

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
15th January 2017**



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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of 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 Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), Ray Birch, Ruth Dann, Hilary Bradshaw and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Beryl Ellmers.

For the parish: Y Bible sessions – Please pray that participants will know the power of God's word as they explore the Bible together over the coming weeks.

Please pray for Evelyn Carter to be baptised at 3pm next Sunday at St Bartholomew's.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi, Kyoto (Japan)
Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto, Kyushu (Japan).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Church Finances

Our parish share (our contribution to the diocese to cover employment of our Rector and support local and diocesan and national expenditure) will increase by 2.5% in 2017 to £62796 (of which we only pay at present at 60% leaving a large shortfall). The Chester Diocesan Board of Finance have produced an annual document explaining the background to all this which they advise should be made available to congregations. Please if you would like to see this document contact me on 01516250089 or turnbullcj@gmail.com.

Chris Turnbull Treasurer Thurstaston PCC

Services TODAY – Epiphany 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's (Oh Yes! Creation)

Services next week

Wednesday 18th January (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 22nd January – Epiphany 3

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
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's

Notices and Announcements

• Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 5:27-32

Tues: Luke 5:33-35

Wed: Luke 5: 36-39

Thurs: Luke 6:1-5

Fri: Luke 6:6-11

Sat: Luke 6:12-19

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 6:1-11.

If you have any questions or reflections on this week's passages that you would like to be part of the sermon, please let Revd Jane know and we will do our best to incorporate them.

• **Wellspring** on Monday 16th January 2017, 8pm at The Rectory.

• **SOSO** Tuesday 24th January 2017, 8pm at St Chad's.

• **Mothers' Union (EMU) New Year's meal** on Wednesday 25th January, 7pm at Lino's in Hoylake. Please speak to Chris Rostock on 6481112 or Jayne Oliver on 648 1754 ASAP if you would like to come.

• **St Chad's 50th Anniversary** Special service for the whole parish at 10.30am Sunday 5th March – please put it on your calendar now! Chris Smale and the PCC worship sub committee are planning for this service – please speak to him if you would like to be involved in that planning group or if you can contribute particular memories or any other relevant information. Revd Jane is also trying to put together a photographic record of the “new” church across the past 50 years – please let her have any photos you may have – you will get these back! A Banner is also being made and we'd like everyone to be involved – please watch for further info. We have invited past incumbents and hope that most of them will be able to come. Dawpool Primary and Irby Primary will also be invited to take part in this celebration.

• There will also be a Summer Barn Dance on Friday 2nd June – please put this date in your diary.

• If anyone would like to organise any other events for our 50th Anniversary that would be great. Please speak to Revd Jane or a member of the PCC.

• **Y Bible Multi-Sensory Bible**, 15 Sessions which will breathe new life into your understanding of the whole story of the Bible, from creation to Jesus' return. Learn more about the part you can play in God's epic plan. Starting Sunday 15th January 7.00-8.30pm at St Chad's.

• **Women's World Day of Prayer Representative.** Women's world day of prayer is the first Friday in March each year. A special service is prepared by a group of women around the world – this year by the Philippines – and this service is then run globally. Linda Barley has been our local representative for several years and would now like to hand over to someone else in readiness for 2018 when we will host the service. The local group meets about three times a year. Please speak to Revd Jane or Linda Barley if you would like to take on this role on behalf of our church.

• **Diocesan Lay Conference – May 19th-21st at Swanwick.** We have a FREE room at this conference, which means that a couple or two friends would be able to share the room. The conference is themed around Mission – there are flyers available with more information. Julie DeBoorder has been to several of these conferences in the past (they only happen every three years) and will be able to tell you more about what goes on. I would love our parish to be able to benefit from this FREE room and so if you could go and would be willing to feed back what you learn to the PCC and wider parish then please let Revd Jane know ASAP.

• **Confirming Faith - Sunday 15th October 2017 with Bishop Keith.**

Some may want to think about being baptised. Those who have been baptised may wish to be confirmed. Those baptised and confirmed already can make "a renewal of baptismal vows". The service is about making promises to be a follower of Jesus. We particularly encourage anyone who has "come back to faith" over the past couple of years to take one of these options.

Please talk to Revd Jane to explore more.

As a way of preparing for Confirmation, we will ask you to attend the Multi-Sensory Bible sessions over the coming months (see next page). Depending upon the number of young people interested we may run separate sessions for them as part of our Seniors group.

• **Lent Course:** Revd Jane is contemplating running a Lent Course through March and early part of April. Her diary would currently allow this to be on Wednesday Evening (start 7.30ish) , Thursday evening (start 7.30ish) or Saturday morning (9.00-10.15am this could include breakfast if we met slightly earlier and someone would like to volunteer to co-ordinate that part of it!). If this is something that you would consider coming to you, would you please let me know which day would work best (and I'll go with the majority! or maybe we could run two groups if someone else wanted to lead the second group). This may be dangerous and may provide simply too much choice and make the final decision really difficult, but here are some books/courses written for Lent 2017 – can you let me know which would be your first and second choice! The decision will be made at the end of January allowing time for us to order the books/resources.

The Living Cross – exploring God's gift of forgiveness and a new life

<http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/>

Archbishop's Lent Book – Dethroning Mammon

<https://www.eden.co.uk/shop/dethroning-mammon-4456107.html>

Returning Home: Christian faith in encounter with other faiths <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-course-2017/>

York Course: Receiving Christ in 5 different ways

<http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/course.aspx?id=3bc93431-c142-43c7-a7f5-73dbe26f3331>

Praying Lent with the Saints

<http://shop.dioceseofnorwich.org/products/praying-lent-with-the-saints>

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Luke 5:1-11	Readings for 22nd January Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Luke 6:1-11
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