

# 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 31st March-Easter Day

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion & Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's
<b>Next Weeks Services</b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
<b>Sunday 7th April - Easter 2</b>		
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

**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 all who gave toiletries for the 'Ark Project'.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 6th April, 8.45-9.45 at Aroma Café, Irby.

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

### Can you help/volunteer?

There are lots of roles within the life of our church which are made easier by more people being involved:-

**Reading during Sunday Services** – a rota of people meaning no-one need to read more than once every 3 months at Chad's and once every two months at Barts

**Prayers during Sunday Services** – a rota of people who put the prayers together and lead them during the service. There are plenty of books available and help/advice could be provided for anyone willing to consider this role. At the moment people are doing this approx every 6 weeks, but more people would mean being on duty less often.

**Coffee Rota at Chads** – a rota of people who arrive early to prepare cups etc and then after the service serve coffee and stay to tidy up kitchen.

**Junior Church at Chads** – Would anyone like to join the team of leaders/helpers working with our children – again on a rota basis.

**Sidespeople** – these people arrive early to get books ready for service, welcome people as they arrive, take the offertory, and then at the end of the service stay and help to tidy up (and St Chad's this role involves getting out and putting away chairs) – again a rota of people – more people are especially needed at the 9.30am service.

**Church Cleaning** – The role is different in both churches, but probably requires about an hour of your time once every 6-8 weeks.

**Computer Skills** – It would be really helpful to have a small group of people willing to put together and operate a computer during family services (powerpoints during prayer times, video clips for sermons, words for hymns etc.)

**Family Service Planning Group** – We meet for approx 2 hours once a month to put together ideas for the following month's family service. More people would be welcome to increase our ideas base!

**Pastoral Visiting** – We have a small team of people who visit the sick and the housebound. There are always more people who could be visited if we had more volunteers.

**IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY OF THESE WAYS OR HAVE OTHER GIFTS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY THEN PLEASE SPEAK TO REV'D JANE WHO'LL PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE RIGHT PERSON.**

**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)

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers:** 1st Thurstaston 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.

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## Gospel Readings: (Luke 24:1-12)

**All :Glory to you, O Lord**

1On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' 8Then they remembered Jesus' words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Collect**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Amen*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his  
risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

#### **Readings for Today**

Acts 10:34-43  
1 Cor 15:19-26  
Lk 24:1-12

#### **Readings for 7th April**

Acts 5:27-32  
Rev 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the banking situation in Cyprus. Please pray for the family & friends of Jade Anderson so tragically killed by dogs.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Sophie Dean to be baptised at St Bartholomew's today and her parents Martin & Jennifer. Please pray for Mark Brindley & Lydia Sullivan to be married at St Bartholomew's on Saturday.

**For the sick:** Please pray for Betty Rimmer and Colin Ratcliffe.

We continue to pray for those known to us.

#### **From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Bishop Joseph Kagunda, Mount Kenya West (Kenya).

#### **From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

St Mary's Halton CE Primary School.