

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
Sunday 8th February 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**



Welcome to Church today.  
We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

**Children are Welcome at our Services**

**In St Chad's**, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

**In St Bartholomew's**, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

**Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church at St Chad's**

**Collect for today**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all  
creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your  
likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the  
earthly paradise, and the bread of life at  
the heart of your Church: may we who  
have been nourished at your table on  
earth be transformed by the glory of the  
Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the families and friends affected by the plane crash in Taiwan and train crash in New York. In a world with people seemingly intent on violence and killing, please pray for compassion and peace.

**For the parish:** Please pray for the PCC meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

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

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Bishop Emmanuel Kana Mani, Maiduguri (Jos, Nigeria)

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

Pray for the work of the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee). Pray also for wisdom and vision for those involved in the use and care of our buildings.

Almighty God, we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable to you.

## Services TODAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

## Services next week

### Wednesday 11th February (Mid-week service)

10:15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9:30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11:15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcements

- **New layout of this Notice Sheet.** Any Feedback - comments to Mr Graham Barley – PCC Secretary.
- **March Magazine deadline** will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Any contribution should be sent to the parish office by then! Thank You.
- **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.
- **PCC News** At our last meeting, in January, we discussed ways to improve communications. We agreed to look at the design of the weekly newsletter and to investigate putting copies of the magazine in the library and other places in Irby. We had applied for a grant to improve the kitchen at St Chad's, but the amount awarded was a much smaller amount than what we had requested so we decided to investigate doing the work in phases, provided the Local Authority would still provide the grant. We discussed whether we could find other ways to provide much needed facilities at St Bartholomew's, as fund-raising for the Open Door project had become difficult, and that at the next meeting, we would review various possibilities suggested by the Diocese and the Conservation Officer. Finally, we received several ideas for new developments from Mr Robert Preston, a business consultant, about ways to improve our financial position and we will be looking carefully at those over our next few meetings. Our next meeting takes place on February 9<sup>th</sup>. All the issues from January will be on the agenda, along with other possibilities to

encourage growth in the church and any new issues related to the buildings that the churchwardens may have identified. If any member of the congregations wishes to comment on any of these topics before the meeting, please speak to a member of the PCC.

Graham Barley (Hon PCC Secretary)

- **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](mailto: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.

- **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.

- **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 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](http://www.carltonlittletheatre.co.uk) and tickets can be purchased either on line or by e-mailing [boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk) or phoning 647 6593.

- **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.

- **The Children's Society** Coffee Morning, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 'Barnstable's', 233 Irby Road. Tables available. Please contact Jean Heath on 648 6015.

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## GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. 4What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Proverbs 2:1,22-31	2 Kings 2:1-12
Colossians 1:1-15	2 Cor 4:3-6
John 1:1-14	Mark 9:2-9

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