

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th March – Lent 2**



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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no
power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those affected by the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash, for those who were killed and the bereaved.

For the Parish: Please pray for the Parents and Godparents of Alba Woods as she is baptised next Sunday

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Revd Joe Edwardson (Funeral at St Bartholomew's 12.30pm Friday 22nd March)

For the Sick: Please pray for Muriel McKie, Baby Skye (Liz Whitehead's granddaughter), Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Mandy Fletcher, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Pray that all Missional fundraising is faithful and faith-focused

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury

Services TODAY Lent 2

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 March

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 24th March – Lent 3

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Holy communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00 pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcements



Fruitfulness on the Frontline sessions, 8-9.30pm at St Chad's:

- 21st March - Messenger of the Gospel
- 28th March - The Journey on.

Faith and Football evening with Bill

Bygroves, Chaplain to Liverpool Football Club.
Friday March 22nd, 7.30pm St Catherine's Church, Tranmere, CH42 0LQ. Bill is an amazing speaker and it will be a good night. One to come to and be encouraged or to bring a friend to and hear the Gospel explained in Bill's own special way. The evening is free and open to anyone

One off church choir – Update

Thank you to all that volunteered, we have 16 volunteers. Julie hopes to arrange a rehearsal date soon at St Barts and will be in touch.

Open House Coffee Morning at Elizabeth's
146 Irby Road, Saturday 23rd March 11 am – 1.30pm in Aid of Emily's trip to Uganda. Cost is £5 per person and there will also be a raffle. Emily is member of our Seniors Group (Junior Church for secondary aged young people)

following her A-levels this summer she will be heading off to Uganda for 3 weeks. She will visit 3 different schools teaching lessons to children, hanging mosquito nets, going on community tours and running holiday camps. In order for Emily to go on the trip she needs to raise £1,300.

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting: All parishioners are invited to two meetings on **Sunday 7th April at St Chad's 6.30pm**, when members of the congregations will be appointed as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), members of the Deanery Synod and sidespersons

Wirral Men's Breakfast Saturday 6th April 8am
Thornton Hall, advanced booking essential. The speaker is Dave Portway, the Managing Director of ACT, an Oxford based charity which works extensively across prisons organising regular visiting and Alpha Courses. Come and hear of his passion for seeing lives changed. Tickets can be booked at <https://wirralbreakfast.co.uk/book/>

Diocesan Outdoor Adventure Day for children, young people and families: Brereton Heath Nature Reserve – Saturday 13 April 2019, A fun filled outdoor activity adventure day with the Oakhanger Project which will include; canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and outdoor games. More details and Registration Form can be found here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/outdoor-adventure-day-tickets-54524330741> If you need transport please let Revd Jane know, If you are going and will have space in your car for others, please let Revd Jane know.

Volunteer information and taster session – the Christian bookshop are in need of more volunteers, they are holding a couple of taster sessions to enable you to find out more. Come along and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat to discover the different roles and opportunities available. Monday 25th March 10.30 – 12 or Wednesday 17th April 2.30-4 pm at The Christian Bookshop, 14 Grange Road West, Birkenhead CH41 4DA.

EMU: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th March 8pm at St Chad's**. "A punch and Judy Show" come and hear all about it, a talk/demo about hearing problems and their management. All Welcome

Twenty is Plenty for a Retreat

As part of Foxhill's 50th Anniversary, the Diocese of Chester is pleased to introduce the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme for 2019. This is a new scheme that offers a limited number of places on the Foxhill programme of residential retreats for just £20. It is for those on low income who would like to go on a retreat but would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. More information from

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/twenty-is-plenty>

Mothering Sunday: Volunteers are needed on Saturday 30th March 9.15am at St Chad's to make up posies. If you have any greenery to donate can you bring it to St Chad's on Saturday 30th at 9.15am or leave it in the foyer before the 30th March.

Wirral Foodbank Easter 2019 The foodbank is extremely grateful for all the support they receive from Wirral Churches, especially at Christmas 2018. The use of foodbanks has increased by 52% on this time last year. This year at Easter they are not asking for chocolate or Easter Eggs as the need for ordinary food is so great. They have sent an Easter Egg showing the items they really need. Different schools/churches are being sent a different egg showing what they need, they have sent us the below.



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GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 24 th March
Gen 15:1-12,17-18	Is 55:1-9
Phil 3:17-4:1	1 Cor 10:1-13
Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9
Fruitfulness on the Frontline 1 Pet 3:15-16	Fruitfulness on the Frontline 2 Kgs 6:15-17, & Mat 28:16-20

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