memories of a person you are remembering – perhaps a particular memory of good times with them, or simply write their name on the card to remember their whole unique life. There will be a box in church for you to "post" your card.

Visit churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment to help you pray and remember those who you knew and loved but have lost, either recently or long ago.

All-Age Remembrance Trail

There are 4 special places to pray in the churchyard during this season of Remembrance. You can do these in any order you like; and do as many or as few as you want. Look for the poppy and the cross picture.

At each station, there is a way to pray with words and a way to pray with your senses. Children and adults may do whichever one they prefer.



www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



**Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday
AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Services at St Chad's)**

Covid Precautions mean that we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for “track and trace”.

**We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.
For those who will find that difficult,
we invite you to remember in a different way - see the box below**

9.00am BCP Communion Service

This service should be able to allow for social distancing

You may choose to come to any combination or just one of the following

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.10am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am)
for anyone with pre-school or primary aged children.

This year we will not be hosting the Uniformed Organisations as our building is too small given the ongoing Covid precautions which are necessary.

Drop into St Bartholomew's church between
10.30 – 11.30am on Thursday 11th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer
so you can mark the time of silence at 11 o'clock.

Act of Remembrance on Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>)
we will re-post (on 11th Nov 2021) last years recording from the War Memorial

Visit churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance
to help you pray and remember the fallen from your home,
or wherever you'd like to sit quietly.

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:-
 - 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 and Junior Church
 - 5th 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 24th October

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Chads & Junior Church

Sun 31st October

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am MW at St Chads & Junior Church

Sun 7th November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-

Sunday 7th Nov 6.30pm Evening Prayer

NO ZOOM SERVICE - 24th or 31st Oct

We're Supporting:

forum

It's all about you

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence.

We offer a range of accommodation in Wirral, Cheshire and Warrington.

Christmas Appeal



How you can help...

Gift Bags

Items UNWRAPPED can include: a hand towel, facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, body spray, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hats, scarves, novelty gifts such as puzzles etc, pens etc

Forum Housing are once again appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas.

You can donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that we will then make into complete gift bags.

All items should be unwrapped and brand new.

Please bring any filled gift bags or individual items for donation to either church or the church office **by Sunday 28th November** and we will then arrange delivery to Forum.

Thank You for your support!

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