

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
8th April – Easter 2**



Welcome to Church today.

We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Services TODAY – Easter 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Holy Communion	St Chads
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 11th April

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 15th April – Easter 3

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chads
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew'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 pray for peace in all the countries that are currently experiencing conflict.

For the Parish: For the meeting of parishioners and the APCM on Monday 16th April.

For the Bereaved Please pray for family and friends of Bernard Dann, funeral 12 noon 12th April at St. Chads.

For the sick: Please pray for Mark Dennison, Graham Barley, David Cunnington, Anna Drysdale and Revd Andrew Scaife (retired from Arrowe Park Hospital as Chaplain last year). Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Pray for the work of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the protection of natural habitats

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 15 th April
Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19
1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7
John 20:19-31	John 10:11-18

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