

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
24th February – 2nd 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

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:

may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the
delights of eternity;
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, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for the World Day of Prayer services that are taking place on Friday March 1st. The local services are 1.45pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall and 7.30pm in Holy Family Church, Pensby.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama

Services TODAY 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Services next week

Wednesday 27th February

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| 10.15 am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
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Sunday 3rd March – Sunday next before Lent

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | St Bartholomew's |
| 9.30 am | Family Service | 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:

- 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.

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

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, **today is the last day to fill in a form**. Forms are 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.

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 2nd 10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 4th 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 5th 10.00am - 4.00pm & 6.00pm -8.00pm
Wednesday 6th 10.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 7th 10.00am - 4.00pm
Friday 8th 10.00am - 4.00pm & 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 9th 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 8:22-25

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

Fruitfulness on the Frontline Luke 10: 25- 37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

| Readings for Today | Readings for 3 rd March |
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| Gen 2:4b-9,15-25 | Ex 34:29-35 |
| Rev 4 | 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 |
| Luke 8:22-25 | Luke 9:28-36 |
| Fruitfulness on the Frontline Luke 10:25-37 | Fruitfulness on the Frontline Matt 5:13-16 |

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