

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
4th April 2021 - Easter Day**



Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy
of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please continue to pray for ALL key-workers
Please pray for all victims of abuse

For our Church:

Pray for our Annual Meeting (19th Apr) and for people to stand for election to PCC and as Church Wardens
Please pray for our worship and mission and we remain in online mode.

For the world:

Please continue to pray for countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

For the Bereaved: Please pray for bereaved family and friends of Sue Maggs (Chris Rostock's friend)

For the Sick: Please pray for Muriel McKie, Molly (aged 2), Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

**A prayer for the discernment process
Appointment of new bishops**

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 humility, love and mercy as we seek your Kingdom.
We pray for those you are calling
to be the next bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead
and for those discerning that call.
Lead and strengthen them to answer your call;
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Electoral Roll

It is that time of year when we revise our Church Membership List (Electoral Roll) - so **if you consider yourself to be a member of St Bartholomew's or St Chad's then now is the time to take action!**

1. Check if you are already on the roll - <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/electoral-roll.php> - If yes, no further action is required unless you have moved house recently - in which case please email me your new address.
2. Fill out an Application form - <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/electoral-roll.php> - This needs to be printed and posted/delivered to "The Electoral Roll Officer, c/o The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB" in **physical form with a signature to arrive no later than Sunday 4th April - TODAY!**
 - If you have teenagers who have turned 16 or will turn 16 in the next twelve months, please check whether they would like to be included
 - If you are unsure whether you live in the parish - please check here <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/guides/roads-within-the-parish/>
 - If you are unsure whether to tick box 2 a,b or c - then feel free to ask Revd Jane for help

Annual Parochial Church Meetings Monday 19th April 7.30pm by Zoom

Please think about supporting our church by becoming involved as a PCC Member or Churchwarden. **Nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens are also available on the parish website or from the parish office.** These forms need to be returned (in physical form with signatures) to Revd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB.

FOR ZOOM
JOINING DETAILS
CONTACT REVD JANE
rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Easter Day - April 4th

10.30am ZOOM SERVICE

6.30pm

ZOOM EVENING PRAYER

St Bartholomew's will be
open for Private Prayer

8.00-11.00am

Feel free to pop in

Stay for a few minutes (or more).
You will need to fill in a track and
trace form, wear a face
covering and follow
social
distancing.



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hour Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

How to access a Safe Space

- Walk into any participating pharmacy in the UK.
- Ask at the healthcare counter to use their Safe Space.
- A pharmacist will show you to the Safe Space. Which will be the consultancy room.
- Once inside, you will find displayed specialist domestic abuse support information for you to access, to make that call or access Bright Sky safely.

Safe Spaces are open and ready for you to use.

Have you or your loved ones had your coronavirus vaccine?

Give thanks with a donation to Christian Aid to help protect the most vulnerable people across the world, while the vaccine is out of reach. Find out more:-
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>



PCC UPDATE RE CHURCH SERVICES

following PCC meeting on 1st March 2021

The PCC acknowledges the need to remain cautious and patient, and aware of the most vulnerable and still shielding in our congregations. We need to allow for vaccination program to have its fullest effect and for the science to back up the proposed government roadmap. It was therefore agreed that we will not restart Sunday services until, as a country, we are able to move into Step 3 (May 17th at the earliest). Services will restart as soon as is practical after that date.

We will continue to provide a sermon via facebook, the weekly emails (including notice sheet, sermon, family together at home resource and other bits and bobs), and Evening Prayer via Zoom. We will continue Wednesday morning Zoom - bring your coffee and chat meeting - 10.15-11.00am.

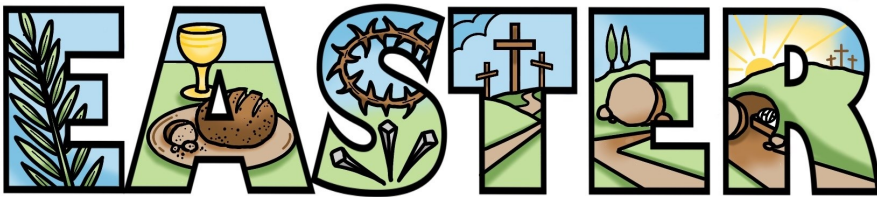
We would encourage you again to connect with each other and use the phone contact groups from Lock down number 1. If you were not in a phone contact group back then and would like to be in one now, just let Revd Jane know and she'll get you linked up with some other folk.

Revd Jane is always available to you and please don't hesitate to pick up a phone and have a chat - about anything - even if you are just bored and need someone else to speak to.

Thank you to everyone who has sent Easter Greetings and shared how you have used the resources during Lent. Thank you to those who have taken part in Online worship this week (congregations and those who read or led prayers). Thank you to those making it possible for St Bartholomew's to be open for private prayer this morning. Thank you to those who have decorated both of our church buildings so that passers-by have beautiful things to enjoy.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift - 2 Corinthians 9:15

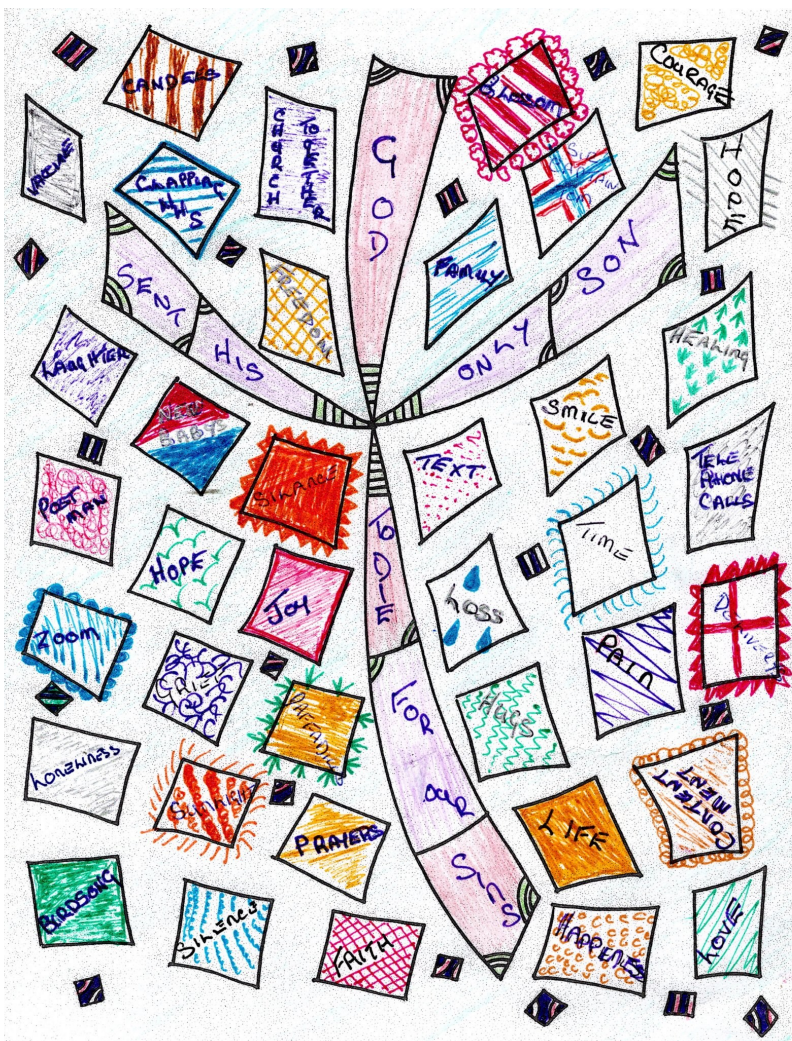
May you know the peace and joy of the risen Christ,
Revd Jane



An Easter Garden created by a member of our church



Pray and Colour for Lent Resource
 Completed version shared with Revd Jane



Extract from email to Revd Jane:-

"Child" got creative today and decided to draw on our driveway. This bit is God showing his displeasure when someone is so mean that they make another person cry.

