

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 17th April–Easter 4**



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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please continue to pray for those continuing to migrate and those seeking to help them.

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

For the parish: Please pray for the PCC, meeting on Monday 18th April. Please pray for Ian Moore & Lucy Thompson and Chris Jeffrey & Kate Hollifield having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today. Please pray for Ella & Megan Willerton to be baptised at 3pm next week at St Bartholomew's.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for those undertaking Foundations for Ministry.

Services TODAY – Easter 4

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 20th April (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 24th April – Easter 5

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00pm	Baptism	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.**
- **Wellspring** Monday 18th April 7.30pm at St Chad's.
- **Annual Church Meeting** 6.30pm Sunday 24th April. Please make sure you collect the separate flier with further details.
- **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 20th April, 8pm at St Chad's. Talk about charity work in Nepal.
- **Quiz night** at Dawpool School on Friday 22nd April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 available at the school office or see Laura Bissette.
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** Tuesday 26th April, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **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.

- **You are invited** to come and study the book of **Nehemiah**. First session on either Thursday 28th April at 2.00pm or Sunday 1st May at 7.30pm, in St Chad's extension. Everyone Welcome. Please come even if you've never been to any kind of Bible study group before! See magazine for more information.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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: John 10:22-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 24th April
Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18
Rev 7:9-17	Rev 21:1-6
John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35

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