

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd April 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

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 continue to pray for the people affected by the New Ferry gas explosion. As we celebrate the joy of Easter, pray for those whose joy is dampened by World events.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Mark White, 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 children & school staff that they may have a good holiday.

Services TODAY – Lent 5

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

Services next week

Wednesday 5th April (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Communion	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 18:18-30

Tues: Luke 18:31-34

Wed: Luke 18:35-43

Thurs: Luke 19:1-10

Fri: Luke 19:11-27

Sat: Luke 19:28-44

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 24:1-12.

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 Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire. More info in parish magazine and on diocesan website 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.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.

- **Crosstalk** The April magazine is available at the back of church.

• **Easter Flowers** Any contributions towards Easter Flowers, will be gratefully received. Please put money in envelopes at the back of churches.

• **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 27-28th 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 compline at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31st 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 4th June** so that order can be made on Monday 5th June. There will be a tea and toast morning on Saturday 6th 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 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 18:1-17

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Ezek 37:1-14 Rom 8:6-11 Luke 18:1-17	Readings for 9th April TBA Luke 19:28-44
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