

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 23rd March 2014 - Lent 3

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 30th March - Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD – or you'll miss the service!

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Baptism	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
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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!!!

Mothering Sunday flowers Help is urgently needed on Saturday 29th March from 9.00am at St Chad's, to assist Joyce Ratcliffe in the preparing of the flowers for Mothering Sunday. Please speak to Joyce if you can help.

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

Cleaning at St Bart's. We desperately need new people to go on the cleaning rota at St. Bart's Church. It's not an onerous job. Dusting the pews, cleaning the brasses, hoovering the carpet & mopping the floor.

Hopefully it only takes between an hour & an hour-and-a-half every 4-6-weeks, less if we get more volunteers. If you feel you could volunteer for this, please get in touch with June Bibby, either in Church on a Sunday morning, 11.15am, or on 678 8124. Thank you, in anticipation.

Lenten Lunch 12 Noon on Thursday 27th March at Irby Methodist Church. Donations please, profit to "Christian Aid".

The Lord's Prayer Take a closer look during Lent, on Thurs evenings, 8pm-9pm at St Chad's. Mar 27th, Apr 3rd & 10th.

Taize Service 6.30pm on Sunday 13th 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.

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.

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.

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.

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Gospel Readings: (John 4:5-42)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

5Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' 16Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 17The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' 19The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 25The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' 27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' 28Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' 30They left the city and were on their way to him. 31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' 32But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' 33So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' 34Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'



Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the
only God;

Readings for

Today

Ex 17:1-7

Rom 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Readings for

30th March

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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 today at 3pm and his parents Stephen & Ann. Please pray for James Williams to be baptised at St Chad's next week. 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 Maureen Tudor.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Ian Gerald James Ernest, Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Caring for God's World—Go for a slow walk around your church or school grounds. Take the time to stop, enjoy and wonder. Is there anything you could do to make it more attractive to wildlife?

39Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ