

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 6th September 2015 – Trinity 14**



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

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen*

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

For the sick: Please pray for Thelma Welsh and Joan Jones. 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 Mildred Dwerryhouse. (Funeral 2pm at St Barts Mon 7th Sept).

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Alwin Samuel, Sialkot (Pakistan).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for victims of modern day slavery and all those working to end the degrading practice of human trafficking.

Services TODAY – Trinity 14

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Songs of Praise	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 9th September (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 13th September – Trinity 15

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

Notices and Announcement

● **Harvest Family Craft** on Saturday 3rd October 2-4pm. Just turn up!

● **Harvest Supper PROBABLY** Friday 2nd October. Harvest from around the world. Details to follow via weekly notice sheets, please keep your eyes peeled or watch the website!

● **PCC Meeting** Monday 14th September 7.30pm at St Chad's.

● **Wellspring** Monday 21st September, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

● **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.

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

6.30pm **today** at St Bartholomew's.
6.30pm Sept 13th at St Chad's.

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

- **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.

- **Messy Time** New structured art and craft sessions with a bit of messy play thrown in! Suitable for children aged 18 months to 4 years. Mums, Dads and carers come and join us with your children for some Messy Time fun. First session Tuesday 15th September 10am-11.15am at St Chad's Church Hall. £3.50 per child, discount for siblings. This is a session for parents, guardians and children to enjoy doing together. We provide everything and tidy up when you've gone home....we just want you to have fun! Please wear old clothes and maybe bring some spare! Find me on Facebook for more information. Liz Pollock

- **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 7:24-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

24Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 28But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' 29Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

31Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' 35And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Is 35:4-7a James 2:1-10,14-17 Mark 7:24-37	Readings for 13th September Is 50:4-9a James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
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