

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 1st March 2015 – Lent 2**



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,
by the prayer and discipline of
Lent
may we enter into the mystery
of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: In a world with people seemingly intent on violence and killing, please pray for compassion and peace.

For the parish: Please pray for Christian Aid representatives who are leading our special service today. Please pray for Martin Trimble & Anne-Marie Oates and Tristan Whitehead & Yasmin Blythe, all having their banns read at St Bartholomew's next week.

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

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Patrick Gidudu, Mbale (Uganda)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

This year WWP (Women's World Day of Prayer) is on Friday 6 March and is a wonderful opportunity for both men and women to join together to pray and be in solidarity with women from around the world.

Services TODAY – Lent 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 4th March (Mid-week service)

10:15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 8th March – Lent 3

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

Notices and Announcements

- **Crosstalk** The **March** edition of the Parish magazine is now available at the back of church. Please note **subscriptions** for those people who have the magazine delivered is now due, if you have not already paid.
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015**
6th March at 1.45pm at Heswall Church of the Good Shepherd and 7.30pm at Irby Methodist Church.
- **Men's Breakfast** Saturday 7th March, 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.
- **Wirral Schools' Concert Band**, 7.30pm at St Chad's on Saturday 14th March. Tickets £5, available from Karen Robson or the Church Office.
- **Wellspring** Monday 16th March, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to pray.
- **The Church Council (PCC) met on 12th January 2015.** After our opening prayers, we reviewed the decisions made at the previous meeting. Following the recent survey, we are looking at service arrangements, starting with

those for young people. Three PCC members are arranging for our Seniors' group to visit four special services in different churches. To everyone's surprise, the Wirral Schools' Concert Band offered us a date for a concert in St Chad's on Saturday 14th March, sooner than expected; this will be well worth attending, raising funds for one or more of our current improvement projects. We are also simplifying the Health and Safety Policy to suit all user groups, and are currently making sure that it covers everyone's needs. After that, the meeting divided into three groups. The first discussed financial issues, Growth Action Planning (GAP) and how to make progress with the Open Door project at St Bartholomew's. The second discussed attracting and retaining more young people, looking at several possibilities, including links with schools, changes to family services and the plans outlined above. The third group discussed issues from Mr Rob Preston's review of the parish as a business.

We were also told of the costs of upgrading the kitchen at St Chad's, following the award of a small grant by the Council, and informed that our application for a grant towards repairing the roof of St Bartholomew's had been submitted. We should know the outcome by the end of March.

- **'SOSO' Community Choir**, 8-9.30pm at St Chad's on Tuesday 10th March. £4 per session.
- **The Children's Society** Coffee Morning, 10am-12 noon on 21st March at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road. Donations of cakes and Bring & Buy items would be very welcome. Tickets £3 available from Jean Heath, Barbara Kozer & Elaine Kavanagh. Tables available. Please contact Jean Heath on 648 6015.
- **Lent Group:** The Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-10) - Take a closer look during Lent. Thursdays 19th Feb – 26th March. Come either in the afternoon 1.15-2.45pm or in the evening 8.00-9.30pm (or a mixture of both!) at St Chad's.
- **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.
- **The Bible in History and Today.** Venue: Christ Church, Upton Road, Moreton, Wirral CH46 0PA. Dates: Tuesdays: 14, 21 and 28 April; 5, 12 and 19 May 2015. Time: 8pm to 9.30pm. See page 10 of parish magazine for more details and how to book.
- **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 and tickets can be purchased either on line or by e-mailing boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk or phoning 647 6593.

- **Guides** We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you don't normally give them to anyone else, please place them in the box in St Chad's hall. We will be very grateful for your support.
- **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.
- **REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN** The estimated total cost of the project is about £10,000.
Please see parish magazine page 25 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.

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-38

All: Glory to you, O Lord

31 Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 8 th March
Gen 17:1-7,15-16	Ex 20:1-17
Rom 4:13-25	1 Cor 1:18-25
Mark 8:31-38	John 2:13-22

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