

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th February – 3rd 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

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are
transformed into the image of Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should never
hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

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, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: As Fairtrade Fortnight returns from 25 February to 10 March, Pray for all involved in the Fairtrade movement

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

Services TODAY 3rd Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 20th February

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Notices and Announcements

Fruitfulness on the Frontline sessions, 8-9.30pm at St Chad's:

HALF TERM

- 28th February - Ministering Grace and Love
- 7th March - Moulding Culture
- 14th March - Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice
- 21st March - Messenger of the Gospel
- 28th March - The Journey on.

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 today, 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. It would be helpful to know how many people would be expected, so again if you could let me know. Revd Jane Turner

Sunday @ 7 – March 3rd 6.30-8.00pm at St Marys Upton. Mark Chester – Founder of "Who let the Dads out?" This is a relaxed informal evening beginning with refreshments and then hearing from Mark who has an extraordinary story to tell. This will be a great evening for all, but we would especially encourage men and dads in particular to go along.

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/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?)

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 are available at the back of church or from the parish office. 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.

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 Knitted Bible will be on display in Moreton Presbyterian Church 174 A Hoylake Road, Moreton, CH46 8TQ, 2nd -9th March. This display is on loan from Hartlepool, United Reform Church and depicts 33 scenes from the bible with knitted figures and animals. The timetable for the display is :

Saturday	2 nd	10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday	4 th	10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	5 th	10.00am - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday	6 th	10.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday	7 th	10.00am - 4.00pm
Friday	8 th	10.00am - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday	9 th	10.00am - 12.00pm

Refreshments will be available

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 Home 0151 648 6331
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Faith and Football evening with Bill

Bygroves, Chaplain to Liverpool Football Club. Friday March 22nd, 7.30pm St Catherine's Church, Tranmere, CH42 0LQ. Bill is an amazing speaker and it will be a good night. One to come to and be encouraged or to bring a friend to and hear the Gospel explained in Bills own special way. The evening is free and open to anyone.

Open House Coffee Morning at Elizabeth's

146 Irby Road, Saturday 23rd March 11 am – 1.30pm in Aid of Emily's trip to Uganda. Cost is £5 per person and there will also be a raffle. Emily is member of our Seniors Group (Junior Church for secondary aged young people) following her A-levels this summer she will be heading off to Uganda for 3 weeks. She will visit 3 different schools teaching lessons to children, hanging mosquito nets, going on community tours and running holiday camps. In order for Emily to go on the trip she needs to raise £1,300.

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 6:27-38

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Gen 45:3-11,15 1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38 Fruitfulness on the Frontline Gen 1-2, Col 3:22-4:1	Readings for 24th February Gen 2:4b-9,15-25 Rev 4 Luke 8:22-25 Fruitfulness on the Frontline Luke 10:25-37
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