

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 11th April 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter



## Collect

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## 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:

Pray for our Annual Meeting (19th Apr) and for people to stand for election to PCC and as Church Wardens  
Please pray for our worship and mission and we remain in online mode.

### For the world:

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

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for the Royal Family and the bereaved family and friends of William Edgar Cheater and Sue Maggs (Chris Rostock's friend)

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

### A prayer on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



### A prayer for the discernment process Appointment of new bishops

Almighty God,  
who sent Jesus Christ  
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom  
and calls us to follow him.  
Guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,  
to show humility, love and mercy as we seek your Kingdom.  
We pray for those you are calling  
to be the next bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead  
and for those discerning that call.  
Lead and strengthen them to answer your call;  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

**2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

This will be marked locally:-

1. Flying flag at half mast at St Bartholomew's until the day after the funeral
2. A muffled bell was tolled 99 times on Friday afternoon - once for each year of his life.
3. Book of Condolence
  - a. There is a virtual book of condolence available on the C of E website
  - b. Physical Book of condolence for local archives - due to pandemic all books on condolence MUST be Online. We are therefore suggesting that people send an email to Revd Jane which can be printed and added to the physical book. If you cannot send emails, please seek someone who can send one on your behalf or phone Revd Jane who will then record your message for you.

**To be included in the book of Condolence they MUST be received by the day of the funeral** (as yet unknown, but likely to be next weekend) - this is Royal protocol!

**GOSPEL READING: John 20:19 -31**

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

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name

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

**Annual Parochial  
Church Meetings**  
**Monday 19th April**  
**7.30pm by Zoom**

Please think about supporting our church by becoming involved as a PCC Member or Churchwarden.

**Nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens are available on the parish website or from the parish office.**

These forms need to be returned (in physical form with signatures) to Revd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB.

**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.

**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>



**PCC UPDATE RE CHURCH SERVICES**

**following PCC meeting on 1st March 2021**

The PCC acknowledges the need to remain cautious and patient, and aware of the most vulnerable and still shielding in our congregations. We need to allow for vaccination program to have its fullest effect and for the science to back up the proposed government roadmap. It was therefore agreed that we will not restart Sunday services until, as a country, we are able to move into Step 3 (May 17th at the earliest). Services will restart as soon as is practical after that date.

We will continue to provide a sermon via facebook, the weekly emails (including notice sheet, sermon, family together at home resource and other bits and bobs), and Evening Prayer via Zoom. We will continue Wednesday morning Zoom - bring your coffee and chat meeting - 10.15-11.00am.

We would encourage you again to connect with each other and use the phone contact groups from Lock down number 1. If you were not in a phone contact group back then and would like to be in one now, just let Revd Jane know and she'll get you linked up with some other folk.

Revd Jane is always available to you and please don't hesitate to pick up a phone and have a chat - about anything - even if you are just bored and need someone else to speak to.