

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th July 2020 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity**



Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all
godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community: Please pray for our schools as they finish for the Summer at the end of this week. Please pray for all teachers and school staff who have worked so hard throughout the Pandemic with no Easter Break and no half term break - pray that they will get quality time to recover before they begin to plan for whatever September will bring. Please pray for safety for all children and families over the long Summer break.

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 planning for their re-scheduled wedding on 22nd August..

For the world: Please pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths.

For the Sick: Please pray for Molly (will be 2 in August) in Children's hospital, Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough (Wendy Gerrard's Auntie), Roy Fordham, Moira and Peter DeBoorder (Sister and Brother in law of Julie DeBoorder) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Julie would like to pass on the good news that her friend Lynne Rose is now in remission, thank you for all your prayers.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for families and friends of Cecil Jones (funeral 15th July).

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Darbara Singh, Rajasthan (North India). Bishop B DPrasada Rao, Rayalaseema (South India)

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

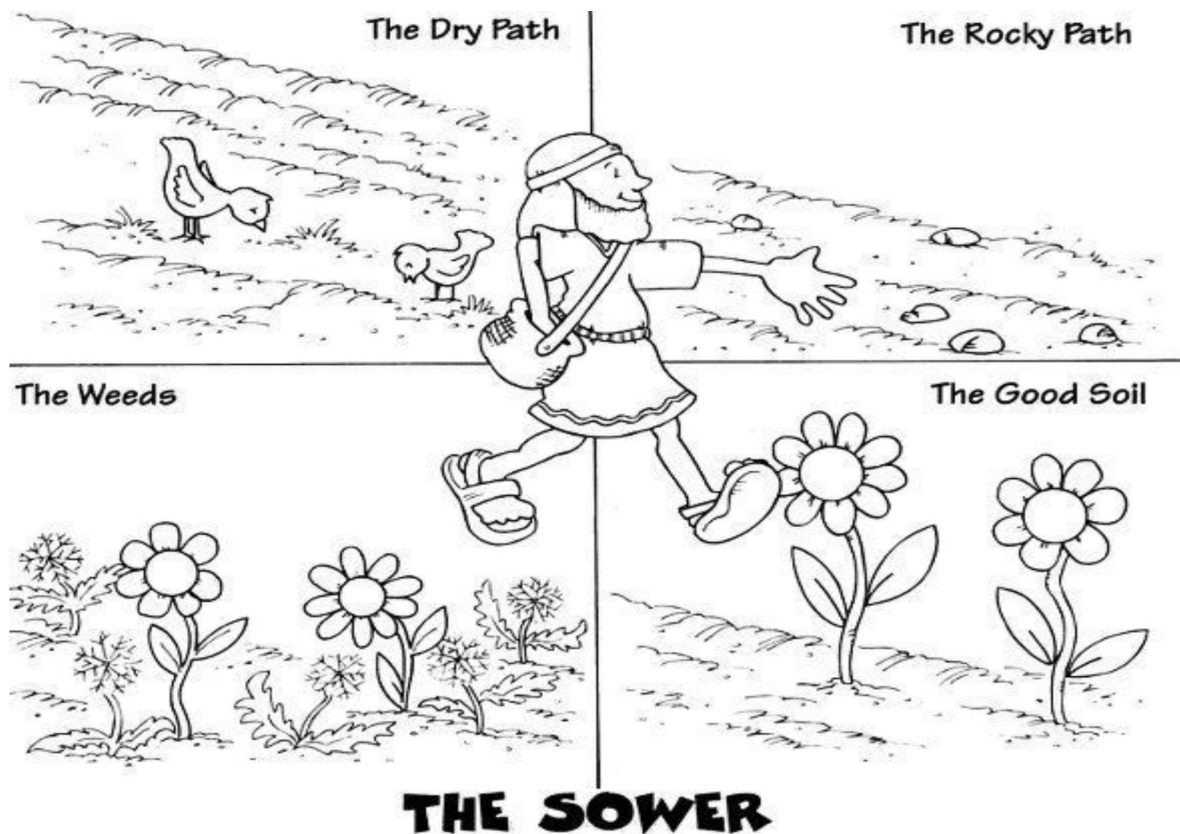
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

All: Glory to you, O Lord

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

¹All: Praise to you, O Christ



An Update from the Treasurer (June 26th 2020):-

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

In June the newly set-up (in response to Covid-19) D/Ds totalled £ 745
Regular weekly (Green) envelopes plus donations in cash or by cheque delivered to the Rectory have totalled £1769
So **income** (which would have come in through church services had we been physically meeting) totalled **£2514**
This compares to a total in June 2019 of £3409

As we prepare to open our buildings there will be new additional costs.

We have just spent £105.79 on initial supplies of anti-bac gel, disposable gloves and face coverings.

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

As more local shops
and businesses re-open

Don't forget to support them and let them
know that we have missed them.

You may even like to tell them that we
have been and will be praying for them.



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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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.