

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 24th April–Easter 5**



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,
your wounds declare your love for the
world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the
truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 APCM and those who serve as Church Wardens and PCC members. Please pray for Ella & Megan Willerton to be baptised at 3pm today at St Bartholomew's and their parents Paul & Gemma. Please pray for Nick Marchant & Kali Shone, Graham Hunt & Lucy Johnson, Daniel Griffiths & Amanda Hoey and Conrad Schwab & Sophie Patterson all having their banns read at St Bartholomew's next week.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Mouneer Hanna Anis Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for the success of 'Shakespeare Lives' and offer thanks for the power of language and poetry.

Services TODAY – Easter 5

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	APCM	St Chad's

Services next week

Wednesday 27th April (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 1st May – Easter 6

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

Thursday 5th May – Ascension Day Service

7.30pm Holy Communion 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.**
- **Annual Church Meeting** 6.30pm **TODAY**. Please make sure you collect the separate flier with further details.
- **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.

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GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

31During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 1st May
Acts 11:1-18 Rev 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Rev 21v10,22-22v5 John 14:23-29 OR Jn 5:1-9

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