

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 1st February 2015-Candlemas & Education Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Service	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 8th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Real Easter Eggs: See page 6 of February edition of Crosstalk for more information and how to order – from £3.99 each.

Traidcraft Big Brew: 10-12noon at the Rectory Saturday 28th February.

Crosstalk The February edition of the Parish magazine is now available at the back of church. Please purchase one if you do not already have it delivered. It is full of information about future events and interesting articles.

'SOSO' Community Choir, 8-9.30pm at St Chad's on Tuesday 10th & 24th February. £4 per session.

Wellspring Monday 16th February 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

EMU Wednesday 25th February 'Felting', 8pm at St Chad's. Come along and have a go. Small charge for wool, approx. £4.00.

REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN

Please see parish magazine page 9 for further details. 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.

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 Thurs 26th Feb 7.00-9.00pm at The Hope Centre, Fishers Lane, Pensby. See poster for more information.

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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Gospel Reading: (Luke 2:22-40)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

33And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond
words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen*

Readings for Today

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

Readings for 8th February

Prov 8:1,22-31
Col 1:15-20
John 1:1-14

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 all who work in education.

For the sick: Please pray for Betty Rimmer. Please continue to pray for Karen Ormsby, Alex Thompson and Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Evans Kisekka, Luwero (Uganda)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.'

As churches across the diocese prepare for spring weddings, we pray that all couples will begin to discover the power of this kind of love within their relationships.

Notices cont.

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.