

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 17th May 2015 – Easter 7**



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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know
your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the people of Nepal after the devastating earthquakes. Pray for those who have lost life and those working to save life. For those who are worried for people they love. For those who will see their loved ones no longer.

For the parish: Please pray for David Roberts & Emily Ashton having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today. Please pray for all young people taking exams at this time.

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 Leroy Brooks, North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for courage and imagination in working with the paradox of religion in the UK.

Services TODAY – Easter 7

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

Services next week

Wednesday 20th May (Mid-week service)

10:15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

- **Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners** – Monday 8th June – 8.00-8.30pm (or shorter if half hour not required) at St Chads at which we will present the 2014 accounts and answer any questions that you may have. Copies of the accounts available at the back of church if anyone wishes to have a copy. It would be helpful if you could let Revd Jane know whether you intend to come to this meeting, so we know how many chairs to put out!
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped to organise the attic sale, helped in the kitchen, on the door and clearing away. £110 was raised for the Mothers' Union 'Big Wheels Appeal', which this year will help people both at home and abroad, who are refugees, survivors of abuse or living in poverty.
- **Thank you** to everyone who supported the SOSO concert, by participating, selling tickets, bringing raffle prizes or helping in any other way. The fantastic sum of £445 was raised towards the kitchen refurbishment.
Julie DeBoorder.
And thanks to Julie for organising!
- **Parish Outing to Morecambe** - Balance is now due. Please meet at the Rectory (77 Thingwall Road) at 9.30am on Tuesday 9th June.
- **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.
- **Wellspring** Monday 18th May, 8pm at the Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to pray.
- **EMU – 'From flowers to Vicar'** by Margaret Fletcher on Wednesday 20th May, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome.
- **Save the Date – 27th June 2015.** Summer event to include fish & chip supper (6pm), quiz, various stalls, including a plant stall and nearly new/unwanted gifts stall. More information and tickets, to follow in a couple of weeks. Watch this space!

• **Removal of Dead Rose Bushes from Garden of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's:** The PCC plan to remove the dead rose bushes within the garden of remembrance. We are not sure if any of them were planted in specific memory of someone. If you are aware of this kind of connection, please contact the Rector by 31st May 2015. The PCC is seeking horticultural advice as to how to replace the rose bushes and whether the soil conditions are correct for roses.

• **Stuart Townend – Worship Concert.** Fri 29th May, 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 890 New Chester Rd, Bromborough, CH62 6AT. Tickets £12.50 (Concessions £10.00). Advance tickets only available from Tel: 0151 327 2182 or Tel: 0151 327 2138. There was a very similar event held last year in Bebington which was a sell-out, attended by Revd Jane and Julie Deboorder and a couple of others. Revd Jane has already purchased her ticket for this event and has a couple of spaces in her car if anyone else wants to share transport.

• **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 Chris Perry, if you can help.

• **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.

• **Guides** Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers now need to be collected in. Please check everywhere and place them in the box at St Chad's in the next few weeks. Many thanks.

• **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.

• **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

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 17:6-19

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 6'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 24 th May
Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Ezekial 37:1-14
1 John 5:9-13	Acts 2:1-21
John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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