

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
26<sup>th</sup> 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**

Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of  
this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall  
be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the families and friends of the people killed in the terrorist attack at Westminster and for the injured.

**For the sick:** Please pray for Mark White. Please continue to pray for Mabel Gardner, Edwin Bezant, Joyce Edmonds, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Alex Bowen & Melanie Taylor, David Patrick & Laura Bennett, Andrew Roberts & Claire Pearce and Mark Colman & Georgina Hughes all having their banns read today at St Bartholomew's.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter, Mexico (Mexico).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Revd Liz Shercliff, Director of Studies for Readers.

## Services TODAY – Mothering Sunday

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Lent 5

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

## Holy Week Services:-

Palm Sunday (9th April) – all services as usual

Maundy Thursday (13th April) 7.30pm at St Chad's – Holy Communion

Good Friday (14th April)

10.00am – Family Worship at St Chad's

2.00pm – Hour at the Cross at St Barts

Easter Day (16th April)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am – Family Communion at St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcement

### • Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 16:19-31

Tues: Luke 17:1-10

Wed: Luke 17:11-19

Thurs: Luke 17:20-37

Fri: Luke 18:1-8

Sat: Luke 18:9-17

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 18:1-17.

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.

- **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](http://www.chester.anglican.org.uk)

- **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. **Please sign list at the back of church if you would like to attend.**

- **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.brfoonline.org.uk/9780857465122/](http://www.brfoonline.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.

- **Thy Kingdom Come:** Archbishop Justin hopes to see every Church join this global wave of prayer. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place from 25 May to 4 June 2017.

In our parish we will focus on “thy kingdom come” over the weekend of 27-28<sup>th</sup> May with various services and activities. One of the things we’d like to do is to provide each Church Family with a prayer pack called “The Kingdom Kit” which contains resources for families to do a variety of prayer activities throughout the week. These kits cost £7.50 each. If anyone wants to make a donation towards purchasing one of these kits, there is box at the back of church. We will then purchase the kits and distribute them to families either for free or for reduced cost.

There will also be a variety of events at the Cathedral. Our deanery are being especially encouraged to attend compile at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

- **Golden Jubilee Commemorative Photo Book and More!** There is a sample of the commemorative book at St Chad’s along with sample prints, post cards, canvas print, mouse mat, fridge magnet and mug. Please take a look and think about early Christmas Shopping! All orders must be placed by **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** so that order can be made on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a tea and toast morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May (9.00-11.00am) when you will be able to peruse the photos etc, in case you do not go to St Chad’s for any other reason between now and then!
- **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 Electoral Roll**

All Church of England parishes are required to maintain an electoral roll. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. Although the roll may be updated regularly, a new roll has to be created every 6 years and 2013 was the most recent year in which this had to be done.

To be eligible applicants must be 16 years of age or over and

Either Live within the parish boundary

Or Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

Application forms available at the back of both churches or from the parish office.

- **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk))**

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:11-32

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Ex 2:1-10	Ezek 37:1-14
Col 3:12-17	Rom 8:6-11
Luke 15:11-32	Luke 18:1-17

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