

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 26th April 2015 – Easter 4**



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

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the family & friends of Rachelle Owen tragically killed by a train at Hoylake station. Please pray for the families & friends of the people who died in the capsized boat in the Mediterranean. Please pray that truth may prevail over distortion, wisdom triumph over recklessness and the concerns of every person be heard as we approach the General Election.

For the parish: Please pray for Simon Cryer & Kate Roberts having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Frank Bresnan (Funeral on Tuesday 5th May 1.30pm at St Bartholomew's).

For the sick: Please pray for Graham Barley going into hospital for treatment. Please continue to pray for Aline Harwood. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop William Stokes, New Jersey (II, The Episcopal Church, USA)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for work with very young children and their parents.

Services TODAY – Easter 4

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

Services next week

Wednesday 29th April (Mid-week service)

10:15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 3rd May – Easter 5

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

Notices and Announcement

- **Hymn Survey:** Sometimes it is difficult to get the choice of hymns right for services. This is due to not always knowing “who knows what”, “have we ever sung this here”, “is this a favourite”, and hymns falling in and out of fashion. There are some survey sheets at the back of church and we'd be grateful if you could fill them in and return to Revd Jane or place in the box at the back of church.

- **Crosstalk** The May magazine is available at the back of church.

- **REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN** The estimated total cost of the project is about £10,000.

Please see parish magazine page 16 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.

Current total is £4700.00, with donations still coming in.

- **Attic Sale** organised by EMU. Saturday 9th May 10.00am-12noon at St Chad's. Entrance 20p. Tables £5 each, please contact Chris Rostock on 07970030794. Julie DeBoorder is having a table to raise funds for the **refurbishment of St Chad's kitchen** so if you do not want your own table but have any 'good as new' items that you wish to donate then please speak to Julie on 648 6331.

- **SOSO** Community Choir are having a concert featuring a performance by Su, to raise funds for **St Chad's kitchen refurbishment**, on Tuesday 12th May at 8pm, Tickets £3, to include refreshments, available at both churches.

- **Do you wish some of our services were more contemporary, more vibrant, had more modern music ...?**
Then please come to a meeting at the Rectory on Sunday 17th May at 7.00pm. This is following on from our Survey at the end of last year. We have now met with our young people and know what they want, now the PCC needs to know how many adults are interested and whether we all mean the same thing by contemporary and vibrant. If you don't come we'll assume that you are happy with services as they are, but the survey indicated that some of you aren't – so please come!
- **Volunteers** required to help mow the lawn at St Chad's through the summer months. Please speak to Roger, if you can help.
- **Summer Retreat at Foxhill:** Mon 13th – Wed 15th July 2015. Leaflets at the back of church. If anyone wants more information please speak to Revd Jane.
- **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.

Next production June 2nd-6th – Up Pompeii

For every ticket purchased for the TUESDAY (this performance will be signed using BSL) & WEDNESDAY 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.

- **Hotspot-a Good Death?** A Christian perspective on Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide. Wednesday 20th May, 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Bebington. Organised by Wirral Gospel Partnership.
- **Prom Praise** at the Liverpool Philharmonic -- Saturday 6 June 2015 (7.30pm), tickets priced £10 -- £27 are available from the Box Office at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 0151 709 3789 or www.liverpoolphil.com
- **Guides** We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please place them in the box in St Chad's hall. We will be very grateful for your support.

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 11'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 3 rd May
Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8

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