

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
7th April – Lent 5**



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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for current world events and political stability in the UK as the Brexit deal is negotiated.

For the Parish: Please pray for Will Guest and Holly Cullen, Charlie Berry and Grace Masters, Ian Dunne and Sophie Fleetwood as the Banns are read today.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of Margaret Ashcroft-Griffiths.

For the Sick: Please pray for Lois Turner, Elaine Ryder, Muriel McKie, Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Mandy Fletcher, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for considered and compassionate choices in the institutions of our common life.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Richard Lionel Clarke - Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting: All parishioners are invited to two meetings **Tonight at St Chad's 6.30pm**, when members of the congregations will be appointed as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), members of the Deanery Synod and sidespersons

Services TODAY Lent 5

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

Services next week

Wednesday 10th April

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Holy communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Holy Week Services:-

Maundy Thursday (18th April) 7.30pm at St Chad's – Holy Communion

Good Friday (19th April)

10.00am – Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm – Hour at the Cross at St Barts

Easter Day (21st April)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am – Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcements

Marketing/Advertising St Chad's

Facilities: The PCC would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to get involved in seeking ways in which we can increase our revenue from hall hire by doing some marketing/advertising of our facilities. There is the possibility of a small budget being set aside to allow for paid adverts in local publications etc. Please let Revd Jane know if you could be involved in some way with this.

Volunteer information and taster

session – the Christian bookshop are in need of more volunteers, they are holding a couple of taster sessions to enable you to find out more. Come along and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat to discover the different roles and opportunities available. Wednesday 17th April 2.30-4 pm at The Christian Bookshop, 14 Grange Road West, Birkenhead CH41 4DA.

Diocesan Outdoor Adventure Day for children, young people and families: Brereton Heath Nature Reserve – Saturday 13 April 2019, A fun filled outdoor activity adventure day with the Oakhanger Project which will include; canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and outdoor games. More details and Registration Form can be found here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/outdoor-adventure-day-tickets-54524330741> If you need transport please let Revd Jane know, If you are going and will have space in your car for others, please let Revd Jane know.

One off church choir – Update

Choir practice for the wedding in May will take place at St Bartholomew's on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. We have 15 volunteers, but it's not too late to join, email or phone Julie

Jules2121jule@gmail.com / 648 6331

Twenty is Plenty for a Retreat

As part of Foxhill's 50th Anniversary, the Diocese of Chester is pleased to introduce the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme for 2019.

This is a new scheme that offers a limited number of places on the Foxhill programme of residential retreats for just £20. It is for those on low income who would like to go on a retreat but would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. More information from

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/twenty-is-plenty>

Wirral Foodbank Easter 2019 The foodbank is extremely grateful for all the support they receive from Wirral Churches, especially at Christmas 2018. The use of foodbanks has increased by 52% on this time last year. This year at Easter they are not asking for chocolate or Easter Eggs as the need for ordinary food is so great. They have sent an Easter Egg showing the items they really need, these are on the notice boards. Different schools/churches are being sent a different egg showing what they need, they have requested we collect Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Carrots and Soap Powder Tablets. Items can be delivered direct to the foodbank or there is a box in the foyer at St Chad's for donations.

Hospital Volunteers: We are seeking to recruit Additional Chaplaincy volunteers to join our volunteer teams at Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge. Volunteers spend a few hours each week visiting patients on wards and assisting with Sunday morning worship in the Chapel. We are also seeking volunteers to act as palliative care and end of life companions. Full training and induction will be provided for these very rewarding and fulfilling ministries to the patients and staff of our hospitals. For further information or an informal chat, please contact Rev Malcolm Cowan 07771837636

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GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 14 th April
Is 43:16-21	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Phil 3:4b-14	Phil 2:5-11
John 12:1-8	Luke 19:28-40

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