

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
16th May 2021 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know
your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into
all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:

Please pray for our worship and mission and we remain in online mode and as we plan to return to "in-person" services .

For the world:

Pray for Jerusalem and other war torn parts of our world
Pray for India and other countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

For the Bereaved: Please pray bereaved family and friends of Kevin

For the Sick: Please pray for Ian Kenworthy, Margaret Fordham, Muriel McKie, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends), Pat Hulme, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

**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.

READING from Acts 1:15-17,21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Panda Prayer Trail.

*From Ascension Day (13th May) until Pentecost (23rd May)
there will be Panda's at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston,
St Chad's Irby, Irby Methodist Church, Irby Evangelical Church
and a couple of other random places in Irby.*

**Can you find all 11?
How would you answer their questions?**

As a parish we are taking part in the “Thy Kingdom come” initiative and most of you will by now have received a copy of the Prayer Journal in the post. If you would like an electronic version, you can download it here:-

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2021>

There are also children's and family resources:-

For children - Cheeky Panda's Videos - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

For Young People - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/youthreflections>

For Groups - Escape Room - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/tkcescaperoom>



MAY 2021 SERVICE PATTERN

ZOOM Services:-

*Joining details available
by emailing the Rector*

May 16th 6.30pm Evening Prayer
May 23rd 6.30pm Evening Prayer
May 30th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

ZOOM Coffee and Chat:-
Wednesday mornings 10.15-11.00am
5th May, 12th May, 19th May

*Joining details available
by emailing the Rector*

No agenda just turn up and chat

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Assuming Step 3 of the Govt Roadmap happens on 17th May we will return to "in person" services. **YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK FOR THESE SERVICES - details on the website and in the parish magazine.**

Sun 23rd May 9.30am HC at St Chad's
11.15am HC at St Bart's

Wed 26th May 10.15am HC at St Chad's

Sun 30th May 8.00am BCP HC at St Bart's
9.30am MW at St Chad's

the
prayer
course

Meetings on Zoom
**(joining details
from Revd Jane)**
Wednesday Evenings
7.30-8.30pm

May 19th - Intercession
May 26th - Unanswered Prayer
HALF TERM
June 9th - Contemplation
June 16th - Listening
June 23rd - Spiritual Warfare

**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.