

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
29<sup>th</sup> 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**

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the  
earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed  
the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in  
the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for Peace around the World.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Anne Vickers, Joyce Edmonds and Kevin Wardle, 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 Sydney Davenport.

**For the parish:** Multi-sensory Bible sessions – Pray that participants will begin to grasp not only how important Abraham's part in God's plan was, but also their own part. Please pray for Timothy Carter & Grace McGuire having their banns read at St Bartholomew's next week.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Lichfeld; Bishop Mark James Rylands, Lichfeld– Shrewsbury; Bishop Geoffrey Peter Annas, Lichfeld – Stafford; Bishop Clive Gregory, Lichfeld - Wolverhampton (Canterbury, England).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester.

## Services TODAY – Epiphany 4

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's (Setting Off-Abraham)

## Services next week

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's

## Notices and Announcement

- **Parish Administrator Required:** 9 hours per week over 3 days for 43 weeks of the year (specific hours by agreement, mainly within school term time). Salary £3,096 to £3,483pa depending on experience. *YOU WILL BE a good communicator who can confidently use computers, are able to work alone on your own initiative whilst enjoying being part of a team, able to represent the Church to enquirers, and able to work within and support the spiritual and prayerful ethos of the Church and its leadership.* For job description and further information please contact the current Parish Clerk, Chris Rostock on 0151 648 8169 (Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm) or [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk). **Closing Date for applications 3rd February 2017. Interviews to take place Fri 17th February 2017**

- **Reading Luke's Gospel Together** –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 7:18-23

Tues: Luke 7:24-35

Wed: Luke 7:36-50

Thurs: Luke 8:1-3

Fri: Luke 8:4-15

Sat: Luke 8:16-18

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 8:4-16

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.

- **St Chad's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **Junior Church Get Together and Open Invite**

At the Rectory 8pm Thursday 16 February.  
Recently a plea for help with Sparklers was answered by 2 lovely people and we are looking forward to them joining our team.  
I have arranged a little get together at the rectory so that everyone can meet up for a natter and a few nibbles. However I have been having a think (yes I know, dangerous, before you say it!) and I would also love to welcome anybody who would like to help in Starbazers and Seniors, as we often struggle to cover these groups as well. If you are interested in being a helper, you would be helping the children with crafts or games and would only have to help once or twice a month. It's very rewarding and an important part of our children's upbringing, introducing Jesus into their lives and having fun as well.  
If you fancy it, please come along to find out more and meet the team.

- **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.

- **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](mailto:turnbullcj@gmail.com). Chris Turnbull Treasurer

- **Sainsbury's Active Kids** Guides are once again collecting vouchers and would like to thank people for all their support over previous years - (the girls have benefited greatly from the equipment we've been able to get for them), so any vouchers would be greatly appreciated.

- **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>

- **SOSO** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 8pm at St Chad's.

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## GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 5 <sup>th</sup> February
1 Kings 17:8-16	Is 58:1-9a
1 Corinthians 1:18-end	1 Cor 2:1-12
Luke 6:27-38	Luke 8:4-16

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