

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th February 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

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive
everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: God of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace.

For the sick: Please pray for Roy Fordham and Mike & Julie Bennet. Please continue to pray for Anne Vickers, Joyce Edmonds and Kevin Wardle, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), Ruth Dann, Hilary Bradshaw and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Ray Birch (especially his widow Glenys). Please pray for the family & friends of Peggy Rostock.

For the parish: Multi-sensory Bible sessions – Pray that participants will see how disappointments, disasters and setbacks in their daily lives and plans can be woven into his far greater plan, and used for good. Please pray for Timothy Carter & Grace McGuire having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Paul Yugasuk, Lomega (Loryko, Sudan).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: A band of volunteers at St. Thomas' Church in Stockton Heath has recently begun to ring the newly installed bells.

Please pray for the new band, and for all ringers across the diocese as they make the church's presence known in our towns and villages.

Services TODAY – 4th Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	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 (The Shape of Rescue to come)

Services next week

Wednesday 8th February (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 12th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

Notices and Announcement

• Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 8:19-21

Tues: Luke 8:22-25

Wed: Luke 8:26-39

Thurs: Luke 8:40-56

Fri: Luke 9:1-9

Sat: Luke 9:10-17

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 8:22-25

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.

• **Deanery Synod Meeting Wed 15th February** –

Volunteers needed to serve tea and coffee in the extension as people arrive. You would need to arrive about 7.15pm to get set up ready for serving from about 7.30pm. You would be free to leave once the meeting has started (approx 8pm) and you have cleared away. Please let Revd Jane know if you can help.

• **SOSO** Tuesday 7th February 2017, 8pm at St Chad's.

• **Wellspring** on Monday 20th February, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

• **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 stay and help during coffee on 5th, 12th or 19th February. 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.

- **Fostering People** All you want to know, the good, the bad and the amazing! Hear first-hand experience from a local family at EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) on Wednesday 22nd February, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome.
- **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. Julie DeBoorder.
- **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.
- **Please collect your Postage Stamps** throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.
- **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.
- **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.

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: Luke 8:4-16

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴ When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷ Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸ Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’

¹¹ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance

¹⁶ “No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 12 th February
Is 58:1-9a	Deut 30:15-20
1 Cor 2:1-12	1 Cor 3:1-9
Luke 8:4-16	Luke 8:22-25

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