

# 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 17th March-Lent 5

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| 8.00am  | Holy Communion  | St Bart's |
| 9.30am  | Morning Worship | St Chad's |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion  | St Bart's |
| 6.30pm  | Holy Communion  | St Bart's |

### Next Weeks Services

#### Mid-week Services

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| 10.15am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
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### Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

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| 8.00am  | Holy Communion   | St Bart's |
| 9.30am  | Family Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion   | St Bart's |
| 3.00pm  | Baptism          | St Bart's |
| 6.30pm  | Evening Worship  | 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 in-box? If so, please send an e-mail request to the parish office

## Notices and announcements!!!

**Thank you** to the ladies who prepared the Mothering Sunday flowers. Joyce Ratcliffe

**PCC Members and Church Wardens:** The nomination forms are available in both Churches. Please fill them in and give them to Revd Jane or one of the Church Wardens or pop them into the parish office.

**EMU 'Wirral Churches' Ark Project'** Wednesday 20th March 8pm at St Chad's. The Ark is a homeless charity with a Christian ethos based in Birkenhead. They provide a direct access hostel for 25 and seven supported two bedroom 'move-on' houses in the local community. Come and find out more from Kevin Hogan, Training Development Manager. Everyone welcome. **If you feel that you could make a donation of toiletries, particularly for boys i.e. shaving foam, razors etc., then please drop off at the church office or bring on the night.**

**'Wellspring'** Thursday 21st March, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

**Easter Journey Experience** Sat 23rd Mar 2.00-4.00pm at St Chad's. Lots of fun things to do and make. Everyone will travel together on a journey around the building with crafts, activities and stories.

### Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's. (There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral).

### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns. Start and Finish at St Chad's.

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" Meditative Service at St Bartholomew's.

**Don't forget Clocks forward 31st March.** This is Easter Day!

### Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion with Baptism at St Bartholomew's

6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's

**APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on Sunday 14th April at 6.00pm in St Chad's.

*Notices cont. overleaf...*

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## Gospel Readings: (John 12:1-8)

### All :Glory to you, O Lord

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Notices cont...*

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers:** 1st Thurston Guides are collecting these. There is a box in both churches. If you do not usually give them to anyone else, please would you put them in our box. Thanks.

**Magazine subscriptions** These are now due for 2013. If you see your deliverer please pay them. Alternatively either post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH or pay on-line at 40.52.40 00018674, putting your surname and mag subs as reference.

**Sense & Sensibility** by The Carlton Players at The Little Theatre Birkenhead on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm. Charity night in aid of Mothers' Union. Tickets £7. Please speak to Chris Rostock (648 1112)

**Bag 2 school** is a scheme where Dawpool school gets paid for the weight of any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, bedding, curtains etc they collect. If anyone would like to contribute, please fill a bin bag and take to school on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March or the morning of Friday 22nd March.

### Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

*Amen*

### Readings for

#### Today

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

### Readings for

#### 24th March

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### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**For the World:** Please pray for the new Pope Francis. Please pray for the children of Syria.

**For the parish:** Please pray for William Parsonage to be baptised at St Bartholomews' next week. Please pray for Craig Thomas & Adina Carter, Lee Geary & Elizabeth Lowsby, Christopher Johnson & Jennie Walkling and Steven Armstrong & Katy Douglas all having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

**For the sick:** Please pray for Colin Ratcliffe. We continue to pray for those known to us.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Duncan Gray, Mississipi (IV, The Episcopal Church).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Pray for all in our own day who cross human boundaries for the sake of Christ.