The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 3rd September



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 21/2 can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those affected by natural disaster and terrorist incidents.

For the sick: Please pray for Joyce Ratcliffe, Terry Kavanagh.Please continue to pray for 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 Bereaved: Family and Friends of Keith Cleary (Funeral Wed 6th Sept 10.30am at St Bartholomew's). Hilary Bradshaw (Funeral Wed 13th Sept 1.00pm at St Bartholomew's)

For the parish: Pray for Children and Young People at the start of the School year, pray that they are not anxious about the start of term. Pray for those leaving home for the first time to start new courses or jobs. Pray for those still seeking employment.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the work of Leonard Cheshire Disability, in the UK and overseas

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop James Mathes, San Diego; Bishop Chester Talton, San Joaquin; Bishop David Rice, San Joaquin (VIII, The Episcopal Church, USA)

Services TODAY – Trinity 12

8:00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew's

9.30 am Family Service St Chad's

11.15 am Holy communion St. Bartholomew's

Services next week Wednesday 6th September

10.15 am Holy Communion St Chads

Sunday 10th September – Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Communion St Bartholomew's

9.30am Morning Worship St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

Two Free Events. No tickets required.

Both events will be high quality so you can feel confident to ask someone to come with you – whether it is someone who has never been inside a

church or perhaps they used to go but haven't been for years. It will be enjoyable and they will hear an inspiring message about Jesus in the matchless style of the Archbishop of York.



St Beartholomew's Day: Thank you to every who came and helped on this day and those who came and enjoyed the fun. We raised £107.90.

Wellspring on Monday 18th September, 8pm at the Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to Pray. All are Welcome.

Dementia Awareness Seminar on Wednesday 20th September 8-9.30 pm at St Chad's. It would be helpful to know how many people are coming so we can ensure enough chairs and handouts are available. If possible, please ring 0151 648 8169 or email office@thurstaston.org.uk, If not don't worry, just turn up!

Saturday Together 30th September at St Chads 5.30pm -6.30pm Come along and join in with quizzes, games, music, prayer and fellowship. Great fun for everyone.

Harvest Supper on Saturday 30th September 6.30-10.00 pm at St. Chad's, 3 course meal followed by tea/coffee, Adults £7.50, Child £4.00, Family £20.00. Tickets available from both Churches, signup sheet at the back of church. Entertainment from band "New Era". Please bring your own drinks and glasses. If you have any Special dietary requirements please contact Sue Turnbull on 625 0089. Donations of raffle prizes welcome.

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.

EMU: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th September, 8pm St Chad's**, we will be having a guest speaker talking about "Foodbanks". All Welcome

Leprosy mission boxes: I would be most grateful to all members of both congregations, if you could return your Leprosy Mission collection boxes. You can leave them at the back of either church, and they will be collected, emptied, and returned to you.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued help for the Mission.

Please note that a one off donation is always welcome, and this year you can get rid of your old pound coins.

Any enquires please contact Pat Hulme on 538 1953.

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-dayor Telephone:029 2081 0800

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

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.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 10th September
Jer 15:15-21	Ezek 33:7-11
Rom 12:9-21	Rom 13:8-14
Matt 16:21-28	Matt 18:15-20

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