

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 21st May - Easter 7



## Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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  
Please pray for young people - preparing for and taking exams

### For our Church:

Please pray for PCC Meeting on Monday 22nd May  
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 Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Tony Fletcher, Margaret Fordham and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for family and friends of Michael Jebson (Funeral 23rd May)

## 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**

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| <b>Sun 21st May</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts</b> |
| <b>Sun 28th May</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am Communion at St Chad's</b>      |
| <b>Sun 4th June</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts</b>  |

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## **New Testament Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of [James](#). <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

# Ness Gardens

## Saturday 10 June

10.30am

Normally  
£7.50



Over 60  
£6.50

Groups of 20 or more £6.25

Please contact Pat Neil to book your place  
if we reach 20 people we can get the discount

Email : pat.neil@hotmail.co.uk  
Tel: 07761 942566

Fancy a day at Ness Botanical Gardens together on Saturday 10 June? Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens and views of the River Dee and North Wales. Standard entrance fee is £7.50, over 60 years of age is £6.50 but if we can make up a group of 20 or more it is £6.25.

You can make your own way to meet there at 10.30, or it is planned to meet at St Chad's Carpark at 10am and carshare. You can use the café or bring a picnic and we aim to leave to return home at 3.30/4pm, depending on weather and any other arrangements you might wish to make.

Please book your place (and let us know if you are willing to drive or would require a lift) by emailing pat.neil@hotmail.co.uk as soon as you can, so if there are enough people we can make a group booking.

The address is Neston Road, Ness, Cheshire CH64 4AY. Further details are on their website [www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens)."

I would like to have some scarecrows at St Chads. I have the ideas and wooden frames but need help to make them and some brains to figure out how to make the bees and bugs.

We would like to have at the front of St Chad's - a naturalist out collecting bugs with a net and magnifying glass and lots of bugs to put all around the fence and trees. And at the back of St Chads in the back garden by the fence between us and the village hall - a bee keeper with a white suit, net hat and smoke can and then lots of bees all along the fence and on the trees (Maybe also a beehive)

Do you have any of these items for the scarecrows we could borrow for the duration of the festival ?

Could you make a bee, butterfly, dragonfly, spider, grasshopper or ladybird? They need to be able to withstand rain and be at least as big as your hand.

Please contact me if you can help build scarecrows we me or have any of the things we need or if you or your family can make some bugs or bees at home and give them to me.

Get your thinking caps on for making bugs, maybe plastic bottles with black and yellow sticky tape for bees? Please give me any ideas and we can share them to help other families make them .

Julie DeBoorder - [jules2121jule@gmail.com](mailto:jules2121jule@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/tipscarecrow>

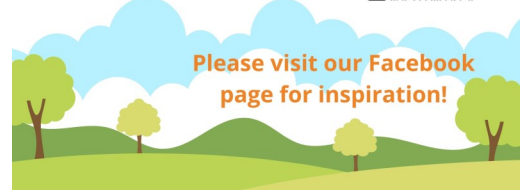


**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE -  
SUNDAY 9TH JULY**

Build your scarecrow and display in your garden or business premise for all to see and enjoy!



Please visit our Facebook page for inspiration!



### Friends of Dawpool Bingo Night - Saturday 10th June 7.30pm Irby Club, Irby Village - Tickets - £6

We would like to invite you to join us for an ADULT ONLY evening of fun, games, prizes, and music, hosted by DJ Milky. If you have a child at Dawpool school please, buy tickets online using this link:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/adult-bonza-bingo-night>

Church members with no direct connection to school, may order tickets by phoning the school office (648 3412) and speaking to Mrs Parr.



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST  
TINNED MEAT  
TINNED FISH  
TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)  
TINNED CUSTARD  
TINNED FRUIT  
JAM  
SHAMPOO  
FEMALE HYGIENE  
TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE  
DEODORANT

## PCC Meeting 22nd May - Appointment of Sidespeople

Following the APCM, the PCC needs to appoint (re-appoint) Sidespeople. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Revd Jane know.

This is also a good opportunity for us to review other Sunday Rotas

Readings, leading prayers, coffee, sacristan (setting up table for HC), server - if you'd like to volunteer to be more involved on a Sunday in any role please let Revd Jane know.

### Sidespeople's Duties

Thank You for agreeing to be a Sidesperson. This is a vital ministry as you are often the first point of contact for all who enter the building, and the warmth and welcome that they receive is an indication of the nature of the Church. This is especially important for newcomers to the church and visitors.

For special services: Christmas, Easter etc, it is recommended that you arrive even earlier; the warden or rector may wish to speak to you before the congregation arrive.

#### St Bartholomew's Only, St Chad's Only

- Ideally you need to arrive 30 minutes before the service is due to begin, to be ready with everything which needs to be handed out that day: Hymn Book, Service Booklet, Notice Sheet, anything else...
- Put the chairs out. (Check arrangements if a special service)
- Support the Warden in anyway required, and perform the Warden's duties if the warden is not available.
- Bring to the Warden's attention any difficulties the congregation may have e.g.. someone may have mobility problems and require that communion is brought to them in their place.
- Put Collection Plates at the back of Church (including one for Junior Church - to go out with them when they go!)
- Check that the microphone has been put by the lectern and switch on the power (switch behind book case)
- Ensure that the children's activity bags are available
- At the appropriate times (notice on end of bookcase) let Junior Church know where we are up to.
- Check with fellow sidesperson which of you will assist those needing help up the chancel steps at Communion.
- Ensure a copy of the notice sheet is on the Rector's Desk and the Lectern
- Count the number of people (under 16 and over 16) who are present at the service - this needs to be recorded in the service register. Don't forget those in Junior Church! The number of Communicants also needs to be recorded in the service Register - This can be worked out with the help of the Rector/Sacristan who should know how many wafers were consumed.
- Put the chairs away following the service
- Count and Record the Offertory
- Assist the Warden in tidying the church after the service.
- You may be asked to assist at a service when the duty sidesperson fails to turn up.
- Finally, remember that the warmth of your welcome could make an eternity of difference to someone.

### WARM HUB EVERYONE WELCOME

Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm at St Chads

Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation with others. Newspapers and jigsaws.  
Borrow a book from our mini library.



#### 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**