

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 28th February–Lent 3**



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

Children are Welcome at our Services

In St Chad's, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

In St Bartholomew's, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect for today

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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the World.

For the sick: Please pray for baby Emmett Robinson. Please continue to pray for Frank Rimmer. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the parish: Please pray for the Seniors as they prepare to lead the Mothering Sunday service next week.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Kahwa Henri Isingoma, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for Daybreak, as well as for L'Arche (**charity's supporting adults with learning disabilities and additional needs**) in Flintshire, Liverpool, Manchester and elsewhere in the UK.

Services TODAY – Lent 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 2nd March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 6th March – Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

- **Parish Outing** to Wales on Tuesday 14th June. Driving through the Conway Valley, stopping for coffee at Llangollen & lunch at Llandudno. Book your place ASAP. Seats £15.00. Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.
- **Men's Breakfast** Saturday 5th March, 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.
- **PCC meeting** Monday 7th March, 7.30pm at St Chad's.
- **Lent Groups** to be held at 7.30pm, on Friday 4th, 11th & 18th March at Irby Methodist Church. All welcome.
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 1st & 8th March, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Wellspring** Monday 21st March, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 30th April, (PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE) 1pm-3pm at St Chad's. Stalls to include Art, Jewellery, Cards, Crafts, Face painting, Needlework, Picture frames, Hair accessories etc. Both Irby Primary & Dawpool Primary to have their own stalls.
Volunteers needed to make and sell homemade cakes, and to sell tea & coffee. Church will be having a stall so if you do not want your own stall, but can make and donate handmade craft items then please speak to Julie DeBoorder on 648 6331. Tables £8 each, proceeds to Church funds. Please ring Chris Rostock on 07970030794 if you would like to book a table.
- **Crosstalk** The **MARCH** magazine is available at the back of church. If have your magazine delivered, this is a reminder that the subs for 2016 are due.

- **Wirral School' Concert Band** on Saturday 19th March, 7.30pm at St Chad's. Tickets £5 from Karen Robson 648 6691 or St Chad's Church office 648 8169. See magazine for more info.
- **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 23rd March, 8pm at St Chad's. Crafts with Chris Carlson.
- **Lent Retreat** with Bishop David Gillett, Friday 4th - Sunday 6th March at Foxhill. Theme: 'Pilgrims Facing Change'. £120 inc. all meals. For more information visit www.foxhillconferences.co.uk or tel: 01928 733 777.
- **Tots & Tinies** We meet every Thursday from 9.15-11.30am at St Chad's. Come along with your tiny children or toddlers and join in the fun. Free play with lots of different activities. Snack time includes fruit, biscuit, toast and a drink. Adults can help themselves to a coffee or tea and can also have toast! Only £1.50. We look forward to welcoming you. Should you wish to know more contact Allison Youds or Elaine Jones on 648 1400.
- **Riding for the Disabled Association** We continue to collect stamps throughout the year, so please put them in the box in St Chad's foyer or the envelope at the back of St Bart's. Jean Heath.
- **Guides** are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kid's vouchers. Please place your vouchers in the box at St Chad's. Many thanks 1st Thurstaston Guides.

• **Giving by Text.** We are now registered with Just Giving, so if you would like to make a donation to Church by text then all you need to do is text "BART16" and the amount you wish to give to 70070. e.g. text BART16£10 to give ten pounds.

• **F.U.S.S. Wirral Fuss** works to encourage free distribution of recycled school uniforms to families without judgement of circumstances. Please visit our web site to reserve items you need. www.wirrafuss.co.uk

AND NOW..... F.U.P.S. – Free Uniform for Primary School

Please see magazine & notices for more information.

• **Voice Junior Choir** will be running a Junior Choir Residential at Barnstondale Camp Wirral in the Easter holidays. This week will be specifically for 8-11 year olds. This will consist of learning songs for a performance at the end of the week, having lots of fun and playing games, and helping the children to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. This will include teaching sessions, small group times looking at specific Bible stories, learning about what the lyrics of the songs mean to us as Christians and helping them to apply all they learn to their own lives. Contact Abbi Humphries at abbi@voicemusic.org.uk 07841435358 or visit www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential or see notice board for more information.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

6Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” 8He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 6 th March
Is 55:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12
1 Cor 10:1-13	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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