

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 3rd April–Easter 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

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of
others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice
and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one
with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for Peace 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 parish: Please pray for Ian Moore & Lucy Thompson and Chris Jeffrey & Kate Hollifield having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today. Please pray for Revd Jane on her return from Sabbatical.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Ian Gerald James Ernest, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Alternative Service Book, 1980.

Services TODAY – Easter 2

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| 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 6th April (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 10th April – Easter 3

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

Notices and Announcements

- **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 30th April, 1pm-3pm at St Chad's. Entrance: 50p for adults to include unlimited tea or coffee. Stalls to include Art, Jewellery, Cards, Crafts, Face painting, Needlework, Picture frames, Hair accessories etc. Raffle. Both Irby Primary & Dawpool Primary to have their own stalls. Volunteers needed to make and sell homemade cakes, and to serve 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.
- **Posters and fliers at the back of church, please take one if you can advertise anywhere.**
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 5th April, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 20th April, 8pm at St Chad's. Talk about charity work in Nepal.
- **Electoral Roll** The Church Electoral roll is a list of people who consider themselves to belong to our church. The existing roll is displayed on the notice board and forms are available at the back of church. Please check if you are on the roll and IF NOT please fill in a form by Sunday 3rd April 2016.
- **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.
- **Songs of Praise** from BBC will be recording at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 14th May. Tickets are free but limited. For more information please see notice board, which also has details of Pentecost Live on Sunday 15th May.

● **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.

● **Grass cutting** I am after some volunteer's to be part of a grass cutting rota at St. Chads. Help will be needed to cut the main sloped area at the rear of the church. If I had a similar amount of volunteers as I did last year, then it would mean you would only need to cut the grass about twice throughout the year. If you can help, please see Chris Perry in church or ring 0151 648 6958.

● **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.

● **School and Families Worker Wallasey** St Mary's, Liscard the Resurrection Church is looking to recruit an OPEN HOUSE SCHOOLS & FAMILIES WORKER to co-ordinate and develop Open House, an innovative mid-week session that helps families and children to

explore the Christian faith in 'bite size chunks'. 15/16 hours per week.

More information here:

<http://www.chester.anglican.org/job.asp?Page=241>

● **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.

Next open day Thursday 14th April, 4-5pm at St Chad's.

● **Driving course** aimed at people aged 65 and over. Scheme aims to work with 400 older drivers. Free two-hour sessions with Advanced Driving Instructors. To book your free place contact Kathy Hall on 0151 606 2143 or email freecourses@no-excuses.org.uk. Book early, as places are limited and are proving popular.

● **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. Contact Abbi Humphries at abbi@voicemusic.org.uk 07841435358 or visit www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential

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GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

All: Glory to you, O Lord

19When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

| Readings for Today | Readings for 10 th April |
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| Acts 5:27-32 | Acts 9:1-6(7-20) |
| Rev 1:4-8 | Rev 5:11-14 |
| John 20:19-31 | John 21:1-19 |

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