

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday**



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 love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the  
breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food  
and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of  
faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for all those affected by the Cyclone in Africa.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for PCC and Church Warden vacancies that members feel called to serve. Please pray for the APCM next Sunday.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and Friends of Margaret Ashcroft-Griffiths.

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Elaine Ryder, Muriel McKie, 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:** This Mothering Sunday, please ask God to bless the work of the Mothers Union and to make his loving care known through it.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle** Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles

## Services TODAY Lent 4 **Mothering Sunday**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Lent 5

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

### Holy Week Services:-

Palm Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April) – all services as usual

Maundy Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> April) 7.30pm at St Chad's – Holy Communion

Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April)

10.00am – Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm – Hour at the Cross at St Barts

Easter Day (21<sup>st</sup> April)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am – Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcements

### Meeting of Parishioners and Annual

#### Parochial Church Meeting: All

parishioners are invited to two meetings on

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### There are no ordinary People – an

evening with Jeff Lucas a Searchlight Theatre Company. A unique blend of Comedy, Story Telling, Theatre and Music that promises to leave you entertained, inspired and encouraged. Church of Good Shepherd Heswall, Monday 1st April 7.15pm

## **Wirral Men's Breakfast Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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/>

**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 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. We have 15 volunteers, but it's not too late to join, email or phone Julie

[Jules2121jule@gmail.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2.30-4 pm at The Christian Bookshop, 14 Grange Road West, Birkenhead CH41 4DA.

## **Riding Lights Theatre Company**

presents The Narrow Road Powerful theatre on the journey to Easter. The Narrow Road is a communal experience of theatre and worship for the season leading to Easter. April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm – 9.00pm tickets are £10 Adults £5 Children available from <https://www.ridinglights.org/narrow-road>

## **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](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk))**

## GOSPEL READING: John 19:25-27

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>5</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### Hymn for 11.15am:

*All our blessings, all our joys  
With thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
Accept the praise we bring.*

For parents and for children,  
For partners and for friends,  
For those whose care enfolds us  
With love that never ends.  
*All our blessings...*

For fellowship and friendship  
For all we have to give,  
For those who've shared our journey  
And taught us how to live.  
*All our blessings...*

For all who've shared our sorrow,  
Walked with us in our pain,  
Who've held our hand through  
darkness  
And showed us light again.  
*All our blessings...*

In sacrifice and service  
Your love is clearly shown,  
Your outstretched arms embrace us  
to bring us safely home.  
*All our blessings...*

Readings for Today	Readings for 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Ex 2:1-10	Is 43:16-21
Col 3:12-17	Phil 3:4b-14
John 19:25-27	John 12:1-8

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