

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd February – 5th 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

God of our salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits
which harm our bodies and poison our
minds and to choose again your gift of
life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of
life: strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for
each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for civilised and rational debate in political differences around the world.

For the Parish: Please pray for the upcoming APCM, and those thinking of joining the PCC or taking on the responsibility of becoming Church Warden.

For the Sick: Please pray for Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Muriel McKie, Mandy Fletcher and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for responsible use of social media that they may build community rather than destroy relationships and self-esteem.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

Services TODAY 5th Sunday before Lent

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

Services next week

Wednesday 6th February

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcements

FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE:-

What would life look like if we were more able to make a difference in our everyday lives? How can we show and share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet out in the places we usually find ourselves – at the shops or the gym, at work or at the school-gate?

COME EXPLORE TOGETHER and see how you can equip and encourage one another to grow in fruitfulness on the frontline.

Thursday evening 8-9.30 pm at St Chads.

31 st Jan	Session 1: The Big Picture
7 th Feb	Session 2: Modelling Godly Character
14 th Feb	Session 3: Making Good Work
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28 th Feb	Session 4: Ministering Grace and Love
7 th March	Session 5: Moulding Culture
14 th March	Session 6: Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice
21 st March	Session 7: Messenger of the Gospel
28 th March	Session 8: The Journey On

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like a copy of the booklet in advance of the first meeting

ONE OFF CHURCH CHOIR...

Volunteers please

I have been approached by a wedding couple who would like a choir at their wedding Friday 10 May.

It would be to sing 3 hymns with the congregation. The hymns are "Jerusalem", "All things bright & beautiful" and "Love Divine".

Craig has kindly agreed to rehearse with us, so if you would like to do it, please let me know and then I can arrange for us to get together and try it out. I see it as a one off, no commitment to anything in the future.

The couple will be making a donation for our services, so good for church funds but I think it would be a nice thing to do and singing is good for soul, so will be enjoyable too.

Thanks, Julie DeBoorder

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Celebrate St Chad's Day – Sat 2nd March.

Our parish is this year co-incidentally included in the diocesan cycle of prayer on St Chad's Day. I would therefore like to invite you to join me at the Cathedral for the 4.15pm service of Evensong at which we will be remembered in prayer.

If anyone would then like to stay in Chester for a meal following the service, a colleague has recommended the Coach House

(www.coachhousechester.co.uk). I would propose booking a table for 5.30pm and would need to know by Sunday 17th February if you would like to join me.

I have also been asked by Canon Jane Brooke if we would be willing to test a "Pilgrimage Trail" which she is in the process of setting up for Cathedral Visitors. If you are willing to give this a go, then you will need to meet me at the Cathedral at 3.15pm. I would suggest that we meet in the reception area next to the Cathedral Shop, so early arrivers could have a quick browse first! It would be helpful to know how many people would be expected, so again if you could let me know. Revd Jane Turner

An evening with bestselling author Rob

Parsons - Tuesday 12th March, Adelphi Hotel.

For one night only Rob Parsons will be bringing "The Wisdom house" to Liverpool. An evening full of real life stories that have touched his heart.

Reverend Jane has booked a ticket for this and would thoroughly recommend it, Rob Parsons is an excellent speaker. More details and booking information can be found on the website

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/s/other-events/the-wisdom-house>

If you do book a ticket let Reverend Jane know and you can then maybe arrange to travel together (bus/train?)

Lost Key? – A key to the Junior Church cupboard at St Chad's was found on the path outside the Church, if you have lost it please contact the office.

The Electoral Roll will this year be wiped clean in accordance with Church of England Rules. So even if you were on the existing roll, you will not be on the new one unless you fill in an application form. You must do this between Sunday 9th and Sunday 24th February - forms will be available at the back of church or from the parish office during this time. Otherwise you will have to wait until after the Annual Meeting on Sunday 7th April.

Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby.

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.

Planned Giving Scheme. Chris Turnbull is currently preparing the annual gift aid claim for Thurstaston PCC - St Chad's and St Bartholomew's churches. This brings in about £10,000 for the churches so it is important we get the data required by HMRC right.

If you have not let him know of a change of name or address recently as used by HMRC (your first initial in your first name and your correct surname are important to be correct as well as your postcode and house number:

OR you are now eligible or are no longer eligible (e.g. because you no longer pay enough UK tax for us to claim your tax back on your donations to church) then **please let him know as soon as possible.**

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 5:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 10 th February
Isiah 6:1-8	Jer 17:5-10
1Cor 15:1-11	1Cor 15:12-20
Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26
Fruitfulness on the Frontline Col 1:15-20	Fruitfulness on the Frontline Gal 5:13-26

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