

Notices and announcements!!!

<u>Summer Closure of St Chad's August 15th - 27th inclusive</u> Volunteers needed to help with the maintenance at St Chad's. Please see the list at the back of church, detailing work to be done and put your name down if you are able to help in any way. Thank you, Roger Jackson, Church Warden.

Wellspring - July 21st 8-9pm at the Rectory - Please come and pray for our Parish.

<u>Saturday 20th August</u> St Beartholomew's Day, 2pm at St Bartholomew's. Bring your teddy. Refreshments available.

Thursday 1st September M.U. Canon Bob Evans at St. Chads 2.15pm.

Friday 2nd September EMU 'Summer Meal at Maluca.

Friday 2nd September M.U. Deanery Quiet Afternoon at St. Michaels, Newton 2pm.

<u>Friday 16th - Sunday 18th September</u> at St Peter's Centre, Heswall. Enjoying God's Presence led by a team from the Northumbrian Centre of Prayer for Christian Healing. A weekend of spiritual refreshment, encouragement and worship for everyone or....

Saturday 24th September 'Learning to Heal' at St Mary's Church, Upton, 9.40am-4.30pm -

Speaker: John Rainer. See notice board for more information on both events.

<u>Sidespeople at St Chads</u>: Thank you to those who have volunteered. If anyone else can help please speak to Revd Jane or Roger Jackson (church warden). You need to be able to arrive at St Chad's by 9.00am and be physically fit enough to set up the chairs, and then be willing to stay until all the chairs have been cleared away after the service (very often there are others willing to help at this point). The aim is to have enough people, so that you are only on duty once every six weeks and working in pairs. The more people who can offer to help in this way, the less often you will need to be on duty! In addition the role involves welcoming people, giving out the books, taking the offertory and letting Junior Church know that it's time to come back into the service. We will ensure that new volunteers are paired up with existing people so that you can have "on the job" training!

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Gospel Reading: (Matt 13:24-30,36-43)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

24Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

26So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.

27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

29But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

36Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37He

answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man:

38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one.

39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers.

42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Gracious Father,

by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,

comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, vou have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today	Readings for 24th July
Is 44:6-8	1 Kgs 3:5-12
Rom 8:12-25	Rom 8:26-39
Matt 13:24-30,36-43	Matt 13:31-33,44-52

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the people of Africa as they face the worst drought in 60 years. For the parish: Please pray for Sophia Crocker who is to be baptised at St Bartholomew's today at 6.30pm and her parents Andrew & Paula. Please pray for Edward Dalton & Sarah Roberts, Michael Lally & Sarah Andrews, Darren Davies & Alaina Merrett, Anthony Maddocks & Lucy Bailey, Simon Green & Anna Barton, Patrick Orford & Sandra Padley, all having their banns read today at St Bartholomew's. For the sick: We continue to pray for Bishop James of Liverpool, Lil Ormsby, Finlay Joyce, Lucy Bailey, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn, Bethan Shone and those known to us. From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Peru - (South America) The Rt Revd Harold William Godfrey From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Bowden Saint Mary the Virgin Roger Preece, Susan Talbot, Clair Jaquiss; Brian

Thomas, John fenton, Vivienne Plummer (Readers); Christina McMurray (Pastoral Worker)