

The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Sunday 27th March 2011 - Lent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15pm	Baptism	St Bart's
6.00pm	APCM	St Chad's

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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3rd April - Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Chad's

Notices and announcements!!!

Junior Church at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available for
children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove
your child from the service, please
note that there is also a box of toys
and cushions in the foyer

Would you like to receive
this notice sheet every week
direct to your e-mail in-
box? If so, please send an
e-mail request to the
parish office

Thank You: 1st Thurstaston Guides would like to thank everyone who supported them in raising £263.00 for Red Nose Day 2011.

The Children's Society collection will take place between 26th March & 9th April. Please contact Jean Heath, 648 6015, Elaine Kavanagh, 648 1721 or Barbara Kozer, 648 3523 if you are able to help delivering and/or collecting env.

APCM Sunday 27th March 6.00pm at St Chad's: Please make this meeting a priority and come along.

- List for Nominations for Church Wardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod Members are in the porch. Please use them!
- Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available on the parish website (PCC link). Paper copies at the back of church for those without internet access.

Sunday 27th March Renaissance Music Group, Liverpool Cathedral at 8pm. Tickets £8, concessions £5 from Cathedral Shop (702 7255, www.cathedralshop.com) and at the door.

Thursday 7th April M.U. Communion with Rev. Jane and our Prayer Partners from All Saints, New Brighton at St. Chads 2.15pm

Saturday 9th April Children's Easter Workshop at St Chad's 2.00pm -4.00pm.

St Bartholomew's garden Cash donations are needed for compost etc. Please add your name to form at the back of church if you can help.

Diocesan Lay Conference 20-22 May 2011 Join with over 200 lay people at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The title of the weekend is "The Greatest Story - Never Read?" There will be key speakers, a choice of workshops (around the theme of the Bible in practical use), as well as opportunities for worship, fellowship and some fun and relaxation. Each parish is encouraged to send 4 delegates. If you are interested in being one of our representatives then please speak to Revd Jane who has the booking forms. The cost is £140 (if that is prohibitive then the PCC will consider supporting you).

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Gospel Reading: (John 4:5-42)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

5Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' 16Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 17The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' 19The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 25The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' 28Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' 32But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' 33So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' 34Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' 39Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the
only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for

Today

Ex 17:1-7

Rom 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Readings for

3rd April

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the situation in Libya to be resolved.

For the parish: Please pray for Aimee Edmondson to be baptised at St Bart's today and her parents Simon & Nichola. Please pray for Paul Weston & Laura Bruce who were married at St Bartholomew's yesterday.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Les Howard, Finlay Joyce, Andy Kemp, Lucy Bailey, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn, Bethan Shone, and Dorothy Mansbridge.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Mount Kenya Central - (Kenya)

The Rt Revd Isaac Nganga; The Rt Revd Allen Macharia Waitthaka (Suffragan Bishop of Mount Kenya Central); The Rt Revd Timothy Ranje (Mount Kenya South); The Rt Revd Joseph M Kagunda (Mount Kenya West).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Walton Saint John the Evangelist

John Harries; Stephen Clague (Pastoral Worker).