

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby**

22nd April – Easter 4

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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those seeking to bring peace to the ongoing conflict in Syria.

For the Parish: .Please Pray for re-elected and newly appointed PCC members as they serve out church community in the coming year.

For the sick: Please pray for Mark Dennison, Graham Barley, David Cunnington and Anna Drysdale. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle. Pray for good conversations around vocation that releases the gifts of all God's people.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Services TODAY Easter 4 10th Anniversary of Revd Jane's Induction

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

Services next week

Wednesday 25th April

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 29th April – Easter 5

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

Notices and Announcement

APCM News: Thank you to those who came to the Annual Meeting on Monday. Chris Perry retired as Church Warden and was thanked for his 3 years of service. Liz Whitehead was re-elected as Church Warden. Without a second Warden, Liz will need your support, as this is too big a job for one volunteer, so please offer to help in whatever ways you can. If anyone would like to discuss the possibilities of standing as Church Warden for next year, Revd Jane would encourage you to do that as soon as possible so that you can begin to shadow Liz and find out what is involved. Matt James retired from the PCC and was thanked for his years of service. Following the elections the members of the PCC are Liz Whitehead (Warden), Malcolm Studholme; Chris Smale and Julie Parmenter (Deanery Synod Reps), and the following elected members: Andrew Harford, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Elaine Kavanagh, Pat Neil,

Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Roger Dennison. The APCM also agreed that the PCC at its first meeting would co-opt Judith Hodgson. This still leaves FOUR vacancies, so if anyone else would like to join the PCC and bring fresh ideas and thoughts, Revd Jane would be delighted to hear from you.

Wirral Foodbank are short of some specific items, they are Hot Chocolate, Toilet Rolls, Fruit Squash, Tea, Custard, Washing up Liquid, Tinned Spaghetti, Cereal (small if possible), Sugar (small is possible), Sponge puddings.

Bell Ringing Competition on Saturday 28th April Wirral Branch are holding a 6 bell striking competition at Thurstaston. There will be open ringing from 10.30am followed, after a lunch break by the striking competition. Teams compete to produce the most accurate ringing. A Wirral team

will then go forward to the Chester Guild competition in the autumn.

Please feel free to come and listen to the ringing

A Rogationtide Celebration of Rural Life in Cheshire

You are invited to a celebration of rural life and the economy of rural areas to be held at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 29 April at 3.00 pm. The preacher will be Bishop Libby and people and organisations representing the rural life of the county and the diocese will be taking part.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 12th May
8.45am – 9.45am Aroma Café

Sidespeople and Church Wardens:

Archdeacon's Visitation is 7.30pm Monday 14th May at St Peter's Church Heswall. Sidespeople are encouraged to attend this service at which they are legally sworn in to undertake their duties. Church Wardens must attend. PCC Members are welcome to attend to show support to the Church Wardens as they commit to the legality of their role. Please make a note of this service in your diaries!

National Croquet Day if you are interested in trying Croquet Upton Victory Hall Croquet Club are having a try Croquet afternoon on Sunday 13th May 2pm – 4pm at the club, Salacre Lane, Upton CH49 0TL. (over 18's only).

Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event – We are delighted to invite you and your family to the Diocese of Chester Beacon Celebration on Sunday 20th May at 6.30pm. This will be an ecumenical service filled with joy and celebration, worship and prayer as we especially pray for and with young generations in an all-age service, asking God for more and more young people to come to know the love of Jesus. To book your place and for more information please go to:

<http://www.chester.anglican.org/mission/thy-kingdom-come/thy-kingdom-come-beacon-event.php>

Big Church Day Out is back in the Diocese of Chester in June 2018!

Tens of thousands of Christians gather to worship and celebrate in Cheshire. 1st and 2nd June at Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire. The Big Church Day Out is a chance to discover world-class music, mouthwatering food, relaxing cafes, family activities and dancing crowds.

To book discounted tickets go to:-
<http://www.chester.anglican.org/mission/the-big-church-day-out/big-church-day-out.php>

Chester Cathedral Choir is 150 years old and they would like to sing Evensong at as many parish churches as possible during 2018 and 2019. Please can you let Revd Jane know ASAP if you would support a service at St Bartholomew's. If enough people are interested then Revd Jane will make contact and see what can be arranged.

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 24:36b-48

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Exodus 16:4-15 Luke 24: 36b-48	Readings for 29th April Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
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