

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
22nd August 2021 - Trinity 12**



**Collect**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**

Please pray for local businesses

Please pray for those planning and preparing for the Scarecrow festival (29th Aug-4th Sept)

**For our Church:**

Please pray for our plans to re-open Tots and Tinies, and for re-opening the Hall to other User Groups

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 the people of Afghanistan

Please pray for the people of Haiti - following the earthquake

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

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahan, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for families and friends of Roy Helsdown and the families and friends of all who died in the incident last week in Keyham, Plymouth

**TREASURER NEEDED**

**Due to a change in personal circumstances, our current PCC treasurer no longer has the time to carry out the treasurer's duties.**

**If you, or someone you know, might be able to take on this role, please let Revd Jane know ASAP.**

**TOTS 'N' TINIES**

Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am

We are hoping to re-open in September. We almost have enough people to support this group on a monthly rota. **If you could offer to help once a month in the kitchen and with registration, please let Revd Jane know ASAP.** We really only do need one or two more people and then we are good to go!

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:****Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

**24** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people,

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69

All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

## AUGUST 2021 SERVICES

### SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 22nd August 9.30am HC at St Chad's

11.15am HC at St Bart's

Sun 29th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts

9.30am HC at St Chad's

Wednesdays 10.15am HC at St Chad's

### ZOOM Services:-

*Joining details available  
by emailing the Rector*

**1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
6.30pm Evening Prayer**

### 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

# Buzz's Bee Trail at St Bartholomew's Church Yard.

There are 9 Bee challenges hidden for you to find.



In early July the clergy received a pastoral letter from Bishop Mark which stated:-

"The guidelines already encourage clergy to try to take two consecutive days off once a month. We want to give warm permission to take two days off a week between now and September, even though this might seem like an impossible dream to some of you."

So for the last week of July and the whole of August Revd Jane intends wherever possible to have Monday and Tuesday as days off.



29th August to 4th September

**Build your scarecrow and display in your garden or front of your business for all to see and enjoy!**

**Please visit our Facebook page for inspiration!**



Thingwall Irby Pensby  
Summer Scarecrow Festival



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.