

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
26<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6**



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,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to  
your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your  
command and draw the nations to the  
fire of your love, to the glory of God the  
Father.

*Amen.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of  
eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the environment as it was reported this week that sea level rises could rise far more than predicted

**For the Parish:** Please pray for all those preparing for or sitting exams

**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:** As Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement takes place between Ascension and Pentecost, pray that every aspect of our lives may be the stuff of prayer

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops. For members of the Anglican Consultative Council. For the Secretary General, the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Feron, for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

## Services TODAY Easter 6

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – ASCENSION

7.30pm	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Easter 7

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

### 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

**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.

**Bishop Peter** will be retiring from the Diocese at the end of September after more than 22 years in post. To give thanks for his ministry to us, there will be a Farewell Eucharist at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 20 July at 11am** can you let Reverend Jane know by the end of May if you would like her to apply for a ticket(s) on your behalf.

**9th June at 3pm:** Dementia Friendly Concert featuring members of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra followed by service with Bishop of Birkenhead as guest speaker. Event is free to attend and refreshments are available. Holy Trinity Church, Chorley Way, Spital CH63 9LS Contact Paul 0151 200 8672 or <http://www.holytrinityspital.org>

**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 14:23-29

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

<b>Readings for Today</b> Acts 16:9-15 Rev 21:10,22-end & 22:1-5 John 14:23-29	<b>Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Acts 16:16-64 Rev 22:12,14,16,17,20-end John 17:20-end
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