

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 4th October – Trinity 18 HARVEST**



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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which
is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you
reign
with all your saints for ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for refugees and migrants risking their lives to cross Europe.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the DeBoorder family & friends following the death of Phylis (Jan's mother). Please pray for the families & friends of Thelma Welsh. **(Funeral 10.15am at St Bartholomew's on Monday 12th October).**

For our school: Mrs Peters is retiring at Christmas. Please pray for the appointment committee and governors as they seek a new Head Teacher.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Festus Yeboah-Asuamah, Sunyani (Ghana) (West Africa).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for all with mental health difficulties, for self-help initiatives, and for all who seek to help and support them.

Services TODAY – HARVEST

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 7th October (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 19

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

● **Church Finances:** During the summer we experienced a cash flow crisis, resulting in a couple of payments bouncing back. Please can we encourage you to give us half an hour of your time and come to the Extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 12th Oct, 7.00pm at St Chads when we will consider the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st Dec 2014 (available at the back of church) and explain more about our current situation. This meeting will finish at 7.30pm.

● **Christmas Cards for sale.** £2.50 per pack. Profit to church funds.

● **Tots and Tinies – we NEED YOUR HELP!** The current leader is changing her work commitments and is going to struggle to do every week. They meet on a Thursday morning at St Chads. We do not want to have to close this group due to lack of leaders, so please if you can help, speak to Revd Jane urgently.

● **Crosstalk** The October magazine is available at the back of church.

● **Advent Songs of Praise – Sunday 29th November, 6.30pm at St Chad's.** Following the two very successful Songs of Praise Style Services which we held in September, I would like to invite you to choose a hymn for a similar service for Advent. All of our hymn books have seasonal indexes at the back, so take a look at the Advent section and nominate a hymn. In order for this service to be at its best we would need some people willing to introduce one the hymns – this involves saying a few sentences about why you chose it, why you like it, are there any words within it that help/encourage you in faith etc. You will need to give your hymn choices (and whether you would be willing to introduce this hymn) to Revd Jane by Sunday 8th November so that the service can be prepared.

● **Wellspring** Monday 19th October, 8-9pm at the Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

● **EMU 'Jane Young's Jewellery'**, Wednesday 21st October 8pm at St Chad's. Come along & make and/or purchase some jewellery with a demonstration by Jane Young.

- **Children's Society Coffee Morning** on Saturday 24th October, 10-11.30am. Bring & buy. All Welcome. Box holders please return your house boxes or bring to church from now. If anyone would like a box, or needs theirs collecting then please contact Jean 648 6015, Barbara 648 3523 or Elaine 648 1721.
- **Leprosy mission boxes.** It is time for the annual collection of your Leprosy boxes. To all those members, of both congregations, if you have a box, I would be grateful if you would leave them at the back of either church, where they will be collected and returned to you. If you don't have a box, donations are always acceptable, or I can provide you with a box. This year the Leprosy Mission treated earthquake victims at 15 emergency medical camps, households received food and supplies, and tarpaulins for shelter. They also received roofing sheets or cash grants to repair their homes. Thanks to your continued help to the mission, 18,000 victims of the Nepal earthquake were helped. Thank you for your continued help to the mission, remember leprosy is a dreadful, but curable disease. Any problems please contact Pat Hulme on 538 1953.
- **SOSO** Tuesday 6th, 13th & 27th October, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Wirral Gospel Partnership events** - Kirsten Birkett speaks on Christians & Happiness on Friday 16th October, 7.45pm and 'Hotspot' The Harmony of Science & Christianity on Saturday 17th October, 7.00pm, both at Holy Trinity Church, Spital.
- **Room at the inn?** Charity **HOST** is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! Visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.
- **Marvellous An evening with Neil Baldwin "Nello"**. *The inspiration for the BBC Bafta winning drama.* Sunday 18th October, 7.00pm at St Hilary's Church, Wallasey. Also featuring Rev'd Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead. For more information 0151 638 4771 www.sthilarywallasey.org.uk
- **Mothers' Union** Provincial Thanksgiving Eucharist in Chester Cathedral at 2pm on Tues 10th November 2015. Bishop Peter is presiding and the preacher is Mothers' Union Central Chaplain, Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. We are greatly privileged to be hosting this Triennial Thanksgiving Service for York Province. Lynne Tembey, our Worldwide President and Barbara Taylor, our Provincial President, will also be there together with the massed choirs of MU in York Province! If you would like to be part of this very special event please send your ticket requirements to Dawn in the cathedral office as soon as possible before the end of September. You cannot just turn up, you do need a ticket. If you would like to be in the choir please also tell Dawn. The office number is 01244 400491 and email is mothersunionchester@care4free.net.
- **Felting Group - Spirituality through Textiles** at St Chads Church Irby on Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 3pm. Oct 13th and 27th, Nov 10th and 24th and December 8th. There will be a charge of £4 per Session. **For more information see magazine and to secure a place contact Chris Branch 0151 632 6121 branchbcd@yahoo.co.uk**

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:25-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 25'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? 31Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" 32For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Joel 2:21 -27 1 Timothy 6: 6 -10 Matthew 6: 25 -33	Readings for 11th October Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Heb 4:12-26 Mark 10:17-31
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