

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
23rd April 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

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance
barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and
peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal
life
and in baptism have made us one with
him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please continue to pray for the people affected by the New Ferry gas explosion. God of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Mark Wright, Joyce Edmonds, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), Joel Murray and Anna Drysdale. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the parish: APCM on Sunday 30th April at 6.30pm. Launch of "Saturdays Together" on Saturday 29th April at 5.30pm. For those being baptised: Darcey Butler and Lucas Gowtage on Sunday 30th April at 3pm.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru, Muranga South (Kenya).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Please remember all clergy in our diocese during this Easter season; encourage them with your words, actively support their well-being, and uphold them in your prayers.

Services TODAY – Easter 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 26th April (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 30th April – Easter 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00 pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	APCM	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

175 years of Cunard Wednesday April 26th

7.30pm Irby Library: David Hearn will give a fascinating talk about the "Triumphs and Disasters" of Cunard Shipping – organised by Friends of Irby Library. Foil Members £2.50, Non members £3.50 - Pay at the door. Tombola and Refreshments.

Saturday Together April 29th 5.30-6.30pm: A new monthly event for all ages which will take place on the last Saturday of each month and will include things such as: Quizzes, Games, Music, Food, Drinks, Prayer, Fellowship etc.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 30th

April 6.30pm St Chad's: All are invited to join us as we celebrate the year past and appoint church wardens, PCC members and deanery synod representatives for the coming year.

If you would like to consider serving the church as a PCC member (we have 6 vacancies) then you might like to read the leaflet at the back of church which provides an introduction of what is involved.

Copies of the Annual Report are also available at the back of church.

Archdeacon's Visitation for admitting churchwardens and sidespersons to their office on **Thursday 4th May 7.30pm St Saviours Oxton:** new churchwardens and continuing churchwardens

must attend the said Visitation, to make and subscribe the Declaration required by law for the due execution of their office for the ensuing year. Sidespersons should also to attend the said Visitation to make and subscribe the said Declaration. PCC members are welcome to attend – but this is not essential.

Golden Jubilee Commemorative Photo Book and More! There is a sample of the commemorative book at St Chad's along with sample prints, post cards, canvas print, mouse mat, fridge magnet and mug. Please take a look and think about early Christmas Shopping! All orders must be placed by **Sunday 4th June** so that order can be made on Monday 5th June. There will be a tea and toast morning on Saturday 6th May (9.00-11.00am) when you will be able to peruse the photos etc, in case you do not go to St Chad's for any other reason between now and then!

Christian Aid Big Brekkie Saturday 6th May 9.00-11.00am at St Chad's. Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and fill up at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving up a delicious morning meal, and raising money to help refugees.

Multi Sensory Bible - The New Testament: Sundays 7.15 - 8.45pm St Chad's. Everyone Welcome

May 7th The birth and ministry of Jesus
May 14th Jesus' death and resurrection
May 21st Jesus Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit
June 11th Paul
June 18th The early church
June 25th Jesus return

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Every parish is prayed for throughout the year in the Cathedral. Our parish will be included in prayers on Friday 19th May. Revd Jane plans to be attending **Choral Evensong at Chester Cathedral at 5.30pm on 19th May**. Let her know if you would like to join her.

Ascension Day - 25th May 7.30pm Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's. Never been to an Ascension Day Service? Why not come this Year?

Thy Kingdom Come: The Kingdom Kit for families. Thank You to those who have already made donations. We have so far been able to purchase 15 kits (£7.50 each). In order that all our Junior church families get one we need to purchase 6 more. In addition to that – if we were to provide them for all families that regularly attend Family Service, we would need another 10. The basket for further donations is at the back of church.

Thy Kingdom Come: Family Treasure Hunt - Watch out for more details of how to take part. Bring your completed sheets to **Saturday Together 5.30 - 6.30pm May 27th at St Chad's** All-Age Worship and Activities.

Thy Kingdom Come: Wednesday 31st May 6.30pm Wirral North Deanery Compline at Chester Cathedral

Thy Kingdom Come: Sunday 4th June 5.30pm Diocesan Celebration at Chester Cathedral

A service of praise, celebration, joy and Intercession featuring Stuart Townend, Bishop Peter and Steve Legg.

Stuart Townend is one of the leading worship songwriters of his generation: from "How Deep the Father's Love" to "In Christ Alone", "The Power of

the Cross" to "Beautiful Saviour", his songs are sung in churches and at events around the world, and his lyrics are acclaimed.

Steve Legg is an evangelist and a member of the 'Magic Circle'. Steve uses a unique blend of comedy, mystery and visual parables to communicate the Christian message of hope through Jesus. His TV appearances have been seen by millions, he has performed at major church events and in venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Conference Centre and Birmingham's National Indoor Arena to name just a few.

To book your free place please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-tickets-32148944358>

Summer Barn Dance 7.30-9.30pm Friday 2nd June at St Chad's Church with RagTag Ceilidh Band:

Tickets are free and available from Revd Jane (in person or 648 1816 or rector@thurstaston.org.uk) You will need to bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Numbers will be limited to 60 due to physical space. The band has been paid for by an anonymous donor who has requested donations to charity on the night. Please think about how much a night out costs and bring some money with you!

Please do not take a ticket unless you know that you can come or you might prevent others from coming due to the limited numbers.

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

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.

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 24:13-32

All: Glory to you, O Lord

24 ¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles ¹⁴from Jerusalem, ¹⁵and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁶While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁷but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁸And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁹Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ²⁰He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, ²¹who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²²and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²³But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. ²⁴Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²⁵Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²⁶and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁷Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁸Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁹Was it not necessary that the Messiah ³⁰should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ³¹Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

³²As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ³³But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁴When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³⁵Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³⁶They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us ³⁷while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Ex 14:10-31;15:20-21 Acts 2:14a,22-32 Luke 24:13-32	Readings for 30th April Zeph 3:14-20 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 John 21:1-19
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