

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
15th October - Trinity 18**



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, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is
given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast:

for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where
you reign

with all your saints for ever. *Amen*

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those affected by the fires in California and the continuing hurricanes

For the sick: Please pray for June Dean. Please continue to pray for Joyce Ratcliffe, Colin Stocks, Alec Ball, Bernard Dann, Anna Drysdale, and Alison Harris. Please pray for those in hospital. Please give thanks for answered prayers – Baby Tobias is now in remission. Please pray for all those who have suffered long term illness and although well at the moment could experience set backs or relapse.

For the parish: Please pray for those being confirmed this morning – Charlotte Crammond, Pam Crammond, Chris Perry, Daniel Perry, George Rudd, Henry Rudd and Yasmin Whitehead, and for those being received into the C of E – Julie DeBoorder and Helen Perry . Please pray for Carys Chaplin, her parents and Godparents as she is baptised next Sunday.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Please pray for those who will be admitted and licensed in the cathedral on 21 October, and the ministries they are beginning:

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Archbishop Glenn Davies, Sydney; Bishop Peter Tasker, Sydney – Liverpool; Bishop Chris Edwards, Sydney – North; Bishop Robert Forsyth, Sydney – South; Bishop Ivan Lee, Sydney – West; Bishop Al Stewart, Sydney – Wollongong (New South Wales, Australia)

Services TODAY – Trinity 18

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

Services next week

Wednesday 18th October

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 22nd October – Trinity 19

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
2.45pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

Children's Society House boxes: Can you please continue to return the boxes to either church or phone either Jean Heath on 648 6015 or Barbara Kozer on 648 3523 for collection.

Unidentified Box: There was a box returned to St Bart's without a name. It was last emptied in October 2011 with a total of £9.16, if it's yours can you please contact Jean so it can be returned to you.

Leprosy mission boxes: The total monies raised from your Leprosy mission boxes this year was £201.50. Thank you so much for your continued support, it is very much appreciated by the Leprosy Mission.

EMU: There are shoeboxes for "**Operation Christmas Child**" available to purchase for £1.00, at St Chad's. If you would prefer to donate items towards filling a few communal boxes, ideas for suitable gifts are: very small musical instrument, new small stuffed animal, pens, pencils, notebooks, colouring books, small new toys, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap flannel, small packs of sweets (not chocolate) Free knitting patterns are also available for those who would

like to make suitable hand puppets, hats, gloves etc.

Christmas Cards are available to purchase from the foyer at St Chads and at the back of St Bart's. £1.00 per pack all profits to church funds, please consider buying some.

Wellspring - Monday 16th October, 8pm at the Rectory An opportunity to listen to God and to Pray. All are Welcome

EMU the next meeting is **October 25th**, 8pm, St Chad's **not 18th** as advertised in Cross Talk Crafts for the Christmas fair with Chris Carlson. All Welcome

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, Sunday 29th October 6.30pm St Chad's –This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout our lives. If you are planning to come to this service and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please contact Reverend Jane.

In the Arena – Wednesday 8th November, Bridge Chapel Centre, L19 4XR – In the Arena is a men's event where we will share with you helpful strategies to strengthen and empower you for whatever challenges you face now or in the future. Speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantjes will present biblical principles and insights they have proved through their experience of both triumph and adversity. They will talk about critical areas of everyday life such as friendships, finance, character and career and their encouragement will leave you better prepared to run life's race. Tickets £4 to book phone 029 2081 0800 <https://careforthefamily.org.uk/inthearena>.

Bereaved Parent Support Day: Saturday 18th November 10.00am-5.00pm at St Peter's Centre. Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DZ The Support Day offers understanding, encouragement and support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter in any circumstance and at any age. Revd Graeme Skinner (vicar at St Marys Upton) and Mrs Phillippa Skinner will be speaking at this event. They lost their own son, Jim - aged 21, 10 years ago.

Cost including lunch and refreshments: £22.00 per person Further details from: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereavement-support-events/bereaved-parent-support-day> or Telephone:029 2081 0800

The website also has very helpful page of frequently asked questions, please take a look.

Christmas Fair on Saturday 18th November 1pm-4pm at St Chad's, Santa's Grotto, lots of stalls, refreshments, and raffle. Please bring your "Good as New" items, Books/DVD's/CD's, jewellery, toys to church or the office from next week. If you can help in any way, either on the day or the night before please speak to Julie DeBoorder on 648 6331

Can you help with Tots and Tinies? If you could spare an hour or two on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am from September, Tots and Tinies would be very grateful. They need people to help prepare the snack, serve tea and coffee and wash up after. Even if you can only spare 30mins at the end to help clear up, your help would be very much appreciated. If you are interested can you contact either the office or Revd Jane.

HOST UK are looking for British homes to give a welcome to international students, for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness raising in Churches. For more information please see the poster on the information board or visit their website www.host.org.

Ecclesiastical home insurance will donate £130 to the church each time a member of the church family take out a home insurance policy with them. See the posters at each church for more details.

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: Matthew 22:1-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 22 nd October
Is 25:1-9	Is 45:1-7
Phil 4:1-9	1 Thess 1:1-10
Matt 22: 1-14	Matt 22: 15-22

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