

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th September - Trinity 14**



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 God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord..
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those affected by the Hurricanes in America and the Monsoon in India, please pray for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing situation in North Korea and all those affected by the fighting in Myanmar.

For the sick: Please pray for Joyce Ratcliffe, Terry Kavanagh and Colin Stocks. Please continue to pray for Anna Drysdale, and Alison Harris. Please pray for those in hospital. Please give thanks for answered prayers – Baby Tobias is now in remission. Please pray for all those who have suffered long term illness and although well at the moment could experience set backs or relapse.

For the parish: Please pray for John Walkup and Sophie Nieto-Hearn as they were married yesterday at St Bartholomew's, pray for John Knight and Jennifer Card, James Roberts and Francesca Patterson having their Banns read today. Please also pray for Pamela Crammond as she is baptised at St. Chads next Sunday.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Please pray for those becoming emeritus this year and offer thanks for the willingness of people to serve in the role of Pastoral Worker, and for all that they do in their parishes. Please pray for the pastoral workers who will be admitted and licensed in the cathedral on September 23rd and the ministries they are beginning:

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Archdeacon Peter Eagles, Sodor & Man (York, England)

Services TODAY – Trinity 14

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

Services next week

Wednesday 20th September

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 24th September – Trinity 15

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion and Baptism	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

Children's Society House boxes: Thank you to all those who supported the coffee morning on the 2nd September it raised £193.75. Can you please continue to return the boxes to either church or phone either Jean Heath on 648 6015 or Barbara Kozer on 648 3523 for collection.

Wellspring on Monday 18th September, 8pm at the Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to Pray. All are Welcome.

Dementia Awareness Seminar on Wednesday 20th September 8-9.30 pm at St Chad's. It would be helpful to know how many people are coming so we can ensure enough chairs and handouts are available. If possible, please ring 0151 648 8169 or email office@thurstaston.org.uk, If not don't worry, just turn up!

Coffee Morning Saturday 23rd September 10am – 12 noon: This is being organised by Wendy Wolstencroft to raise funds for Aidan and other 1st Thurstaston Scouts who are going to Belgian Scout Camp in 2018. Please do come along and support these young people, enjoy a cup of coffee and chat at the same time.

Saturday Together 30th September at St Chads 5.30pm -6.30pm Come along and join in with

quizzes, games, music, prayer and fellowship. Great fun for everyone.

Harvest Supper on Saturday 30th September 6.30-10.00 pm at St. Chad's, 3 course meal followed by tea/coffee, Adults £7.50, Child £4.00, Family £20.00. Tickets available from both Churches, sign up sheet at the back of church. Entertainment from band "New Era". Please bring your own drinks and glasses. If you have any Special dietary requirements please contact Sue Turnbull on 625 0089. Donations of raffle prizes welcome.

EMU: There are shoeboxes for "**Operation Christmas Child**" available to purchase for £1.00, at St Chad's. If you would prefer to donate items towards filling a few communal boxes, ideas for suitable gifts are: very small musical instrument, new small stuffed animal, pens, pencils, notebooks, colouring books, small new toys, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap flannel, small packs of sweets (not chocolate) Free knitting patterns are also available for those who would like to make suitable hand puppets, hats, gloves etc.

EMU: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th September, 8pm St Chad's**, we will be having a guest speaker talking about "Foodbanks". All Welcome

Leprosy mission boxes: I would be most grateful to all members of both congregations, if you could return your Leprosy Mission collection boxes. You can leave them at the back of either church, and they will be collected, emptied, and returned to you.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued help for the Mission. Please note that a one off donation is always welcome, and this year you can get rid of your old pound coins.

Any enquires please contact Pat Hulme on 538 1953.

Bereaved Parent Support Day: Saturday 18th November 10.00am-5.00pm at St Peter's Centre. Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DZ

The Support Day offers understanding, encouragement and support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter in any circumstance and at any age.

Revd Graeme Skinner (vicar at St Marys Upton) and Mrs Phillippa Skinner will be speaking at this event. They lost their own son, Jim - aged 21, 10 years ago.

Cost including lunch and refreshments: £22.00 per person Further details from:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereavement-support-events/bereaved-parent-support-day> or Telephone:029 2081 0800

The website also has very helpful page of frequently asked questions, please take a look.

North West 95 Tour – An estimated 95% of children and young people in England and Wales aren't in church. Reaching those beyond the church has always been an important part of Scripture Unions mission but this year, as they celebrate their 150th anniversary, they want to re-emphasize this as their number 1 priority. This autumn they are coming to **The Spire, Breck Road, Wallasey, CH44 4BD, on Monday 9th October 7.15pm – 9.30pm**. Packed with stories from the SU team around the North West, the 95 Tour brings lots of suggestions of how our church can reach out with the Good News of Jesus. There

will also be the chance to share your own local mission stories so that you leave with some easy, practical ideas for going to where the Children are but the Gospel isn't.

The North West 95 Tour is for church leaders, youth and children's leaders and anyone passionate about taking the Good News of Jesus to those children and young people who have no regular contact with church. Reverend Jane has booked a place if you would like to join her, this is a free event but please register at <https://northwest95tour.eventbrite.co.uk>

In the Arena – Wednesday 8th November, Bridge Chapel Centre, L19 4XR – In the Arena is a men's event where we will share with you helpful strategies to strengthen and empower you for whatever challenges you face now or in the future. Speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantjes will present biblical principles and insights they have proved through their experience of both triumph and adversity. They will talk about critical areas of everyday life such as friendships, finance, character and career and their encouragement will leave you better prepared to run life's race. Tickets £4 to book phone 029 2081 0800 <https://careforthefamily.org.uk/inthearena>.

Giving Envelopes will be available in both churches on 24th September, if you need them before please contact Chris Turnbull – 625 0089

PCC Treasurer: Mr Chris Turnbull resigned as treasurer at the beginning of July. We are very grateful to him for all his hard work in stream lining many of our processes, building a finance team and reducing many of our bills by seeking cheaper suppliers. The PCC at their meeting on Monday 11th September appointed Mr Kevin Marley as the new treasurer. He can be contacted by email pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk or in writing via the parish office

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 24 th September
Gen 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11
Rom 14:1-12	Phil1:21-30
Matt 18:21-35	Matt 20:1-16

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