

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
7th Nov 2021 – 3rd Sunday before Advent**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services
can be found on the front page of our website**

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all MP's and all of our local councillors
Please pray for all who serve us in our local community—especially key workers

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities
Please pray for our PCC meeting tomorrow—8th Nov
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for World leaders taking part in UN Climate Summit COP26 in Glasgow in November

For the Sick: Please pray for Sheila Hunt, Bernard Worrall, Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: For the family and friends of Paul Ralph Deacin (Brother and Brother-in-law of Gill and Robert Green) and for all who experienced bereavement during pandemic, who still haven't been able to "finish the normal process of funerals" either practically or emotionally.

A Season for Remembering

**Drop into St Chad's church (Roslin Rd)
between 3-4pm this afternoon - Sunday 7th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer.**

You may like to bring a postcard with you – colourful or plain. Whilst in church (or before you arrive) write a brief 'memory prayer' on your postcard to say thank you to God for special memories of a person you are remembering – perhaps a particular memory of good times with them, or simply write their name on the card to remember their whole unique life. There will be a box in church for you to "post" your card.

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Verses from Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

*You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

**You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

*By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.*



**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

*The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.*

**The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

*In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.*



May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD.



verses adapted from New Revised Standard Version : photos George Reiss

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:1-10,13-20

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³“Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” ⁹And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

¹⁰When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

¹³And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Father God, we thank you that you are a God of justice.

Thank you that you know Orbisa and her family, and all those already impacted by climate change.

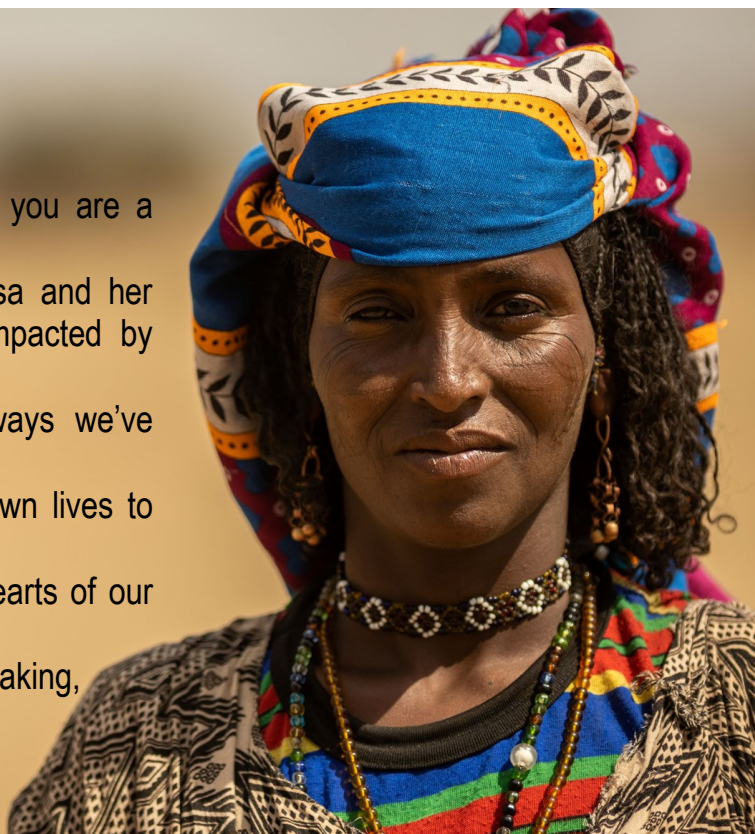
Jesus, we are sorry for the ways we've damaged your creation.

Help us make changes in our own lives to love our global neighbours well.

Holy Spirit, would you stir the hearts of our government,

Guide them in all their decision-making, and inspire them to protect the most vulnerable?

Amen.



More information about climate Change can be found on the Tearfund Climate Fact Sheet. Please ask if you would like a copy.

The link to sign the Reboot Declaration online is here <https://www.tearfund.org/forms/reboot-declaration>

**Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday
AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Services at St Chad's)**

Covid Precautions mean that we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for “track and trace”.

We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.

For those who will find that difficult, we invite you to remember in a different way - see the boxes below

9.00am BCP Communion Service

This service should be able to allow for social distancing

You may choose to come to any combination or just one of the following

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.10am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am)
for anyone with pre-school or primary aged children.

This year we will not be hosting the Uniformed Organisations as our building is too small given the ongoing Covid precautions which are necessary.

Drop into St Bartholomew's church between
10.30 – 11.30am on Thursday 11th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer
so you can mark the time of silence at 11 o'clock.

Act of Remembrance
on Facebook Page
(<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>)
we will re-post (on 11th Nov 2021)
last years recording

Visit churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance to help you pray and remember the fallen from your home, or wherever you'd like to sit quietly.

**CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING
CHRISTMAS STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
SAT 27TH NOVEMBER
10AM – 12NOON
AT ST CHADS**

All-Age Remembrance Trail

There are 4 special places to pray in the churchyard during this season of Remembrance. You can do these in any order you like; and do as many or as few as you want. Look for the poppy and the cross picture.



At each station, there is a way to pray with words and a way to pray with your senses. Children and adults may do whichever one they prefer.

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Sun 7th November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Sun 14th November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

See previous page for later services

Sun 21st November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am MW at St Barts

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-

Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Joining details from Revd Jane



Helping the bereaved
find **support**
at ataloss.org

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



We're Supporting:

forum
It's all about you

Christmas Appeal

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence.

We offer a range of accommodation in Wirral, Cheshire and Warrington.



Forum Housing are once again appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas.

You can donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that we will then make into complete gift bags.

All items should be unwrapped and brand new.

Please bring any filled gift bags or individual items for donation to either church or the church office **by Sunday 28th November** and we will then arrange delivery to Forum.

How you can help...

Gift Bags

Items UNWRAPPED can include: a hand towel, facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, body spray, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hats, scarves, novelty gifts such as puzzles etc, pens etc

Thank You for your support!

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