

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
1st August 2021 - Trinity 9**



Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for local businesses

For our Church:

Please pray for Chris Tracey and Laura Morgan planning for their wedding on 6th August.

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:

Pray for the Olympic Games in Japan - for all taking part and all working at the venues

Pray for countries world-wide struggling with the effects of Covid pandemic

For the Sick: Please pray for Kate McMahon, Valerie and Norman Prescott (Dot Turner's friends) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for families and friends of Jean Peters and Vivienne Pennell



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended^[a] into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Covid – Stage 4 – Relaxing of Restrictions

The PCC Standing Committee remain concerned about the rise in cases and admissions to hospital, and therefore propose to keep things much as they are and under review.

Things which will remain in place:-

- Keeping a **record of people who attend services** – although there will **no longer** be a **need to pre-book**. You can bring test and trace form with you or email to office@thurstaston.org.uk
- **Hand sanitiser** will continue to be available
- **Face Coverings** - whilst it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church we would ask you to ensure you have one with you, and encourage you to wear it when appropriate - either for yourself or for others near to you. You may choose to wear it when moving around or if the church is very full, and especially when singing.
- **Service books** – we will continue to provide (on your first visit) copies of the service books to be taken home and brought to services which you choose to attend
- **Notice Sheets** will remain online
- **One way system** will remain in place at St Chad's
- **Ventilation** – we'll continue to keep the doors and windows open

Things which will change:-

- **Social distancing:** There will be a section of each church building which will maintain social distancing measures and a requirement to wear face coverings throughout the service – We recognize that there are a whole lot of good reasons people will want to sit in these areas for themselves and for others. The other part of each church building will be non-socially distanced, but we ask that you remain considerate to others when choosing where to sit. Please space out as much as possible.
- **Singing** will be permitted – whilst seated and wearing a face covering – Praise the Lord!
- **Communion:** We will continue to bring this to you in your seat. Communion will be done by "simultaneous administration"
The simultaneous administration of consecrated bread and wine is effected by the president taking a wafer carefully from the paten or ciborium with the fingers and touching it briefly but carefully to the surface of the wine, allowing a small amount of the wine to suffuse into the bread.
Come September we will review whether everyone coming to the communion rail is appropriate and/or whether we return to using a common cup to serve wine.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Recovery Group, said:

"The relaxation of restrictions on Monday 19th July is only possible because of the vaccination programme which has reduced the percentage of those with Covid who become seriously ill or die.

"We are indebted to all who have developed and administered the vaccines and we encourage anyone who has not yet done so to take advantage of the protection they offer.

"Many will welcome the possibilities now before us, not least increased numbers at life events and a long awaited return of congregational and amateur choir singing.

"However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore our approach needs to be cautious and careful.

"Taking personal responsibility means responsibility for our neighbour, not just for ourselves, and taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be. Local church leaders know their communities and their own circumstances, and we will support them making local decisions to keep themselves and their community safe. We would ask everyone to support those making local decisions and respect risk assessments, which are in place to protect everyone as we enter the next phase."

AUGUST 2021 SERVICES

ZOOM Services:-

Joining details available
by emailing the Rector

1st,8th,15th,22nd,29th
6.30pm Evening Prayer



SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 1st August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts
9.30am MW at St Chad's

Sun 8th August 9.30am HC at St Chad's
11.15am MW at St Bart's

Sun 15th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts
9.30am MW at St Chad's

Sun 22nd August 9.30am HC at St Chad's
11.15am HC at St Bart's

Sun 29th August 8.00am BCP HC at St Barts
9.30am HC at St Chad's

Wednesdays 10.15am HC at St Chad's

In early July the clergy received a pastoral letter from Bishop Mark which stated:-

"The guidelines already encourage clergy to try to take two consecutive days off once a month. We want to give warm permission to take two days off a week between now and September, even though this might seem like an impossible dream to some of you."

So for the last week of July and the whole of August Revd Jane intends wherever possible to have Monday and Tuesday as days off.

TREASURER NEEDED

Due to a change in personal circumstances, our current PCC treasurer no longer has the time to carry out the treasurer's duties.

If you, or someone you know, might be able to take on this role, please let Revd Jane know ASAP.

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>

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.

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SUMMER SCARECROW FESTIVAL

29th August to 4th September

Build your scarecrow and display in your garden or front of your business for all to see and enjoy!

Please visit our Facebook page for inspiration!

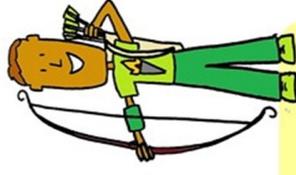


Thingwall Irby Pensby Summer Scarecrow Festival



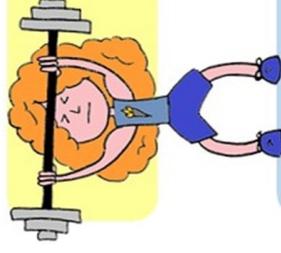
Can you complete the Bible-lympics Trail?

Find the trail points
Discover the story of a different character from the Bible
Take on the 'Bible-lympics' challenges.



Where?

There are 5 trail points to find
– at St Bart's in the churchyard



When?

23rd July – 7th August 2021



For more information...

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