# The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service, and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

## Sunday 14th August 2011 - Trinity 8

(For this week's notices, see separate sheet)

**Gospel Reading:** (Matt 15:(10-20)21-28) **All :Glory to you, O Lord** 

10Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: 11it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' 12Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' 13He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' 15But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' 16Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? 17Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

21Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Readings for Today

Gen 45:1-15 Rom 11:1-2a,29-32 Matt 15:(10-20)21-28

Readings for 21st August

Ex 1:8-2:10 Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:13-20

Amen

## Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for an end to the riots in our cities.

For the sick: Please pray for Derek Foster.

We continue to pray for Bishop James of Liverpool, Lil Ormsby, Finlay Joyce, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn, Bethan Shone and those known to us.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Riverina - (New South Wales, Australia). The Rt Revd Douglas Stevens.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Cheadle Saint Mary and Saint Cuthbert. Rob Munro, Mike Newman, Nick Hall, Glyn Lucas, David Whitehouse, Peter Dooley, Mel Macleod, Philip Newsome, Mike Vine, Philip Wells, Malcolm Winton, Catherine Johnson, Bill Powell (Readers); Liz Duxbury (Pastoral Worker)