

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

9th February 2020 – 3rd Sunday before Lent



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

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are
transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should never
hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and
love, that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for everyone impacted by the coronavirus and that it can be contained, and especially for those in isolation at Arrowe Park and those caring for them.

For the Parish: Please pray for those being called to serve as PCC and church warden to recognise and respond to the call.

For the Sick: Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of Arthur Broster (Funeral 2pm Friday 14th February at St Bartholomew's), Norma Kingsbury (Funeral 3pm Wednesday 26th February at Landican) and Alfred Wallis (Service of Thanksgiving 12 noon Thursday 27th February at St. Bartholomew's).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle God of the generous heart, teach us that same spirit of sharing and care, that is the fruit not of necessity, but simple love.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Archbishop Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala (Uganda). Bishop Zakka Nyam, Kano (Nigeria).

Services Today – 3rd Sunday before Lent – speaker at 9.30 & 11.15 from Leprosy Mission

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

Services next week

Wednesday 12th February

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 16th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Baptism, Evie (6) & Rebecca (12) Randall,	St Chad's
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St. Bartholomew's

A Prayer for our Diocese

**Almighty God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom
and calls us to follow him:
guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,
to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.
We pray for the person you are calling
to be the next Bishop of Chester;
bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call;
in the name of Jesus Christ
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Bishop of Birkenhead has written to me to outline details of a new past cases review, known national as PCR2. All parishes are required to respond by checking records and reporting to the review all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults.

This an important task and part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of safeguarding files. It is being carried out to ensure our churches are safer places for everyone.

Individuals who wish to make representations to PCR2, or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church-related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pauline Butterfield, on 07703 800031, or call the dedicated telephone helpline - 0800 80 20 20 - operated independently from the Church, by the NSPCC.

If you would like to be added to the **Electoral Roll**, and either live in the Parish or have been attending church for 6 months or more there are forms available at each Church or the Parish office between 25th January and 16th February.

Crosstalk - Diary dates error - Mothering Sunday Evensong will be on 22nd March (not 5th March)

The annual **Pancake Party** will be held during Junior Church on Sunday 23rd February for Children and seniors. This will involve daft games, crafts and lots of pancakes. Suggested donation of £1 per family to cover food on the day please. There will be Pancakes (readymade) with fruit, cream, lemon juice, sugar, syrup etc. If you have allergies please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she can purchase something to suit accordingly. Please complete the list at the back of church to help gauge the amount of food and crafts.

Worship in the Wilderness is a Lent series, journeying with Jesus through the desert. Explore this rich biblical theme which touches on subjects such as simplicity, silence, sorrow, truth-speaking and being led by the spirit. A Small group will meet on Thursdays 8-9pm St Chads:
5th March – A Secret Journey and
A Spirit-led Journey.
12th March – A Simple Journey
19th March – A Sorrowful Journey
26th March – A Sacrificial Journey
2nd April – A truth-speaking Journey
You will need a copy of the book which is £6, Let Jane know if you want one.

Walking in the Footsteps of Giants at Foxhill, Tues 26th - Thurs 28th May. Time to reflect on some of the prayer methods used and encouraged by Saints of the Christian Tradition. It will focus on different ways of praying, offering the opportunity to experience alternatives when the "usual" ways of praying seem less helpful. More information on flyers at the back of church, including reflections from Pat, Julie and Beverley who attended a retreat at Foxhill last year. Revd Jane is booked in already so you would not be on your own! If you are interested, contact Foxhill to book a place

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/residential-retreats/walking-in-the-footsteps/>

"It takes two - building a marriage to last" - 7.30pm 4th June - Aintree Racecourse Liverpool. Whether you've been together for fifty days or fifty years, have never had a cross word, or are struggling to keep love alive, every couple can benefit from It Takes Two . We know that even with the best intentions, marriages can get a little rusty. So, this is a rare opportunity to hit pause, shift the focus back to your relationship, and leave the event with a healthy dose of clarity. This event will remind you why you fell in love in the first place, and give a few simple ways of keeping the flame alive, whether it's burning bright or quietly flickering in the background.

Flyers at the back of church or go to <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/it-takes-two>

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 10:25-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind', and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for 9 th February	Readings for 16 th February
Lev 19:8-18	Gen 1:1-2:3
Deut 6:4-9	Rom 8:18-25
Luke 10:25-37	Matt 6:25-34

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