

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 26th February 2012 - Lent 1

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services

Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 4th March - Lent 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Junior Church at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available for children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove your child from the service, please note that there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your e-mail inbox? If so, please send an e-mail request to the parish

Notices and announcements!!!

EMU Wed 29th Feb. 'Zumba', Taster Session, ½ hour of gentle fun. £2 in addition to EMU fee. 8pm at St Chad's.

M.U. Thursday 1st March, Mrs Angela Klabou 'Mothers' Union', 2.15pm at St Chad's.

Friday 2nd March M.U. 'Women's World Day of Prayer'. 'Afternoon Service at Heswall Methodist. Evening Service at St Michaels & All Angels, Pensby, 7.30pm.

Ways to Pray Alternate Thursdays in Lent. March 8th: Colourful Prayer and other creative ways of praying.

Sunday 3rd June 2012 Could you organise a **BIG JUBILEE LUNCH EVENT** for our Church Community? If so, please speak to Patsy (648 4379) who is our social events co-ordinator. See mag. for more info

Praise and Play: Helen Boothman (a member of the PCC) has agreed to try and re-launch "Praise and Play". This will be on a Wednesday afternoon (approx 1.30-3.00pm) at St Chad's, and we hope to re-open in May. In order for this to happen we will need a number of people willing to be involved on a rota basis with making refreshments, helping with craft (on the day and advance preparation), reading the story, welcoming new people etc. Whether you are a mother, a father, a grandparent, a childminder, or just someone who enjoys being with small children and their families, your help will be welcomed. If you can help in any way (regularly or otherwise), then **you are invited to a meeting to discuss this further on Wednesday 7th March 1.30pm at St Chad's.**

PCC Meeting The PCC will meet on Monday 12th March, 7.30pm at St Chad's. Main items on the agenda will be to confirm the accounts and the annual report. If you have any items of concern or questions about the life of the church, that you would like the PCC to consider, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.

Electoral Roll Revised Electoral Roll now being displayed. The roll will be revised by Saturday 31st March. Current members need take no action, except to check details are correct. Anyone wishing to be added to the roll must be resident within the parish or be a regular attendee at worship. Please complete an application form and return to John Roberts c/o the parish office.

Christian Aid Week 12-19th May 2012 Wendy Wolstencroft has very ably co-ordinated the house to house collections for the past couple of years, but is unable to do so this year. Please could you speak to Revd Jane if you think you could take on this responsibility on behalf of our church.

2nd Irby Rainbows who meet at St Chad's on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm, are looking for another adult who would like to help on a regular weekly basis. Rainbows are aged between 5 and 7 years old, and there are currently 16 in the pack. It would be great if you could join us! Please contact me if you would like any extra information: Karen Fearn tel: 07795547664 or email fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk

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Gospel Reading: (Mark 1:9-15)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from
heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true
and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

Gen 9:8-17
1 Pet 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Readings for 4th March

Gen 17:1-7,15-16
Rom 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the situation in Syria.

For the parish: Please pray for Orla Evans to be baptised at St Bartholomew's today and her parents Gary & Janette.

For the sick: Please pray for Joseph Da Costa. We continue to pray for Karen Jones, Karen Ormsby, and those known to us.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
The Most Revd Kahwa Henri Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Frodsham Saint Lawrence

Michael Mills, Kath Williamson; Gail Fulbrook, Gill Newcombe, Andrew Rudd, Dennis Simmonds (Readers).