

The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Sunday 10th April 2011 - Lent 5

8.00am Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15pm Morning Worship	St Bart's
6.30pm Holy Communion	St Chad's

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15pm NO SERVICE DUE TO EGG RUN	
6.30pm Evening Worship	St Chad's

Junior Church at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available for children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove your child from the service, please note that there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your e-mail inbox? If so, please send an e-mail request to the parish office

Notices and announcements!!!

Easter Egg hunt at Dawpool Primary School today Sunday 10th April from 1pm.

Wednesday 13th April EMU 'Prayer Experience' 8pm at St Chad's.

Donations for Easter Flowers would be most welcome. Please see basket at back of church.

Special Celebrations

As a Church Family it is good to celebrate significant events. So if you know a church family member is about to celebrate a special birthday (18, 21, 40, ..., 80, 90) or a special wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50,60), then please let Revd Jane know at least a few days in advance, so that a card can be arranged.

Christian Aid Week is between 15th & 21st May. If you would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in Irby and Thurstaston this year, please contact Wendy Wolstencroft either via St Chad's Parish Office, Roslin Rd, Irby (Tel 648 8169, e-mail: thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com) or on 9295778 or email at wwolstencroft@msn.com

Each collector will have a Christian Aid bag for life provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance. They have also offered to donate 50p for every person who lets them know the date their home insurance is due for renewal. This can be done at www.ecclesiastical.com/caw or 0800 9174154 or Wendy has coupons that can be returned to a Freepost address.

Diocesan Lay Conference 20-22 May 2011 Join with over 200 lay people at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The title of the weekend is "The Greatest Story - Never Read?" There will be key speakers, a choice of workshops (around the theme of the Bible in practical use), as well as opportunities for worship, fellowship and some fun and relaxation. Each parish is encouraged to send 4 delegates. If you are interested in being one of our representatives then please speak to Revd Jane who has the booking forms. The cost is £140 (if that is prohibitive then the PCC will consider supporting you).

Guides are again collecting Tesco & Sainsbury's vouchers. If you can please put in box at either church, we will be very grateful for your support.

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Gospel Reading: (John 11:1-45)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

1A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' 5Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' 8The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' 17When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 23Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' 24Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' 25Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 27She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' 28When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' 38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' 40Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' 45Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Gracious Father,
 you gave up your Son
 out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our brothers and
 sisters
 we do also for you:
 give us the will to be the servant of others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings for Today

Ezek 37:1-14
 Rom 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

Readings for 17th April

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the situation in Libya.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Dorothy Mansbridge. The funeral is to be held on Thursday 14th April at 10.00am.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Tina Samson, Finlay Joyce, Andy Kemp, Lucy Bailey, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn and Bethan Shone.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Nagpur - (North India)

The Rt Revd Paul Dupare.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Shocklach Saint Edith, Tilston Saint Mary
 Jane Stephenson; David Black (Reader); Christine Cottrell (Pastoral Worker).