

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby

7th February 2021 - Second Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord..
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we
who have been nourished at your table on earth be
transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy
the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for local businesses - both those that continue to serve our community and those forced to be closed throughout lockdown.

Please continue to pray for ALL key-workers

Please pray for all victims of domestic abuse

For our Church:

Please pray for our worship and mission and we remain in online mode.

For the world:

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

For the Bereaved:

Please pray for the family and friends of Lil Ormsby (Funeral 10th Feb - see below), and John Allen

For the Sick:

Please pray for Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, Sue Maggs (Chris Rostock's friend), Karen Jones (niece of Dot Turner), Angela Ryan, Felicity Davies, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Lil Ormsby's Funeral - Wednesday 10th Feb

Most of Lil's large extended family will not be able to be at church, so out of respect for the family, we would urge anyone who wishes to take part in this service to do so via the livestream from Landican (which will be a full service - not just the committal)
Rev'd Jane can send you the details on request.

A prayer for the discernment process Appointment 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.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 8:1,22-31

8 Does not wisdom call out?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
22 “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;
23 I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
24 When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
25 before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
26 before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.
27 I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
28 when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
29 when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
30 Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
31 rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:22-25**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Here – and there

Reflecting on the global pandemic in the context of Jesus' journey to the cross



An opportunity to explore the challenges and changes to everyday life we have experienced during the pandemic within a biblical context.

Six scenes take us through Mark's account of Jesus' journey to the cross (chapters 14 and 15). Each scene makes a connection between 'here', our world today, and 'there', the world of the passion narrative. The connecting points are brought to life through voices talking about experiences in the pandemic, contrasted with a voice from a character in the Gospel.

The six scenes connect these themes and Bible passages:

Healing presence – Simon's house, Mark 14.3-9

Provision – the upper room, Mark 14.17-25

Isolation - garden of Gethsemane, Mark 14.32-42

Living with tension – the courtyard, Mark 15.6-15

Anguish – the cross, Mark 15.33-39

Hope – the tomb, Mark 15.42-47

ALL MEETINGS BY ZOOM

Wednesday Evenings 8.00-9.00pm

STARTING 24th FEBRUARY

contact Revd Jane (rector@thurstatson.org.uk)
for joining details and an electronic copy of the resource booklet



**Mondays 2.00-3.00pm,
Beginning on 22nd February**

A recipe for each week of Lent,
linked to the Sunday gospel reading.

Option 1

Make the week's bake at your convenience (over the weekend?)

Bring it with you to the zoom chat.

Eat your creation while we talk about the passage and how the bake might or might not be related to it!

Option 2

Make the week's bake at your convenience.

Eat your creation as you explore the questions about the passage at your leisure.

Send us a photo of your creation!

**Contact Revd Jane
for recipes and readings
and for the Zoom link
rector@thurstaston.org.uk
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PCC Decision for Church to go digital ONLY for the time being

The PCC meeting on 11-1-21 made the decision for church to not meet "in person" until Covid-19 lockdown has ended and the Wirral has returned to a minimum of Tier 3.

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 are also introducing a Wednesday morning Zoom - bring your coffee and chat meeting - 10.15-11.00ish for anyone that would be interested in seeing others and chatting.

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.

Stay safe and please pray for the NHS who are under so much pressure in these challenging days.