

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
19th March - Lent 4—Mothering Sunday**



Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups
Please pray for all the people living in your street

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Roger Dennison, Tony Fletcher, Judith Hodgson, Sally Jackson, Andrew Fletcher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

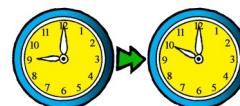
For the Bereaved:

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)
EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 19th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
Mothering Sunday 10.30am Morning Service at St Barts

Sun 26th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
Clocks forward 10.30am Communion Service
(with Junior Church) at St Chad's



Sun 2nd April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
Palm Sunday 10.30am Morning Service at St Barts

Thurs 6th April 7pm Communion Service at St Chad's
Maundy Thursday

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:7-16

After a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, ⁹ 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹² But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³ Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

GOSPEL READING: John 19:25-27

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Electoral Roll Revision

If you are a member of our church you should be on our electoral roll .

To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and *Either*: Live within the parish boundary *Or*: Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

The current electoral roll is on display and application forms are available in both churches – if you would like to be added to the roll please fill form in ASAP and return by Sunday 9th April at the very latest.

Please ask Revd Jane or Helen Williams (Electoral Roll officer) if you have any questions.



Easter Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023
1 PM – 3 PM

**Easter Trail | Easter Bonnet Parade |
Bake Off | Games | Crafts | Easter Shop**

Bouncy Castle | BBQ | 46 Egg Display | Raffle | Refreshments

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FAMILY & FRIENDS!

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and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian Faith—Jesus Christ.

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- What does it mean for us today?

Christianity Explored
Starting Wednesday 19th April
8.00pm at St Chad's
- in the extension.

Let Revd Jane know
if you would like to come.

Elizabeth Barton is in need of glass or shiny buttons. If anyone has any they would be willing to donate can you bring them to the office or to church. They are going to be used for a Crown for the Coronation Party.



WARM HUB - EVERYONE WELCOME
Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm - St Chads
Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation
with others. Newspapers and jigsaws.
Borrow a book from our mini library.



Saturday 25th March 2023

10.00am –12.30pm
at Jean Heath's, Home
'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



All Welcome to a
COFFEE MORNING FOR
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



with Bring & Buy ,
Craft Stall and ShoeBeDoo

MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome at St Chad's

This week - 20th March

The Ven Michael Gilbertson

Archdeacon of Chester

“Good news for the poor”

For more details and topics for forthcoming
weeks please see March magazine

Crochet Evening



Thursday 7.30pm 23 March
St Chads extension

Demonstration and refreshments
No experience needed

Dates for your Diary - Church Social Events

Everyone Welcome - tell your friends and neighbours

At St Chad's - unless otherwise stated

Fri 21st Apr 7.30pm - Talk - Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes

Sun 7th May - Coronation Party

Wed 10th May - Craft evening at “The Potting Shed” in Hoylake.

There will be a charge for this evening and you will need to book your place.

The PCC are keen to have one social event each month which will be open to the whole community. Could you provide a social event (with help from us) as a one off? It could be anything - a local walk, curry night, etc. Or do you know someone who could come and talk? Tell us how to brew their own beer or about their volunteering. Any ideas and offers of help, please speak to Julie DeBoorder (07599 186 893 or Jules2121Jule@gmail.com) and she will help to co-ordinate dates with the PCC.



Helping the bereaved
find **support**
ataloss.org

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a **safe space**

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility