

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 30th August 2015 – Trinity 13**



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 (term time) at St Chad's

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the World.

For the parish: Please pray for Faye Charsley to be baptised at St Chad's today and her parents Mark & Jacqueline. Please pray for our young people as they start or return to school, college or university.

For the sick: Please pray for Mildred Derryhouse. Please continue to pray for Mike Bennett and Ruth Dann. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Agnes Oliver and Lilian Hennity.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Paul Kiptoo Masaba, Sebei (Uganda).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for all who make their living in tourism and for those striving to establish new businesses.

Services TODAY – Trinity 13

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

Services next week

Wednesday 2nd September (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Songs of Praise	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

• **September Family Service** 9.30am
Sunday 6th September at St Chad's.
Looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the new term.

• **Songs of Praise** Style Services to include our top ten favourites. Everyone (plus friends) welcome at either or both services.

6.30pm Sept 6th at St Bartholomew's.

6.30pm Sept 13th at St Chad's.

• **Thank you** to all who supported St Bear's Day. The total amount raised is £75.15.

• **Mothers' Union Summer Quiz (Cost £1)**. Available from Chris Rostock or the back of church.

• **Men's Breakfast** Saturday 5th September, 8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.

• **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped with work over the Summer. Many people have been involved in cleaning, sorting, painting, lifting, tip runs etc etc. The PCC are very grateful to all of you.

• **Parish Walk to Hilbre Island: Saturday September 26th 2015**. Meet 1pm West Kirby. Return to West Kirby approx 4ish. All Ages Welcome - You need to be fit enough to do the walk! Dogs Welcome - Need to be on lead whilst on Island. You will need to bring a drink and a snack. See September Magazine for other advice regarding this walk and photos from last year. Please sign the list at the back of church if you intend to come. Revd Jane needs to inform the Ranger (a week in advance) of how many people will be in the group.

• **Felting Group - Spirituality through Textiles** at St Chads Church Irby on

Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 3pm.
September 8th, 22nd and 29th.
October 13th and 27th.
November 10th and 24th.
December 8th.

There will be a charge of £4 per Session.

These sessions will offer the basic techniques of felt making which can then be used both practically and spiritually.

Many of us find the rushing, demanding pace of life gives us little breathing space. A time to think and consider without distraction is precious. It will be a chance to give time to the things on our mind. Arts and crafts can heal and give hope to our often weary souls. *"The body is naturally restless, if you give it a focused activity, it settles down, calming the mind as well"* (Anthony Bloom)

Textile memory is important, the touch and feel of fibres and fabric can be calming and soothing. Soft blankets used to wrap and swaddle give comfort and security. The feel of a fabric can be as evocative as smell and taste. Felt making uses soft fibres and repetitive movements to create soft beautiful fabrics. The process while busying your hands allows your mind a quiet time for contemplation and allows a freedom of thought sometimes absent from still silence. Prayer does not need the right words or indeed any words - it needs time. Felt making draws me toward that silence where God can speak to me.

For more information or to secure a place contact Chris Branch 0151 632 6121 branchbcd@yahoo.co.uk

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' 21For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Deut 4:1-2,6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	Readings for 6th September Is 35:4-7a James 2:1-10,14-17 Mark 7:24-37
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