

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
12<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 4**



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**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's  
sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered  
into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Amen.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the  
good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the birth of their Son, Archie.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for the parents and godparents of Amélie Jemima Walker as she is baptised at St Bartholomew's next week.

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Kevin Wardle, Elaine Ryder, Muriel McKie, 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:** Please pray for the fruitful fundraising in this Christian Aid week. For prayers, donations and information see

[www.christianaid.co.uk](http://www.christianaid.co.uk)

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Archbishop Moses Nagjun Yoo, Korea and Bishop of Daejeon

## Services TODAY Easter 4

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 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
3.00 pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcements

### Marketing/Advertising St Chad's

**Facilities:** The PCC would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to get involved in seeking ways in which we can increase our revenue from hall hire by doing some marketing/advertising of our facilities. There is the possibility of a small budget being set aside to allow for paid adverts in local publications etc. Please let Revd Jane know if you could be involved in some way with this.

### 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>

**Hospital Volunteers:** We are seeking to recruit Additional Chaplaincy volunteers to join our volunteer teams at Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge. Volunteers spend a few hours each week visiting patients on wards and assisting with Sunday morning worship in the Chapel. We are also seeking volunteers to act as palliative care and end of life companions. Full training and induction will be provided for these very rewarding and fulfilling ministries to the patients and staff of our hospitals. For further information or an informal chat, please contact Rev Malcolm Cowan 07771837636

**EMU** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 8pm at St Chad's. "Garniture de legumes de Irby", how to create a sparkle to your dinner party with eye catching vegetable garnishes. All Welcome.

**Wirral Men's Breakfast** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 8am – 10am. The speaker this month is Sir Peter Vardy DL, this is also the annual classic car breakfast, book now at <https://wirralbreakfast.co.uk/book/>

**Wirral Foodbank** urgently need the following Tinned potatoes, UHT Milk, Fruit Squash, Jam, Nappies (size 6) , Hot Chocolate, Instant Mash, Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorant, Shower Gel. Donations can be dropped off at Sainsbury's Upton, Asda, Wirral Libraries, and Tesco, Heswall.

**Christian Aid week 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> May** – look out for the envelopes in church

**Bishop Peter** has announced that he will be retiring from his role on Monday 30 September after more than 23 years in the post. In a letter to clergy, published on the diocesan website last week, he says: "I will be retiring as Bishop on 30 September... It has been a huge privilege to serve in this Diocese, and I am looking forward to my final months in post."

The Bishop of Birkenhead, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, will become Acting Bishop from 1 October. A service of farewell is planned for 20 July - more information soon!

**The Wisdom House** – 8-9pm St Chad's Extension  
Each session is totally independent of the others. So choose which ones you want to come to. You are of course welcome to come to all of them.

**Wed 5th June - Wide-awake dreams**

This session challenges us to think about our dreams, what our motivation is for pursuing them, and who or what it is that is influencing us as we try to achieve them.

**Wed 12th June - Be my best friend**

What does it mean to have a good friend? And what does it mean to be a good friend? This session looks at how to be "real" in our relationships.

**Mon 17th June - Difficult People**

We all come across people whom we find difficult to deal with. This session helps us to identify those who are truly on our side and gives us the opportunity to discuss the best ways to handle difficult characters.

**Wed 3rd July - Love is something you do**

Is love simply something you feel, or is there more to it? We explore what it means to love with actions even when feelings aren't present. The material in this session relates to relationships in all areas of our lives.

**Wed 10th July - Forgiveness**

Is it always right to forgive? Is forgiveness a reaction or a choice? Here we look at what true forgiveness is, what it is not, and what effect forgiveness may have on a person's life.

**Mon 15th July - Living a life true to yourself**

At times we can find ourselves trying to be somebody that we just can't be. This session encourages us to recognise when we are living our lives in an attempt to meet someone else's expectations and encourages us to play to our strengths.

**Wed 31st July - The long walk home**

The story of the prodigal son will prompt discussion on jealousy between siblings, forgiveness from parents, and whether it is always right to welcome the 'wanderer' back. It also explores the idea of God as a Father waiting for us to come home.

**Wed 7th August- Thieves of Joy**

Hankering after the past or longing for a better future - both will steal your present joy. This session looks at finding contentment and grasping happiness now

## GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.<sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me,<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Acts 9:36-end	Acts 11:1-18
Rev 7:9-end	Rev 21:1-6
John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35

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