

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 25th January 2015 - Conversion of St Paul or Epiphany 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 1st February - Candlemas & Education Sunday

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

REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN

Anyone who has used the kitchen at St Chad's recently will know that it is in urgent need of refurbishment. In particular many of the kitchen units are barely serviceable. The church has obtained a small grant from Wirral Council but this only covers about 12% of the estimated cost of full refurbishment. We just do not have sufficient general church funds to be able to contribute to the cost. We may only be able to partly do the work but even to cover the basic costs we need to raise a lot more money as soon as possible because the work needs to take place this August during the summer building closure. The church would therefore be very grateful for any contributions to this project and any donation however small would be gratefully received and will be acknowledged. Please could you send any contributions clearly labelled for St Chad's kitchen refurbishment to the parish office indicating whether the contribution can be considered as gift aided. Cheques should be made payable to "Thurstaston PCC". The full address is: Parish Office, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, Wirral CH61 3UH. If you need any information about the project please contact Chris Turnbull on 01516250089 or email sjturn@liv.ac.uk.

Parish Weekend Away 16th-18th October 2015 at Cloverley Hall. There are invitation letters and booking forms at the back of church. This will be a good weekend for people of all ages and we hope that many of you will want to join us. Please fill in the booking form and return with deposit to Chris Smale, Revd Jane or the parish office as soon as possible.

Parish Outing to Morecambe on Tuesday 9th June 2015. Everyone welcome. Cost £15.00 Give your name and a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones, or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish office.

Raise Money for Church by Enjoying a Night at the Theatre!

The Carlton Players have Charity Performances of their plays at The Little Theatre in Birkenhead. The plays for this season are:-

- Tuesday 3 – Saturday 7 February 2015 – "The Hollow" by Agatha Christie
- Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 March 2015 – "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Goodrich and Hackett

For every ticket purchased for the **TUESDAY** performance they will give us 50% of the proceeds. Tickets are £8.00 and students are £6.00, so we receive £4.00 and £3.00 respectively. When you book your ticket, **you MUST quote "St Bartholomew's Thurstaston"** in order for us to receive this money. More information about the plays and the theatre can be found at www.carltonlittletheatre.co.uk and tickets can be purchased either on line or by e-mailing boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk or phoning 647 6593.

Thank you to anyone who has donated their used Postage Stamps over the Christmas period and a reminder that they are still welcome all through the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

Asda Green Tokens Dawpool Pre-School have been chosen as one of three schools to take part in the Green Token Scheme at Asda Woodchurch. If you, or anyone who you know is shopping at Asda Woodchurch then Pre-School would be most grateful if you would pop your Green Token in the box for **Dawpool Pre-School**. Just ask at the till for some tokens. At the end of the scheme the charity with the most tokens receives £200 and 2nd & 3rd place receive £50 from the Asda Foundation.

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Church Office: Mrs C Rostock, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH
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Gospel Reading: (John 2:1-11)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 10'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Notices cont.

Home for Good Come to an evening of information and inspiration about adoption and fostering in association with Christian charity, Home for Good, Adoption Matters and Wirral Borough Council on Thursday 26th February, 7.00-9.00pm at The Hope Centre, Fishers Lane, Pensby. See poster for more information.

'SOSO' Community Choir Tuesday 27th January, 8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's. £4 per session.

The 2015 Parish Calendar is available at the back of church. £5 each, or collect from the Church office, during office hours.

Tots and Tinies need your help – Are you available on a Thursday morning? Could you come and help to prepare children's snacks and cups of tea for parents/carers? Could you come and welcome people as they arrive and record them on the weekly register and then sign them out again as they leave? Revd Jane or Kate Preston can give you more details. Please ask if you think you could help support this valuable community outreach.

The Children's Society As a number of box holders have been removed from the list this year for various reasons, we would like to encourage all those who don't yet have a house box to take one for their small change or bigger! Contact Jean Heath on 648 6015, Elaine Kavanagh on 648 1721, or Barbara Kozer on 648 3523 for a box and registration form.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of
the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for Today

Gen 14:17-20
Rev 19:6-10
John 2:1-11

Readings for 1st February

Malachi 3:1-5
Heb 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the homeless and all who work with them, in this cold and icy weather.

For the parish:

Please pray for schools in our parish and all who work in education as we prepare for Education Sunday (1st February).

For the sick: Please pray for Karen Ormsby.

Please continue to pray for Alex Thompson and Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, Long Island (II, The Episcopal Church, USA)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Please pray for Revd Libby Lane as she is consecrated as the Church of England's first woman bishop at York Minster tomorrow.

The Christian, in Thomas Merton's (b.1915 d. 1968) view, must become acutely aware of the presence and action of God in their life and also must enter into an intimate relationship with him. Through his writing, his huge literary output, Merton has influenced countless numbers of people throughout the world. His extraordinary gifts have given him an influence well beyond the monastery gates. He has been, and continues to be, through his writings, the spiritual director of many people, whether or not they have fallen under or resisted the 'Merton spell'.