

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 21st February–Lent 2**



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,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Frank Rimmer.

Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Sturdie Downs, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for your own discipleship and for opportunities to help other people in theirs.

Services TODAY – Lent 2

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 24th February (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 28th February – Lent 3

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

Notices and Announcement

- **Parish Outing** to Wales on Tuesday 14th June. Driving through the Conway Valley, stopping for coffee at Llangollen & lunch at Llandudno. Book your place ASAP. Seats £15.00. Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.
- **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 30th April, (PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE) 1pm-3pm at St Chad's. Volunteers needed to help with cakes and Raffle. Please speak to Julie DeBoorder if you can help. Tables £8 each, and stallholders to donate a raffle prize if possible, proceeds to Church funds. Church will be having a stall so if you do not want your own stall, but can make and donate handmade craft items then please speak to Julie. Please ring Chris Rostock on 07970030794 if you would like to book a table.
- **Lent Groups** to be held at 7.30pm, starting Friday 19th February for five Fridays at Irby Methodist Church. All welcome.
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 23rd February, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 24th February, 8pm at St Chad's. Oil painting demonstration and sale by Mandy Exely.
- **Men's Breakfast** Saturday 5th March, 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.
- **Crosstalk** The February magazine is available at the back of church. If have your magazine delivered, this is a reminder that the subs for 2016 are due.

• **Wirral School' Concert Band** on Saturday 19th March, 7.30pm at St Chad's. Tickets £5 from Karen Robson 648 6691 or St Chad's Church office 648 8169. See magazine for more info.

• **Lent Retreat** with Bishop David Gillett, Friday 4-Sunday 6th March at Foxhill. Theme: 'Pilgrims Facing Change'. £120 inc. all meals. For more information visit www.foxhillconferences.co.uk or tel: 01928 733 777.

• **Tots & Tinies** We meet every Thursday from 9.15-11.30am at St Chad's. Come along with your tiny children or toddlers and join in the fun. Free play with lots of different activities. Snack time includes fruit, biscuit, toast and a drink. Adults can help themselves to a coffee or tea and can also have toast! Only £1.50. We look forward to welcoming you. Should you wish to know more contact Allison Youds or Elaine Jones on 648 1400.

• **Riding for the Disabled Association** **Thank you** for all the Christmas stamps received. We continue to collect stamps throughout the year, so please put them in the box in St Chad's foyer or the envelope at the back of St Bart's. Jean Heath.

• **Guides** are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kid's vouchers. Please place your vouchers in the box at St Chad's. Many thanks 1st Thurstaston Guides.

• **Giving by Text.** We are now registered with Just Giving, so if you would like to make a donation to Church by text then all you need to do is text "BART16" and the amount you wish to give to 70070. e.g. text BART16£10 to give ten pounds.

• **F.U.S.S. Wirral Fuss** works to encourage free distribution of recycled school uniforms to families without judgement of circumstances. Please visit our web site to reserve items you need. www.wirralfuss.co.uk

AND NOW..... F.U.P.S. – Free Uniform for Primary School

Please see magazine & notices for more information.

• **Voice Junior Choir** will be running a Junior Choir Residential at Barnstondale Camp Wirral in the Easter holidays. This week will be specifically for 8-11 year olds. This will consist of learning songs for a performance at the end of the week, having lots of fun and playing games, and helping the children to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. This will include teaching sessions, small group times looking at specific Bible stories, learning about what the lyrics of the songs mean to us as Christians and helping them to apply all they learn to their own lives. Contact Abbi Humphries at abbi@voicemusic.org.uk 07841435358 or visit www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential or see notice board for more information.

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: Luke 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ 32He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 28th February
Gen 15:1-12,17-18	Is 55:1-9
Phil 3:17-4:1	1 Cor 10:1-13
Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9

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