

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th March 2017**



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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for all our brothers and sisters around the World. May there be an end to division, strife and war.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Lil Ormsby, Marjorie Gracie, Joyce Edmonds and Kevin Wardle, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please continue to pray for the family & friends of Mike and Julie Bennet

For the parish: Give thanks for those who have served (lay and ordained) in this parish over the past 50 years and for those who will continue the work into the future.

Multi sensory Bible: Pray that participants will connect with the history, because they see God at work in and through it.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Madhukar Kasab, Marathwada (North India)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Please pray for people who regularly go hungry. Give us compassion to reach out to those in need and courage to ask why people are suffering. Amen

Services TODAY – First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.30am	Golden Jubilee	St Chads
7.15pm	Multi Sensory Bible	St Chads

Services next week

Wednesday 8th March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 12th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
7.15pm	Multi-Sensory Bible	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

• Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 12:49-57

Tues: Luke 13:1-5

Wed: Luke 13:6-9

Thurs: Luke 13:10-17

Fri: Luke 13:18-19

Sat: Luke 13:20-21

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 12:3:1-9 If you have any questions or reflections on this week's passages that you would like to be part of the sermon, please let Revd Jane know and we will do our best to incorporate them.

- **Our Lent Group** will be on Thursday evenings 9th March – 13th April, 7.30-9.00pm. We will be using "The Living Cross" which is £8.99 from www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/.

You will need a copy of the book, so please order it soon – if finance will prevent you from attending then speak confidentially to Revd Jane who will provide you with a copy of the book from a grant fund.

- **EMU** – Wed 15th March 8pm at St Chads – Jewellery making – All Welcome
- **Wellspring** – 8pm at the Rectory Mon 20th March – Come and pray for our parish. All Welcome – you do not have to pray out loud!
- **Irby Methodist** will host a Lent Lunch on **Monday, 3 April at 12.30 pm** to which our friends from St Bart's and St Chad's will be most welcome. Please extend our invitation to both congregations.
- **Easy Fundraising** Don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>
- **Please collect your Postage Stamps** throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

•Golden Jubilee - THANK YOU

- ❖ **Banner Makers:** Thank You to everyone who helped create our celebration banner – the button donors, felt cutters, leaf stitchers and appliquers, who gave their time and sewing skills to assemble everything.
- ❖ **Photo Time Line:** Thank you to all who dug in their lofts etc and found the photos and newspaper cutting which have made this display possible
- ❖ **Food Providers:** Thank you to everyone who has provided food and drink for the buffet, and all who will serve and clear away afterwards.
- ❖ **Presenters:** Thank you to Irby Primary, Dawpool C of E, and St Chad's Seniors for the hard work and preparation that they have put in to the presentations and singing for this morning.
- ❖ **Setting up and clearing away:** Thank you to all who have moved furniture and will move furniture at the end of the afternoon.
- ❖ **Decorators:** Thank you to all those who have worked hard with flowers, window displays and other decorations.
- ❖ **EVERYONE:** Thank you for being here and taking part in this celebration.

• Other 50th Anniversary Events:

- There will be a **Summer Barn Dance on Friday 2nd June** – please put this date in your diary.
- If anyone would like to organise any other events for our 50th Anniversary that would be great. Please speak to Revd Jane or a member of the PCC.

•**Sainsbury's Active Kids** Guides are once again collecting vouchers and would like to thank people for all their support over previous years - (the girls have benefited greatly from the equipment we've been able to get for them), so any vouchers would be greatly appreciated

•**The Big Church Day Out** Comes to the Diocese of Chester!! 2nd-3rd June Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire. More info in parish magazine and on diocesan website www.chester.anglican.org.uk

•**Grass Cutting at St. Chads for 2017** - Hello, I am after some volunteer's to be part of a 2017 grass cutting rota at St. Chads. Help will be needed to cut the main sloped area at the rear of the church and the grass at the front around the car park area. If I had a similar amount of volunteers as I did last year, then it would mean you would only need to cut the grass around two or three times throughout the year. If you can help I would be very grateful, please see **Chris Perry** in church, ring **0151 648 6958** or email churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk

•**Riding Lights Theatre Company** are bringing their new passion play, **CROSSLIGHT**, to South Wirral High School (Eastham) on 5th April starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets from Ken kenlon50@yahoo.com or Tel: 327 2138, Adults £7, Concessions £5, 11-17 yr olds £2 (unreserved seating)

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:1-34

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. ² Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ³ Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops. ⁴ I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. ⁷ But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

⁸ 'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; ⁹ but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.'

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 12 th March
Psalm 150	Gen 12:1-4a
2 Peter 3:4-18	Rom 4:1-5,13-17
Luke 12:1-34	Luke 13:1-9

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