



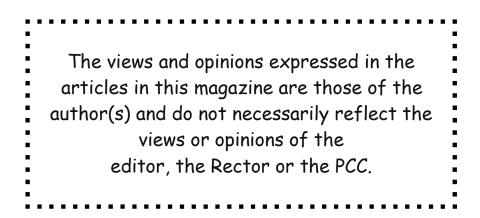
The Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew with St Chad www.thurstaston.org.uk





May 2017





尜	*****
* * *	"Your magazine needs you" *
米	Please send your contributions
尜	(eg. Poems. Prayers, interesting articles etc.,) *
米	
* *	
1	***************************************

	Contents						
3	Diary Dates/Registers		13/14 A Strange Farewell				
4	From your Rector		15 Guess Who's Calling				
5	Thy Kingdom Come		16 Wellspring				
6	Big Breakfast		16/17 Hymns with Northern				
7	Saturday Together		connections				
8	Multi Sensory Bible		18 Easy fundraising				
9	Various		19 Parentalk				
10	Summer Barn Dance		20-22 Advertisers				
11	Men's Breakfast/		23 Contacts List: Who's Who				
	Mothers' Union		24 Church Services				
12	Mouse Makes						
Diary Dates							
	Saturday 6th May		Friday 19th May				

Big Breakfast 9.00am-11.00am at St Chad's **Saturday 6th May** Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby **Sunday 7th,14th,21st May**

Multi Sensory Bible 7.15—8.45 pm St. Chads Monday 15th May Wellspring 8pm at The Rectory Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 5.30 pm Choral evensong at

Chester Cathedral

Thursday 25th May, Ascension Day

7.30pm Holy Communion At St. Bartholomew's **Friday 2nd June** Parish Barn Dance

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

April 30th

Darcey Butler

Lucas Gowtage

From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus



Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth. Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all. Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

Many more activities and events are planned for this week, so please do come along to some of them.

God Bless

Revd Jane

Join the global wave of prayer 25th May - 4th June

Thy Kingdom Come



This is an initiative being encouraged by Wednesday 31st May 6.30pm Archbishop Justin. Wirral North Deanery Compline You can see an introductory video here:at Chester Cathedral https://www.thykingdomcome.global/ Sunday 4th June 5.30pm Family Treasure Hunt during Half Term **Diocesan Celebration** Watch out for more details of how to take part at Chester Cathedral Bring your completed sheets to A service of praise, celebration, joy and Saturday Together 5.30 - 6.30pm Intercession featuring Stuart Townend, May 27th at St Chad's All-Age Worship and Activities Bishop Peter and Steve Legg. Stuart Townend is one of the leading worship Sunday Services May 28th songwriters of his generation: from "How Deep 9.30am at St Chad's the Father's Love" to "In Christ Alone", "The Powand 11.15am at St Bartholomew's er of the Cross" to "Beautiful Saviour", his songs will use "Thy Kingdom Come" are sung in churches and at events around the as the theme world, and his lyrics are acclaimed. **Prayer Resource for Individuals** Steve Legg is an evangelist and a member of the Novena: Daily pocket prayers for the Circle'. Steve uses a unique blend of 'Magic days between Ascension & Pentecost comedy, mystery and visual parables to com-Download from: municate the Christian message of hope through Jesus. His TV appearances have been seen by https://www.thykingdomcome.global/ millions, he has performed at major church search/resources?tags=2&theme id=28 events and in venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Conference Centre and Birming-**Prayer Resources for Families** ham's National Indoor Arena to name just a few. There are lots of ideas including games and activities here:-To book your free place please go to https://www.thykingdomcome.global/ https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come prayerresources#families -tickets-32148944358

WWW.THYKINGDOMCOME.GLOBAL



Tuck in to change lives

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.

Where	St Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby		
	This will also be an chance to view		
	Golden Jubilee Photos &Order copy		
Date	Saturday 6th May		
Time	9.00-11.00am		

Talk to Revd Jane Turner (648 1816)



Eng and Wales charity no. 1105851 Scot charity no. SC020156 Company no. 5171525 Cf Initian Aid Indiand: Ni charity no. NC101631 Company no. N053154 and POI charity no. 200482 Company no. 435503. The Christian Aid name and logo are trademarks of Christian Aid. Christian Aid is a key member of ACT Alliance. 6 Christian Md January 2017 7666





Saturday 27th May

St Chad's Church, Irby

5.30 to 6.30pm

and





Saturday 24th June Saturday 22nd July Saturday 30th September

Drinks



Treasure Hunt Prayetante



Hymns





Deadline for cashing in your old £1 coins

Dig into the pockets of your coats, rummage down the backs of your chairs and couch, empty your piggy bank, look in your car – do whatever it takes, but FIND all those old $\pounds 1$ coins that may lurk around your house – before it is too late.

For this autumn, the little round £1 we have known since 1983 will become worthless. The Treasury has just brought out a new 12-sided £1 coin. The change to the new silver and gold dodecagon is the largest to affect the UK's currency since 1998, when the old 50p coin was abandoned for a smaller, shiner version.

The face side of the new £1 coin features the Queen, while the tail side features four emblems: the English rose, the leek for Wales, the Scottish thistle and the shamrock for Northern Ireland – all emerging from a single stem within a crown.



St Chad's 7.15-8.45pm Bible

Multi-Sensory Bible

6 Sessions which will breathe new life into your understanding of the New Testament.

Learn more about the part you can play in God's epic plan.

The New Testament

Sunday 7th May 1. Promise Fulfilled - The birth and ministry of Jesus

Sunday 14th May 2. Moment of victory

Jesus' death and resurrection

Sunday 21st May 3. Upwards and Onwards - Jesus Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit

Score Cut Here

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO REVD JANE (77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, or e-mail rector@thurstaston.org.uk) HALF TERM Sunday 11th June 4. Man on a mission - Paul

Sunday 18th June 5. Solid Foundations - The early church

Sunday 25h June 6. Totally glorious! - Jesus return

This is for you!

Been a Christian for a long time or just curious - All are Welcome

Want to deepen your faith or discover faith - Please come

I would like to come to the Multi-Sensory Bible Sessions.

Golden Jubilee Commemorative Photo Book and more!

There is a sample at St Chad's of the commemorative photo book 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 at St Chad's when you will be able to peruse the photos ato in case you do not go to St

photos etc, in case you do not go to St Chad's for any other reason between now and then!

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 St Bartholomew's

Never been to an Ascension Day Service? Why not come this Year?

See article on page 13

Prayer Experience June 7th-9th All children in years 3,4,5,6 from Thingwall Primary, Irby Primary and Dawpool will be taking part in this.

It will be available in the evenings of 7th and 8th for parents and congregation members



Revd Jane was ordained priest on 28th June 1997 in Eccles Parish Church.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of this there will be a special service in Eccles Parish Church at **11.00am on Sunday 2nd July 2017** followed by a bring and share buffet lunch.

More details will follow but if you'd like to come then please make a note of the date in your diary.

Summer Barn Dance 7.30-9.30pm Friday 2nd June St Chad's Church With RagGag Ceilidh Band

Tickets are free and available from Revd Jane (in person or 648 1816 or rector@thurstaston.org.uk) WANTED

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



Men's Breakfast

1st July 8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or mp_james@btinternet.com for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2017 are:

2nd September, 4th November





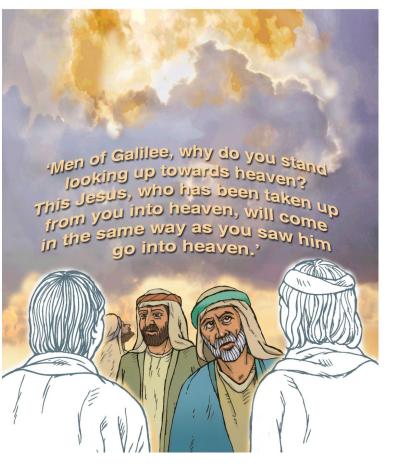


May17 © deborah noble • parishpump.co.uk

A Strange Farewell

One of the most extraordinary passages in the Bible tells the story of Christ's goodbye, which we call the Ascension:

"While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshipping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God."



It was the last time the apostles would see Jesus. They had experienced the utter catastrophe of His death, followed within days by the triumph of His resurrection. Later, He left them. Instead of the sadness we might expect after His final farewell, they were exuberant and went back to Jerusalem. What an extraordinary reaction. Jesus had gone, Jerusalem was fraught with danger, yet they seemed brimful with confidence.

Ringing in their ears was His repeated teaching about the Kingdom of God and the commission to preach forgiveness of sins throughout the world, beginning at Jerusalem. They were to wait there until they were "clothed with power from on high." Far from feeling abandoned, they were full of hope and eager to be equipped for their vocation. They and the Christian community would represent Christ on earth, as He represented them in heaven, "seated at the right hand of the Father", in the words of

the Creed

All this is temporary. God has not planned the world to remain in its present state in perpetuity. Our particular era may seem to be particularly grim, but it is but one strand in human history and we are no more distinctive than any other generation. Although the world as it is seems to be lasting a long time, we are living in what the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews calls 'the final age'. We are to anticipate a finale, when Christ's rule will be All this is temporary. God has not planned the world to remain in its present state in perpetuity. There's an Old Testament proverb which is particularly apt: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Isn't that exactly what we hope for every time we pray for God's will to be done on earth, as in heaven?

The Archbishop of Canterbury and others are prompting us to join in a global 'wave of prayer' between Ascension and Pentecost (25 May to 4 June), concentrating on "Your Kingdom Come". That will make us usurpers, praying for God's Kingdom to displace all others! It will also make us one with Christ.



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 2017

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 Active Kids greatly appreciated.

Guess Who's Calling

Try locating the people who responded to a job invitation by saying:

- 1. I can't. I've just got married.
- 2. I'm too young.
- 3. I've got a speech impediment.
- 4. Nobody will take any notice of me.
- 5. I'm not qualified.
- 6. There's a lion outside, I'll be killed.
- 7. I'm not good enough.

Answers:-

- 1. Luke, Chapter 14, verse 20.
- 2. Jeremiah 1.6.
- 3, 4, 5. Exodus 3.11, 4.1; 4.10.
- 6. Proverbs 22.13.
- 7. Isaiah 6. 5 & Luke 5.8.

But the ultimate award for evasion goes to Jonah. He was called to be a missionary to foreigners whom he detested, so he took off in the opposite direction.

What does God's voice sound like? It sounds exactly like that of a friend or family member, who sees things in you that you can't see yourself. When they ask you if you have considered full-time teaching, or volunteering to be a Street Pastor, or becoming a Vicar, or applying for promotion, or any-thing else which might be God's will for you, that may be God's voice.

Often it will confirm a thought which you have had yourself. Don't say, "Oh no, I couldn't", because, as we've seen, that's what everyone says and it won't wash. At least we ought to try it out. St Paul wrote, "The one who calls you is faithful", because we won't be abandoned along the way.

7th May is Vocations Sunday in most churches. Here's how the Church of England explains vocation:

"The young are called; the elderly are called. There is no retirement from the Christian pilgrimage.Women are called and men are called.....God 'has no favourites'We are all called no matter what our occupations may be. There's no special status in the Kingdom for those in 'top jobs' or 'important responsibilities'"

Wellspring

<u>2017</u>

15th May

19th June

17th July

Aug - No meeting

18th Sept

15th Oct

Nov - No Meeting

4th Dec - Not normal week!

Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

All are Welcome Together we will seek God's Vision for our church communities.

Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might live. Isaiah 55v3

This is an important meeting in the life of our church. You do not have to be able to pray out loud. You do not have to feel that you are any good at praying! Please just come and spend 1 hour each month with others as we commit the work of our church to God.

HYMNS WITH NORTHERN CONNECTIONS ..

...to add two more to those we looked into some months ago. This time we have CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING and ABIDE WITH ME, which we have in both of our Anglican churches in Thurstaston and Irby.

SONGS OF PRAISE on April 9th last, Palm Sunday, had Michael Baughen speaking of YOUTH PRAISE, the book of Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs which he launched with co-contributors in 1966 when he was two years into his Manchester incumbency.

<u>CHRIST TRIUMPHANT</u> was the name he gave to his tune for the hymn of that name, the words of which had been written by Michael Saward.

After serving in a London Parish, Michael Baughen returned north in 1982 to be consecrated Bishop of Chester. In that year, HYMNS FOR TODAYS CHURCH (HTC) was launched with Michael as its consultant editor.

I was invited by the PCC of Bebington, St. Andrew, to commend the new hymn book, with the help of the organist there, to the church's congregation. I included CHRIST TRIUMPHANT in my selection, set to its new tune, GUITING POWER (named by its composer John Barnard after a village east of Cheltenham and well-known to horse-trainers).

Three dismayed ladies approached me at the close, lamenting what seemed to be the loss of Michael's tune. I was able to assure them that both tunes were in the book. The GUITING POWER tune is the one now widely known in Christian circles.

But I like both, and am so glad when Craig, our organist, plays Michael's original! I love to praise the Lord in the chorus -"Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, th'eternal name."

the high renown, theternal hame.

<u>ABIDE WITH ME</u> was written by Henry LYTE (1793-1847) who was born near Kelso in the Scottish Borders. As I write, the FA Cup Final looms, and this could well be sung again at Wembley on the day. Just for the record, Henry, though long-departed has descendants living in Irby.

The final verse of this well-loved hymn is a wonderfully personal prayer of Christian faith and hope -

> "Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

There we are – hymns for every age in every age!

S.B.

Help **St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby** raise FREE funds when you shop online!



Every time you shop, you'll raise a donation for us and it won't cost you a penny extra!

1. Sign up to easyfundraising Got to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stbart holomewthurstastonandstchadirby

and follow the simple steps to sign up.

2. Hit the shops

When you shop online, visit easyfundraising first, click through to the retailer and shop as normal. Everything costs exactly the same

3. Earn donations

easyfundra

With every purchase you make you'll raise a donation from the retailer. Your donations are then transferred to **St Bartholomew Thurstaston** and **St Chad Irby**

.org.uk



ASDA

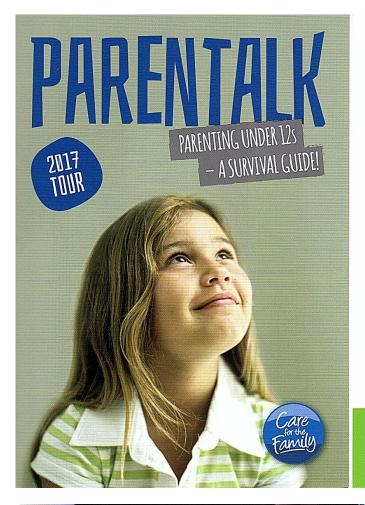
MAS

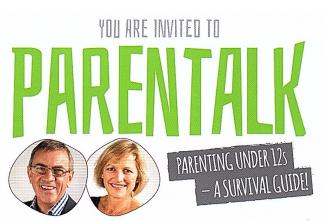
Expedia.co.uk

amazon.co.uk John Lewis



Visit: easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby





Join best-selling author Rob Parsons, OBE and inspiring speaker and broadcaster Katharine Hill for an evening of encouragement as they share top tips, helpful hints and important insights for parents of children up to the early teens. You'll laugh, maybe shed a tear or two and take away some practical ideas to help you be an even better parent.

NEWCASTLE

NOTTINGHAM Tuesday 9 May **ST ALBANS**

Wednesday 10 May

ILFORD

Thursday 11 May

Tuesday 23 May HUDDERSFIELD

Wednesday 24 May LIVERPOOL

Thursday 25 May

Tuesday 13 June READING Wednesday 14 June BRIGHTON

NORWICH

Thursday 15 June



TICKETS FROM £4 - BOOK TODAY!

careforthefamily.org.uk/parentalktour C 029 2081 0800



FEEL YOU COULD DO WITH SOME FRESH INSPIRATION AS A PARENT? UNDER PRESSURE TO BE THE PERFECT MUM OR DAD?



WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING...

"I've been to several Care for the Family events. Each seemed to come at a crucial time in my parenting."

"Thoroughly enjoyed it – l've never been to an event that could make me laugh and cry at

"It's encouraging the same time."

little nuggets of parenting

wisdom are shared that

can make a difference in

any parenting situation."

you'll come away with something practical that you can do." "It's an evening where

fantastic."

a parent." "At first I was "I feel more confident in sceptical, but making the early years some being here was absolutely of the best foundational years

> "You won't come away feeling guilty as a parent – you'll come away feeling better."

for my children."

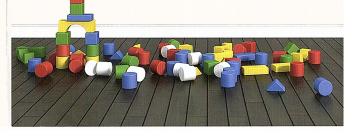
"It made me

feel like I'm

not alone as

"It's just real. It doesn't make you feel guilty, and it's a reminder that you can do it."

"It's down to earth, fun and light-hearted, combined with some amazing wisdom to take home.'



A family concern with concern for the family

EPF

An independent family business

Established since 1896

Six funeral homes across Wirral

Fully qualified staff

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Pre-paid funeral plans available

0151 645 4396 reception@charles-stephens.com www.charles-stephens.com

FIRST CLASS FEET



Emma Cottrell BSc (Hons), SRCh, MChS STATE REGISTERED CHIROPODIST/PODIATRIST

Home Visiting Practice

Telephone 07899952687

QUINNS FUNERAL SERVICE

An independent Family Business

Pre-paid funeral plans Private Chapels of rest Our experience enables us to offer compassionate expert advice.

217 Greasby Road, Greasby, Tel: 0151 677 2299 54 Grange Road, West Kirby, Tel: 0151 625 5274 26 Market Street, Hoylake, Tel: 0151 632 2205

IRBY MOTOR COMPANY

CARS BOUGHT AND SOLD SERVICE & REPAIR - FREE LOAN CAR

SERVICE: 0151 648 0200

SALES: 0151 648 5488

ACCOUNTS UN LIMITED PATRICIA BRADY ACMA

PERSONAL TAX RETURNS . COMPANY ACCOUNTS . VAT RETURNS

Home Visits . Friendly & Confidential Service 648 4379 or 07968 908779

QUINNS

Prestige vehicle hire

Of Greasby

The largest selection of vehicles on "Wirral"

- IMMACULATE CONDITION CARS
- SMART UNIFORMED DRIVERS
- COURTEOUS & PROFESSIONAL
- WE ENDEAVOUR TO GIVE INDIVIDUAL CARE
 & ATTENTION TO EVERY WEDDING.
 Tel: 0151 677 2299
 217 Greasby Road, Greasby Wirral

BIRKENHEAD MONUMENTAL LTD

QUALITY MEMORIALS, RENOVATIONS, ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS ETC.

CALL FOR FULL COLOUR BROCHURE, PERSONAL ATTENTION OFFERED.

Telephone: 0151 608 2578

21



If you would like to purchase advertising space in this magazine please telephone St Chad's Church Office on 0151 648 8169 or **E-mail: office@thurstaston.org.uk** Advertising space is sold in good faith. The Parochial Church Council and/or Editor can take no responsibility for the quality of goods or services offered.

Contacts

	COII			
Churchwarden		Evening Mothers' Union (EMU) Mrs Chris Rostock (Secretary)	6481112	
Mr Chris Perry 49 Heywood Boulevard Thingwall C	648 6958 H61 3XB	Flower Guild (St Bartholomew's Mrs Elaine Jones	s) 648 1400	
Reader Mr Alan Jones 8 Edgemore Drive Irby CH61 4XT	648 1400	Flower Guild (St Chad's) Mrs Dawn Rudd	648 0209	
		Cleaning Guild (St Bartholomev Mrs June Bibby	w's) 678 8124	
Retired Clergy Rev'd Joe Edwardson 38 Hazel Grove Irby CH61 4UZ	648 2661	Cleaning Guild (St Chad's) Mrs Leslie Worrall	648 5590	
Rev'd Simon Beckley 162 Heathbank Irby CH61 4YG	648 7767	Bellringers Tower Captain Dr Peter Robson	648 6691	
Revd David Trollope 26 Whitehouse Lane Heswall CH60	342 2648 1UQ			
Revd Julian Cliff 15 Sandy Lane Heswall CH60 5SZ	342 3230	CHILDREN AND YOUNG P		
Revd Ray Dent 32 Proctor Rd Hoylake CH47 4BB	792 2022	Mrs Julie Deboorder Seniors/Youth (11-16) Mrs Janet Trigg	648 6331 648 8821	
PCC Secretary Mr Graham Barley 5 Sherwood Avenue Irby CH61 4XE		Rainbows/Brownies/Guideswww.girlguiding.org.uk orFreephone080	00 1 69 59 01	
PCC TreasurerMr Chris Turnbull07	768636202	CHARITY REPRESENTA	TIVES	
Verger Mr Jon Oliver 3 Leachway Irby CH61 4XJ	648 1754	Christian Aid Representative Vacant Children's Society Representat	ive	
Organist		Mrs Jean Heath	648 6015	
Mr Craig Vickers 34 Townsend Avenue Irby CH61 2X		Leprosy Mission Representativ Mrs Pat Hulme	e 538 1953	
Electoral Roll c/o Church Office	648 8169	Adoption Society Representation Mrs Chris Rostock	ve 648 1112	
St Chad's Hall Booking Secretary Mrs Jean Heath	, 648 6015			

Church	Services - Ap	ril 2017						
Sunday Services								
St Bartholomew's	-	St Chad's						
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	7th May Easter 4	9.30am Family Communion						
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Morning Worship	14th May Easter 5	9.30am Holy Communion						
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	21st May Easter 6	9.30am Morning Worship						
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	28th May Easter 7	9.30am Family Communion						
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	4th June Pentecost	9.30am Family Service						
Weekday Services Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am ALL WELCOME								
Baptisms and Weddings								
To arra please telephone the R	urch office on 0151 6	mer on 0151 648 1816						
RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner The Rectory, 77 Thingwa Telephone: 0151 648 1816 (<i>Da</i>		·						
CHURCH OFFICE: Mrs K Butler St Telephone: 0151 648 816 OPEN TUESDAY, WEDN	9. E-mail: office@							
PARISH WEBSITE: www.thurstaste	on.org.uk							