

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March—Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday**



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 Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve  
you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from  
shame:  
give us grace to endure the  
sufferings of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that  
shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for Mother's around the World.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for baby Emmett Robinson and Frank Rimmer. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the bereaved:** Please pray for the family & friends of Doreen Goodwin.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

Pray for mothers struggling to provide for their children.

## Services TODAY – Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday

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 9<sup>th</sup> March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 5

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

## Notices and Announcement

● **Parish Outing** to Wales on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

● **PCC meeting** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at St Chad's.

● **Lent Groups** to be held at 7.30pm, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March at Irby Methodist Church. All welcome.

● **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's.

● **Wellspring** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's.

● **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 8pm at St Chad's. Crafts with Chris Carlson.

● **Wirral School' Concert Band** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

● **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, (PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE) 1pm-3pm at St Chad's. Stalls to include Art, Jewellery, Cards, Crafts, Face painting, Needlework, Picture frames, Hair accessories etc. Both Irby Primary & Dawpool Primary to have their own stalls.

Volunteers needed to make and sell homemade cakes, and to sell tea & coffee. 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 DeBoorder on 648 6331. Tables £8 each, proceeds to Church funds. Please ring Chris Rostock on 07970030794 if you would like to book a table.

• **Crosstalk** The **MARCH** 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 Foodbank** urgently need the following items: Juice, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Rice, UHT Milk, and Packet Soup. We have plenty of Baked Beans, Cereals, & Tea, Thanks. You can now donate food at any **ONE STOP SHOP**, **Library** or **CO-OP** Store, alternatively you can deliver food directly to our office Mon - Thu (10am - 2pm) at the following address: Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre Dock Road, Birkenhead, CH41 1JW.

• **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**  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.wirrafuss.co.uk](http://www.wirrafuss.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](mailto:abbi@voicemusic.org.uk) 07841435358 or visit [www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential](http://www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential) or see notice board for more information.

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## GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

1All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' 3So he told them this parable: 11'There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

25Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." 28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Joshua 5:9-12	Is 43:16-21
2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Phil 3:4b-14
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8

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