

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 22nd March 2015 – 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 at St Chad's

Collect for today

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: Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, cradle in your loving arms the peoples of Vanuatu and their neighbours affected by Cyclone Pam. Comfort the bereaved, strengthen the distressed and uphold those reaching out across oceans in support at this time of distress; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the parish: Please pray for Martin Trimble & Anne-Marie Oates and Tristan Whitehead & Yasmin Blythe, all having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Graham Barley, Lottie Butler, Aline Harwood, Betty Rimmer, Karen Ormsby, and Mike Bennett.

Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Godfrey Sehaba, Morogoro (Tanzania).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Please pray that the Chester Diocese Parish Development team will use their time wisely and encourage the mission and ministry of the work of the local church.

Services TODAY – Lent 5

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 25th March (Mid-week service)

10:15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Palm Sunday 29th March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's **with Junior Church Easter Craft Session**

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" - Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's

Easter Day 5th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

6.30pm Easter Praise Service at Irby Methodist Church

Notices and Announcements

● **Electoral Roll** The Church Electoral roll is a list of people who consider themselves to belong to our church. The existing roll is displayed on the notice board and forms are available at the back of church. Please check if you are on the roll and IF NOT please fill in a form by **TODAY**.

● **APCM** Nominations for Church Wardens and PCC Members: Forms are available at the back of church. Please pray about

whether you could fulfil one of these roles, or who you think would be good in these roles and then ask them and nominate them. The Annual Meeting will be 6.30pm on 19th April at St Chad's. Please put the date in your diary and come along.

● **Lent Group:** The Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-10) - Take a closer look during Lent. Thursdays 19th Feb – 26th March. Come

either in the afternoon 1.15-2.45pm or in the evening 8.00-9.30pm (or a mixture of both!) at St Chad's.

- **EMU** Nail night: polish n décor, Wednesday 25th March 8pm at St Chad's. Come along with clear base on nails if possible. Donations to M.U. charity.

- **Parish Outing to Morecambe** on Tuesday 9th June 2015. Everyone welcome. Cost £15.00 Give your name and a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones, or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish office.

- **REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN** The estimated total cost of the project is about £10,000.

Please see parish magazine page 25 for further details. Please could you send any contributions clearly labelled for St Chad's kitchen refurbishment to the parish office indicating whether the contribution can be considered as gift aided. Cheques should be made payable to "Thurstaston PCC". The full address is: Parish Office, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, Wirral CH61 3UH. If you need any information about the project please contact Chris Turnbull on 01516250089 or email sjturn@liv.ac.uk.

- **The Bible in History and Today.**

Venue: Christ Church, Upton Road, Moreton, Wirral CH46 0PA. Dates: Tuesdays: 14, 21 and 28 April; 5, 12 and 19 May 2015. Time: 8pm to 9.30pm. See page 10 of parish magazine for more details and how to book.

- **Guides** We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please place them in the box in St Chad's hall. We will be very grateful for your support.

- **Over 60s Fair** Following the overwhelming success of my last event, I shall again be holding an Over 60s Fair for residents, their families and carers to find out more about local services that might benefit them and to receive advice and support. This is a non-political event, is free to attend and refreshments will be available throughout the day. The event will be held at Hoylake Community Centre on Friday 27th March between 11am and 3pm. For more information please call my office on 0151 632 4348. Esther McVey.

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GOSPEL READING: John 12:20-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord

20Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' 22Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

27'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 29 th March
Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Is 50:4-9a, Phil 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11

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