

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
23rd May 2021 - Pentecost**



Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith,
revive your Church with the
breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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:

Please pray for DR Congo (one of our link diocese) as people flee from the city of Goma following volcano eruption.

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 Muriel McKie, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends), Pat Hulme, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, 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 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native

language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’



NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:22-27

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



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MAY 2021 SERVICES

ZOOM Services:-

Joining details available by emailing the Rector

May 23rd 6.30pm Evening Prayer

May 30th 6.30pm Evening Prayer

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 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.