

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 7th April-Easter 2

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

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 14th April - Easter 3

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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.

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.

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

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Gospel Readings: (John 20:19-31)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

19When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Readings for Today

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

Readings for 14th April

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)
Rev 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the parish: Please pray for the APCM to be held at 6pm next week at St Chad's.

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 Beneah Salalah, Mumias (Kenya).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for the churches of Aru & Boga in their work for peace and human thriving, and that our link may be a way of learning and supporting one another.