

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 14th June 2020 – First Sunday after Trinity



Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer prompts based on the readings for today:-

Reading this passage from Matthew (9.35-10.8) today brings a sense of dissonance. How are we to relate to the experience of those “sent” by Jesus, within our own new normal of being grounded within the home? Many of us have been sent not out into our communities but sent home to stay safe.

And yet even through our isolation and distance, discipleship and Christian service have remained very much alive. Perhaps today we can be a little imaginative in our ideas of what it means to be sent.

If you are isolating at home for the foreseeable future, how might you find new ways to be “sent”, so that you might proclaim the good news even from your kitchen or living room? If you are emerging from a time of isolation, perhaps to return to work or ministry, how has the experience of recent months changed your ideas of what it means to be “sent”?

Matthew is clear on two things: being sent is never easy. Expect things to get tough. But God goes before us and beside us, and so expect also that wherever and however we are sent at this time, we find God waiting there to meet us.

For PCC: Working towards re-opening our buildings - lots of work needed first - from risk assessment to purchase of anti-bac, gloves, cleaning materials etc., to putting up posters and working out how social distancing can work. Please pray for wisdom and please be patient - Safety is our first priority.

For wedding couples: Jarrad and Nicki who were due to be married on 20th June, Lauren and Matt who were due to be married on 27th June. And for John and Amanda who celebrate their 10th Anniversary on 19th.

For the world: Please pray for peace and justice across our world, especially remembering “Black lives matter”

For the Sick: Please pray for Cecil Jones, Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough (Wendy Gerrard’s Auntie), Roy Fordham, Sally West (Judith Hodgson’s friend’s daughter) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Ohio (The Episcopal Church, USA). Archbishop Amos Amankechinelo Madu, Oji River (Nigeria).

Give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Mark to be our next diocesan bishop:

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 Bishop Mark in his new role as the next Bishop of Chester. Bless guide and strengthen him to answer your call; in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:35-10:8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



2 Corinthians 12v9

"My grace is all you need.

My power works best in weakness."

**So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ can work through me.**



New Window designs

Left - St Chads (thank you Beverly)

Below - Heathbank Avenue



An Update from the Treasurer (May 31st 2020):-

Once again - THANK YOU for your continued donations which is helping us to continue to pay essential bills.

In May the newly set-up (in response to Covid-19) D/Ds totalled £706 Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £2573

So **income** (which would have come in through church services had we been physically meeting) totalled **£3279**

This compares to £3743 in May 2019

We must also thank those who have long-standing direct debits (which are not included in the figures above for either 2019 or 2020) for your continued support.

We are making some savings as a result of not physically meeting which helps to balance this a little bit. We obviously have an ongoing 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



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.**

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Call Keith - 07958 108 221 or email deliveries@keith-ryan.co.uk**

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 **PROTECT THE NHS**

 **save lives**

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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.