

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
19<sup>th</sup> March 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 God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are  
promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations of the world, the flesh and the  
devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow  
you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the children of Africa and the Middle East at risk of starvation.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Mabel Gardner, Edwin Bezant, Joyce Edmonds, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Alex Bowen & Melanie Taylor, David Patrick & Laura Bennett, Andrew Roberts & Claire Pearce and Mark Colman & Georgina Hughes all having their banns read today at St Bartholomew's.

**Multi sensory Bible:** Pray that participants will come to know true peace.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Patrick Gidudu, Mbale (Uganda).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The Annunciation - Pray this week that we too will savour our attention and train it on God's presence and the work of God in the lives of those around us.

Revd Alison Fulford, Dean of Women in Ministry.

## Services TODAY – Lent 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's
7.15pm	Multi-Sensory Bible	St Chad's (Not exactly home and dry- The Jews return from exile)

## Services next week

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

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

## Notices and Announcement

### • Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 14:34-45

Tues: Luke 15:1-10

Wed: Luke 15:11-24

Thurs: Luke 15:25-32

Fri: Luke 16:1-13

Sat: Luke 16:14-18

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 15:11-32. 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** – 8pm at the Rectory Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March – Come and pray for our parish. All Welcome – you do not have to pray out loud!

- **Irby Methodist** will host a Lent Lunch on **Monday, 3 April at 12.30 pm** to which our friends from St Bart's and St Chad's will be most welcome. Please extend our invitation to both congregations. **Please sign list at the back of church if you would like to attend.**

- **Mother's Day flowers**- Help needed from 9.30am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March to prepare Mother's Day flowers. Please speak to Dawn Rudd on 648 0209 if you can help.

- **Our Lent Group** will be on Thursday evenings 9<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-9.00pm. We will be using "The Living Cross" which is £8.99 from [www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/](http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/). You will need a copy of the book, so please order it soon – if finance will prevent you from attending then speak confidentially to Revd Jane who will provide you with a copy of the book from a grant fund.

- **Daffodil Tea at Foxhill** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm-4.00pm.  
An invitation to join us for tea and cake whilst enjoying the daffodils and spring flowers and to hear an update on what is happening at Foxhill House. Please R.S.V.P by 26<sup>th</sup> March to Tarvin House, Frodsham, WA6 6XB. Tel: 01928733777  
Foxhill@chester.anglican.org
- **Easy Fundraising** Don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>
- **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.
- **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.
- **The Big Church Day Out** Comes to the Diocese of Chester!! 2nd-3rd June Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire. More info in parish magazine and on diocesan website [www.chester.anglican.org.uk](http://www.chester.anglican.org.uk)
- **Grass Cutting at St. Chads for 2017** - Hello, I am after some volunteer's to be part of a 2017 grass cutting rota at St. Chads. Help will be needed to cut the main sloped area at the rear of the church and the grass at the front around the car park area. 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 around two or three times throughout the year. If you can help I would be very grateful, please see **Chris Perry** in church, ring **0151 648 6958** or email [churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk)
- **Riding Lights Theatre Company** are bringing their new passion play, **CROSSLIGHT**, to South Wirral High School (Eastham) on 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm.  
Tickets from Ken [kenlon50@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlon50@yahoo.com) or Tel: 327 2138, Adults £7, Concessions £5, 11-17 yr olds £2 (unreserved seating).

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**GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-33**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

<b>Readings for Today</b>	<b>Readings for 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Ex 17:1-7	Ex 2:1-10
Rom 5:1-11	Col 3:12-17
Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:11-32

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