

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th September 2021 - Trinity 14**



Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for local businesses

Please pray for all involved in education - pupils, teachers, staff working in schools and colleges, those preparing to go to University.

For our Church:

Please pray for Tots and Tinies re-opening this week. Give thanks for all volunteers making this possible.

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 continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan

Please pray for all who have been affected by earthquakes and hurricanes

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 and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved:

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.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
 He will come and save you."
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 2:1-10,14-17

² My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:24-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus [¶] ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERVICES

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

- Sun 5th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am HC at St Barts**
- Sun 12th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am All Age at St Chads**
- Sun 19th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am MW at St Barts**
- Sun 26th September 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts
10.30am HC at St Chads**

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

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
 - 5th Sunday – Baptism at St Barts – or HC if no baptism booked
- Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's – every week



Scarecrow Bike - Would you like it for your child?

This bike was given to us. With a bit of TLC - pumping up tyres - it is perfectly serviceable. Let Revd Jane know (by 6pm on Saturday 11th Sept) if you would like this for your child (now or for them to grow into). If more than one family would like it, we will draw lots on Sunday 12th September at the 10.30am service.

In St Bartholomew's Churchyard:-



Around you, you'll find 7 of my scarecrow friends. See if you can find them all & work out the special word we're spelling with our letters. Have fun exploring!
www.sunhatsandvelleboots.com

Thank you to everyone who made the Scarecrow festival such a success.

Julie DeBoorder, Elizabeth Barton and Emma Davies for their creativity.

Matthew Barton & Jon Oliver for the wooden frames and ensuring they all stood up!

Donors of other items - bike, rocking chair, clothes etc.



Wednesday Communion – 1st Sept
First cups of tea and coffee served in St Chad's since March 2020!

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday (Term Time)
9.30-11.30am
(Starting 9th September)

£1.50 per Adult & one child,
additional children 50p each
All Welcome

Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions

For further information please contact **Allison** via the Parish Office 648 8169



General Timetable for the morning

9.30am Session starts - General Play and Craft activity out
10.45am Snack Time (drinks provided, please bring your own snack)
11.00am Tidy up Time
11.10am Story and Song Time
11.30am Session Ends

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr 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.

Covid Precautions and Safety from September 2021 at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby

- **Track and Trace** – If you have got into the habit of filling in a bringing a trace and trace form with you to services, please continue to do that. Otherwise, the sides people will ask for your name and a contact phone number. After the service, this list will be stored in the parish office for three weeks and then destroyed.
- **Hand sanitiser** will continue to be available
- **Face Coverings** - whilst it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church we would ask you to ensure you have one with you, and encourage you to wear it when appropriate - either for yourself or for others near to you. We would encourage you to wear it for entry and exit to church and when moving around. Those who find wearing a face covering difficult due to medical conditions remain exempt. We will require you to wear a face covering when singing.
- **Service books and Hymn Books**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, these will be in the pews, please stack them carefully at the end of the service.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, these will be in a box at the back of church. Please take what you need (you will be guided by the sides people) and then return the books to the correct boxes at the end of the service.
- **Notice Sheets** will remain online. However, there will be some available in church each week, please ask the sides people if you would like a copy.
- **One way system** will remain in place at St Chad's
- **Ventilation** – we'll continue to keep the doors and windows open
- **Social distancing:**

We recognize that there are a whole lot of good reasons people will still wish to sit socially distanced, both for themselves and for others. If you choose to sit in a non-socially distanced part of church, we ask that you remain considerate to others when choosing where to sit and please space out as much as possible.

 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – One side of the church building will maintain social distancing measures, whilst the other will be non-socially distanced.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – When the sides people put the chairs out each week, they will ensure that there are always some which are socially distanced. Please speak to the sides people if you have a specific requirement which doesn't appear to have been met in the seating layout.
- **Singing** is now permitted but only if wearing a face covering.
- **Communion:** Communion will be done by "simultaneous administration". You will be invited to come to the communion rail (wearing a face covering whilst moving) and to remain standing to receive. If mobility makes this difficult for you, please inform the minister or the sidespeople and communion to be brought to you.
 - * *The simultaneous administration of consecrated bread and wine is effected by the president taking a wafer carefully from the paten or ciborium with the fingers and touching it briefly but carefully to the surface of the wine, allowing a small amount of the wine to suffuse into the bread.*
 - Come September we will review whether everyone coming to the communion rail is appropriate and/or whether we return to using a common cup to serve wine.
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's – Please come forward starting from the front pews and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please only queue on the organ side in the sanctuary (ie between the choir stalls, but not between the pews were people are still sitting or returning to sit down). Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left, remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and return to your seat keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
 - ◇ At St Chad's – Please come forward using the central aisle starting from the front rows and leave appropriate space between yourself and the person in front of you. Please come and stand in front of the minister still wearing your face covering and hold your hands out at arm's length (or cross your arms if you wish to receive a blessing). Once the bread and wine have been placed in your hands, please take a couple of steps to your left or right (depending upon where the space is), remove your face covering and consume, then replace your face covering and continue to walk to the wall end of the rows of chairs and thereby circle back to your seat, keeping as much distance as possible from the people queuing to receive. Please be patient as this will take a bit longer than normal.
- **Chatting and Fellowship**
 - ◇ At St Bartholomew's, please try to do this outside of the building. The aisle is too narrow for people to safely pass if you are chatting to someone.
 - ◇ At St Chad's, please try to do this outside whenever possible, unless you have a drink in your hand – see below.
- **Refreshments** at St Chad's – Only the people on the rota will be allowed in the kitchen. Please do not enter for any other reason. Drinks will be served through the hatch. The volunteers will add any milk or sugar that you require (in order to reduce the number of people touching milk jugs/bottles and spoons. Please queue wearing a face covering and at a safe distance from the person in front of you. Please do not allow children to approach the hatch. Once you have collected your drink(s), please move away from the hatch and sit down to enjoy your drink whilst chatting to others who are sat near you. When you have finished your drink, please return your cup ASAP to the hatch, so that the volunteers can wash up and leave the kitchen safe and tidy for the next group in the building. At this stage we will be serving drinks only. We will reconsider biscuits at a future stage.