

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
24th March – Lent 3**



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,
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

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for those affected by terror attacks around the world particularly in Christ Church, New Zealand.

For the Parish: Please pray for the Parents and Godparents of Alba Woods as she is baptised today at St Bartholomew's.

For the Sick: Please pray for Elaine Ryder, Muriel McKie, Baby Skye (Liz Whitehead's granddaughter), Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Mandy Fletcher, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for children and young people in your community and in the churches.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

Services TODAY Lent 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00 pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 27th March

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 31st March – Lent 4 – **Mothering Sunday and Clocks go forward**

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

Easter Egg Hunt at Dawpool School – **TODAY 1-3pm – EVERYONE WELCOME**

This year, alongside other new activities including new Easter crafts, we will also have an exciting Easter trail! Children will get to search the school grounds for clues in order to complete a crossword and reveal the hidden word. All participants will receive a chocolate treat and all completed entries will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic prize!

There are no ordinary People – an evening with Jeff Lucas a Searchlight Theatre Company. Church of Good Shepherd Heswall, Monday 1st April – See poster

Mothering Sunday: Volunteers are needed on Saturday 30th March 9.15am at St Chad's to make up posies. If you have any greenery to donate can you bring it to St Chad's on Saturday 30th at 9.15am or leave it in the foyer before the 30th March.

Clocks Forward Don't forget to put your clock forward next weekend, or you will be LATE for our services on Mothering Sunday (March 31st).

EMU: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th March 8pm at St Chad's**. "A punch and Judy Show" come and hear all about it, a talk/demo about hearing problems and their management. All Welcome

Wirral Men's Breakfast Saturday 6th April 8am Thornton Hall, advanced booking essential. The speaker is Dave Portway, the Managing Director of ACT, an Oxford based charity which works extensively across prisons organising regular visiting and Alpha Courses. Come and hear of his passion for seeing lives changed. Tickets can be booked at <https://wirralbreakfast.co.uk/book/>

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

All parishioners are invited to two meetings on **Sunday 7th April at St Chad's 6.30pm**, when members of the congregations will be appointed as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), members of the Deanery Synod and sidespersons

Diocesan Outdoor Adventure Day for children, young people and families:

Brereton Heath Nature Reserve – Saturday 13 April 2019, A fun filled outdoor activity adventure day with the Oakhanger Project which will include; canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and outdoor games. More details and Registration Form can be found here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/outdoor-adventure-day-tickets-54524330741> If you need transport please let Revd Jane know, If you are going and will have space in your car for others, please let Revd Jane know.

One off church choir – Update

Choir practice for the wedding in May will take place at St Bartholomew's on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. We have 15 volunteers, but it's not too late to join, email or phone Julie

Jules2121jule@gmail.com / 648 6331

Volunteer information and taster

session – the Christian bookshop are in need of more volunteers, they are holding a couple of taster sessions to enable you to find out more. Come along and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat to discover the different roles and opportunities available.

Wednesday 17th April 2.30-4 pm at The Christian Bookshop, 14 Grange Road West, Birkenhead CH41 4DA.

Twenty is Plenty for a Retreat

As part of Foxhill's 50th Anniversary, the Diocese of Chester is pleased to introduce the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme for 2019. This is a new scheme that offers a limited number of places on the Foxhill programme of residential retreats for just £20. It is for those on low income who would like to go on a retreat but would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. More information from

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/twenty-is-plenty>

Wirral Foodbank Easter 2019

The foodbank is extremely grateful for all the support they receive from Wirral Churches, especially at Christmas 2018. The use of foodbanks has increased by 52% on this time last year. This year at Easter they are not asking for chocolate or Easter Eggs as the need for ordinary food is so great. They have sent an Easter Egg showing the items they really need, these are on the notice boards. Different schools/churches are being sent a different egg showing what they need, they have requested we collect Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Carrots and Soap Powder Tablets. Items can be delivered direct to the foodbank or there is a box in the foyer at St Chad's for donations.

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 13:1-9

All: Glory to you, O Lord

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 31 st March
Is 55:1-9 1 Cor 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9 Fruitfulness on the Frontline 2 Kgs 6:15-17, & Mat 28:16-20	TBA

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