

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 16th March 2014 - Lent 2

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

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| 10.15am Wed | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
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Sunday 23rd March - Lent 3

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 9.30am | Family Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 3.00pm | Baptism | St Bart's |
| 6.30pm | Evening Worship | St Bart'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 in-box? If so, please send an e-mail request to the parish office

Notices and announcements!!!

Electoral Roll: The Church Electoral roll is a list of people who consider themselves to belong to our church. Every 6 years this list has to be wiped clean and we start again with a clean sheet of paper. Last year was the start again point. Many of our regular members failed to fill in the form and are therefore not currently on our electoral roll. NOW is the time to remedy that. The existing roll is being displayed on the notice board and forms are available at the back of church. Please check if you are on the roll and IF NOT fill in a form by **16th March!** More info is in the March mag.

Afternoon Tea and Entertainment Event Many thanks to all who supported this light-hearted social occasion - thanks also to our ticket sellers - June and Lesley; performers - Susan, Chris, Simon, June, Edwin, Cecil and Pat; to Chris Rostock for her invaluable help with the preparation of materials and to Elaine who did all of the catering. As an added bonus, the event raised £92 for Church Funds. (Alan Jones)

Christian Craft Exhibition at Brimstage: Can all those who promised the loan of craft items with a Christian inspired theme, please let Revd Jane have them by the end of March. Please can you ensure that they are named in some way and if possible give me one or two sentences on what inspired it. Thank You.

Weekly Giving Envelopes are available in both churches. It is helpful to the church to receive weekly donations, so anyone interested in joining the envelope scheme, please contact me either in church or on 625 0089 or at sjturn@liv.ac.uk. For those who are UK taxpayers the church can get a 25% increase in the value of donations if they complete a gift aid form and also to save finding cash each week, donations can be made by standing order. Forms are available from me and I am happy to answer any questions. Chris Turnbull.

Wellspring Monday 17th March, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to Pray.

Lenten Lunches 12 Noon on Thursday 20th March at The Rectory and 12 Noon on Thursday 27th March at Irby Methodist Church. At the Rectory, donations please, profit to "REACH for Rwanda" At Irby Methodist, donations please, profit to "Christian Aid".

The Lord's Prayer Take a closer look during Lent, on Thursday evenings, 8pm-9pm at St Chad's. March 6th,13th,20th,27th, April 3rd and 10th.

Dads 'n' Kids Craft Morning on Saturday 29th March. 10am-12Noon at St Chad's.

Taize Service 6.30pm on Sunday 16th April at St Chad's. If anyone would like to come to rehearsals for this service they will be held at 8.15pm-9.15pm on Wednesday 2nd & 9th April at St Chad's.

Attic Sale in aid of Mothers' Union Literacy Fund to be held on Saturday 5th April 10am-12Noon. Contact 07970030794 to book a table at £5 each. Julie DeBoorder will be doing a table for Church funds, so if you do not want your own table, but have 'good as new' items to donate, then please speak to Julie on 648 6331 and we will arrange where to deliver to, nearer the time.

Notices cont. overleaf

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Gospel Readings: (John 3:1-17)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

1 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Notices cont...

Corner Yoghurt Pots: These are needed by Revd Jane for the Easter Journey Experience on Good Friday. If you eat this kind of yoghurt/dessert, please can you save the pots and let Revd Jane have them ASAP. Thank You.

The March Magazine is now available at the back of church. If you have your magazine delivered, **subscriptions for 2014 are now due.** See magazine for how to pay. If you do not have a magazine delivered, then please pick up a copy or contact the office (648 8169), to arrange to have it delivered. It is full of information about forthcoming events and interesting articles. Only 40p.

Calligraphy: Do you (or someone you know) do Calligraphy? The lady who has done the entries in our Book of Remembrance for the past 8 years, has a new job and is no longer able to do it for us. We need someone who could write up three or four names every two to three months. It's not a large commitment and Revd Jane would be very grateful to hear from anyone who can help in this way.

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

Gen 12:1-4a
Rom 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17

Readings for 23rd March

Ex 17:1-7
Rom 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the families & friends of the people lost in the missing Malaysia Airline jet.

For the parish: Please pray for Arthur Chaplin to be baptised at St Bartholomew's next week at 3pm.

Please pray for the forthcoming APCM (6th April), especially for a new Treasurer to be found.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Tricia O'Brien, Sally Lang & Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Freda Cheyne.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Paul Kwong, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for Chaplains - that God may open a door for their message so that they may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Pray also for all the staff and pupils in the schools served.

Renaissance Music Group

Sunday 23rd March 8pm at Liverpool Cathedral Lady Chapel. It is the Easter story to Ascension in the music of Palestrina with instrumental music from Chester Viols. Tickets £8, Conc. £5. Information from Chris Turnbull on 625 0089.