

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 21st April - Easter 4

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 28th April - Easter 5

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	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!!!

Monday 22nd April - 5th Anniversary of Jane's Induction as Rector of the Parish: Revd Jane will be having Open House (77 Thingwall Rd) from 7.00-9.00pm. Please feel free to drop in for a short time or the whole evening. This will be simply an opportunity "to be together" and share in a drink and nibbles.

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).

EMU - Cupcakes! Demonstration by Rachel Drinkwater, with an opportunity to 'Have a Go', 8pm on 24th April at St Chad's. There will be a small charge of £1 for ingredients and cakes on sale for 50p. Please let Chris Rostock (648 1112) or Julie DeBoorder (648 6331) know if you are attending, so we have an idea of numbers.

Wellspring - 8pm on 25th April at The Rectory. **Please note change of date.**

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.

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Gospel Readings: (John 10:22-30)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

Acts 9:36-43

Rev 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Readings for 28th April

Acts 11:1-18

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the families and friends of those killed and injured, in the Boston bombing. Please pray for the families and friends of those killed and injured, in the explosion at the fertiliser plant in Texas.

For the sick: Please pray for the continuing recovery of Betty Rimmer and Colin Ratcliffe. We continue to pray for those known to us.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:
Bishop Mark Lawrence Macdonald, National Indigenous Bishop (Ontario, Canada).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:
Pray for all those involved in the Cursillo® movement, and for those participating in today's celebration.