

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
10th May 2020 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the  
world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the  
truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.  
Amen.

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Prayer prompts based on the readings for today:-**

Most Holy God build us as living stones into the spiritual house of our calling; may we know Christ as the cornerstone of all we attempt, so that our lives and our prayers become the very fabric of Our Saviour's presence.

We hold dear his promise that he has a place for each of us; when we stray from the way that leads us there, forgive us and restore us.

Pray for all whose discipleship is especially hard – the persecuted, the isolated, the misunderstood, and the rejected.

Pray for all carrying heavy burdens of care and responsibility in these troubling times; for those who feel near collapse – may they find their strength renewed.

Pray for all who are crushed by circumstance: the bereaved, the ill, the anxious, and all who have lost what they have built by years of effort and endeavour.

Pray for the best use of the buildings given into our care. Show us all how we may be in ourselves signs of strength, holiness, and continuity. When the things of place are restored to us may we re-enter them conscious that they are but stepping-stones on the way that is Christ.

**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), and Lilian Watson

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira, Namirembe (Uganda).  
Bishop Eggoni Pushpalalitha, Nandyal (South India).

**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 14:1-14

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, <sup>3</sup> now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

<sup>4</sup> You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour.

<sup>5</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say,

"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,  
chosen for great honour,  
and anyone who trusts in him  
will never be disgraced."

<sup>7</sup> Yes, you who trust him recognize the honour God has given him. But for those who reject him,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone."

<sup>8</sup> And,

"He is the stone that makes people stumble,  
the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

<sup>10</sup> "Once you had no identity as a people;  
now you are God's people.

Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy."

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

#### We as living stones invoke You: Come among us, Lord, today!

With Your gracious loving-kindness  
Hear Your children as we pray;  
And the fullness of Your blessing  
In our fellowship display.

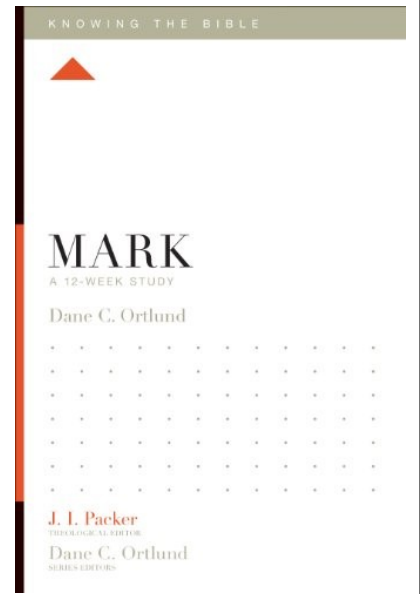
Here entrust to all Your servants  
What we long from You to gain -  
That on earth and in the heavens  
We one people shall remain,  
Till united in Your glory  
Evermore with You we reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
Praise and honour to the Son,  
Praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One:  
One in power and one in glory  
While eternal ages run.

**'Read MARK,  
learn and inwardly digest.'**

**Bible Studies  
organised by Chester Cathedral**

**See attached leaflet for how to join in**



### **Hearts for Homes**

Thank you for your continued gifts of time and materials to support our key workers. An amazing 158 kit bags went to Arrowe Park Hospital, some to The Royal and I think also Alderhey.

The need now is for Care/Nursing Homes , having spoken to 3 on the Wirral , the main need is for pairs of hearts ♥♥ as families and loved ones are struggling being separated for so long.

When last speaking to them the virus had not struck, so the kit bags are not a priority, but good sense to have, so if you want to carry on making them please do, they will be glad of them. However if you can knit or sew pairs of hearts in any cheerful colour, that would be wonderful. I have attached a photo some hearts received so far. The finished hearts should be approximately 6.5cm high x 6.5cm wide.

There are approximately 140 staff and 150 residents in total, one home is only small so they have had delivered all their kit bag needs this week (14) and need 16 pairs of hearts of which I already have 14 pairs!

I had access to some wool at the time of writing, if you need any, and I still have some cord and material.

Please drop off items in my porch or contact me (07599 186 893) and I will collect.

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

Thank you again

### **A Note of thanks and encouragement from the Treasurer:-**

During April 2020:-

12 people have set up a new standing order totalling: £681

4 people have increased the amount they give each week/month

Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £2250

Our total income for April 2020 has totalled £4337

Well Done all. Many Thanks, Kevin



*In April 2019, we had total receipts of £7239. This means our April income is down by £2902. We are making savings elsewhere which helps to balance this a little bit. We obviously have an additional loss of income from Hall Hire and as a result we have temporarily reduced our parish share payments to the diocese.*

**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](mailto:pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk)

**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>



## **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.

**Wirral Coronavirus Helpline 0151 666 5050**  **WIRRAL**



[www.wirralinfobank.co.uk](http://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