

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March–Lent 5**



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**

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*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for compassion & peace in our troubled World.

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

**For the bereaved:** Please pray for the family & friends of Pauline Argyle.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

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

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

'I will ask you a terrible question, and God knows I ask it also of myself. Is the truth beyond all truths, beyond the stars, just this: that to live without him is the real death, that to die with him the only life?'

Frederick Buechner (1926-) Presbyterian minister, author and theologian.

## Services TODAY – Lent 5

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcement

● **Parish Outing** to Wales on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

● **Lent Groups** to be held at 7.30pm, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Irby Methodist Church. All welcome.

● **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's.

● **Wellspring** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's.

● **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's. Crafts with Chris Carlson.

● **Wirral School' Concert Band** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

● **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

• **Songs of Praise** from BBC will be recording at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are free but limited. If there are enough people Irby Methodist Church will hire a coach, for which there will be a charge. If you would like to attend then please give your name **ASAP** to either Leslie Worrall on 648 5590 or Eleanor Dean on 342 4729. The coach will leave early afternoon and recording will be between 4.30pm-7.30pm.

• **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 Foodbank** urgently need the following items: Juice, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Rice, UHT Milk, and Packet Soup. We have plenty of Baked Beans, Cereals, & Tea, Thanks. You can now donate food at any **ONE STOP SHOP, Library** or **CO-OP** Store, alternatively you can deliver food directly to our office Mon - Thu (10am - 2pm) at the following address: Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre Dock Road, Birkenhead, CH41 1JW.

• **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.wirralfuss.co.uk](http://www.wirralfuss.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](mailto:abbi@voicemusic.org.uk) 07841435358 or visit [www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential](http://www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential) or see notice board for more information.

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## GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

<b>Readings for Today</b>	<b>Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Is 43:16-21	Isaiah 5:1-7
Phil 3:4b-14	Revelation 7:9-12
John 12:1-8	Luke 19:28-40

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