

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd May 2020 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter**



<p>Collect Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p>FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK For the World: For our link diocese of the Solomon Islands and The Congo - as they also struggle with the Coronavirus For the Parish: Please pray for:- all who are struggling with self isolation and social distancing; for wedding couples and baptism families as we wait for guidance on when it may be possible for these to take place. For our Community: Please pray for:- all who work in the NHS and other key roles in these challenging weeks; For the Sick: Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough (Wendy Gerrard's Auntie), Roy Fordham, Stan (friend of Chris and Susan Smale), Sally West (Judith Hodgson's friend's daughter), Chris Ormsby (Lil's oldest grandson) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital. For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Gwyneth Brown (Chris Rostock's Mum), Bryan Beech (Wendy Gerrard's Dad), Ieuan Felix From Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: VE Day - 8th May - Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe, and for the good example they have given us. From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Leo Rodrick Paul, Multan (Pakistan). Bishop Prakash Patole, Mumbai (North India).</p>	

A Prayer for our Diocese

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 love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.

We pray for the person you are calling to be the next Bishop of Chester; bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call; in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

All: Glory to you, O Lord

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Psalm 23 - Tune Crimmond

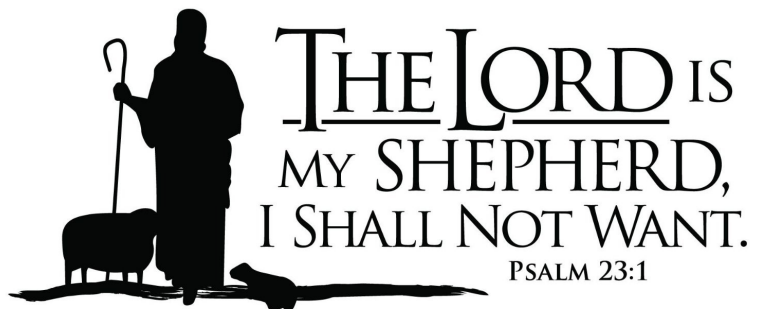
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.



The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

WORSHIP AT HOME

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>
A sermon each Sunday
Worship on Wednesdays for children

TV
Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise

BBC Radio 4
Sunday 8.10am – Sunday Worship

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

CHESTER DIOCESE LIVESTREAMING SERVICES

<https://www.youtube.com/c/chestercathedralchoirandorgan>

WIRRAL NORTH DEANERY LIVESTREAMING CHURCH SERVICES

Several churches in our Deanery are live streaming services so if you have the technology do take a look.

Hearts for Homes



Thank you for your amazing response to kit bags for Arrowe Park Hospital .
They are so well supported they have asked we turn now to care homes.

I have come up with 3 on the Wirral. Residents and their families are struggling with the separation and would love to have some knitted heart pairs. These can be knitted or sewn but must be in pairs - the idea is the resident has one knowing their family has the other, something visual and nice to hold. The finished hearts should be approximately 6.5cm high x 6.5cm wide. Any cheerful colour or pattern. Knitting pattern attached.

If you are making kit bags, please carry on, not as urgent - as the virus thankfully hasn't hit them as yet, need to be washable at high temperatures and minimum of size 12inch x 15inch please.

The 3 homes are Gerald House, Oxton 16 residents; Upton Grange, Upton 50/60 residents & Charlotte House, Bebington 70 residents.

All finished items can be dropped off into my porch 11 Heathbank Avenue Irby (Julie DeBoorder)

Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050  **WIRRAL**



www.wirralinfobank.co.uk

Welcome to the online resource to help you find support services near you. We are here to support Wirral residents requiring advice, guidance and additional help during this ongoing and difficult coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

LOCAL FIRMS DOING HOME DELIVERIES

Lewis Butchers Greasby, Tel: 0151 678 7990, Bank transfer or cash in envelope on doorstep.

Derek Massey butchers, Telegraph Road, Heswall, Tel: 0151 342 5646.

Fine Fruits Pensby Road delivers veg boxes. Tel: 0751 691 4095

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lectio 365 Prayer App

Need help praying?

Try this App

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>



Melanesia Mission UK (MMUK) has launched an emergency appeal following Cyclone Harold which has caused widespread destruction, killing people and damaging buildings and growing lands. See attached Poster for more information and details of how you can give.



Our church relies on donations to provide care and support to everyone in this community. Now more than ever, if you are able please give generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.

**WHILE BUILDINGS REMAIN CLOSED
ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:-**
Mr K Marley (Treasurer), c/o The Rectory,
77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB

OR IF POSSIBLE BY BACS TRANSFER
CAF Bank Ltd,

Sort code: 40/52/40 Account: 00018674

In the "Reference Box" - please make sure to include your name - and if space allows the words "regular giving". It would then be helpful if you emailed the Treasurer with the start date, frequency and amount.
pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk



Christian Aid Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

Support our work in affected communities

around the world.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/>

The Children's Society Emergency Coronavirus Appeal

Thousands of vulnerable children who were already struggling have been plunged into desperation and danger by the Coronavirus crisis. The Children's Society offers some children their only lifeline. Please help by donating to our Coronavirus Appeal.

