

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 everyone impacted by the coronavirus and that it can be contained.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for Rebecca and Evie Randall as they are baptised today at St Chads.

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and Friends of Norma Kingsbury (Funeral 3pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Landican) and Alfred Wallis (Service of Thanksgiving 12 noon Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at St. Bartholomew's).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle.** Lord, Father of all, you who created us for each other, Let us understand that we are all sisters and brothers. Forgive us when we forget this truth and reawaken our brotherly and sisterly love. Let us walk side by side towards a better future. Let your kingdom come! We commit everything and everyone, into your hands, Lord.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Archbishop Edmund Akanya, Archbishop of the Province of Kaduna & Bishop of Kebbi (Nigeria). Bishop David Ashdown, Keewatin (Canada).

## Services Today – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Baptism, Evie (6) & Rebecca (12) Randall,	St. Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's

## Services next week

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's

### **A Prayer for our Diocese**

**Almighty God,  
who sent Jesus Christ  
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom  
and calls us to follow him:  
guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,  
to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.  
We pray for the person you are calling  
to be the next Bishop of Chester;  
bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call;  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Notices and Announcements

The Bishop of Birkenhead has written to me to outline details of a new past cases review, known national as PCR2. All parishes are required to respond by checking records and reporting to the review all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults.

This an important task and part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of safeguarding files. It is being carried out to ensure our churches are safer places for everyone.

Individuals who wish to make representations to PCR2, or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church-related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pauline Butterfield, on 07703 800031, or call the dedicated telephone helpline - 0800 80 20 20 - operated independently from the Church, by the NSPCC.

If you would like to be added to the **Electoral Roll**, and either live in the Parish or have been attending church for 6 months or more there are forms available at each Church or the Parish office between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**Crosstalk** - Diary dates error - Mothering Sunday Evensong will be on 22nd March (not 5th March)

The annual **Pancake Party** will be held during Junior Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for Children and seniors. This will involve daft games, crafts and lots of pancakes. Suggested donation of £1 per family to cover food on the day please. There will be Pancakes (readymade) with fruit, cream, lemon juice, sugar, syrup etc. If you have allergies please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she can purchase something to suit accordingly. Please complete the list at the back of church to help gauge the amount of food and crafts.

**Worship in the Wilderness** is a Lent series, journeying with Jesus through the desert. Explore this rich biblical theme which touches on subjects such as simplicity, silence, sorrow, truth-speaking and being led by the spirit. A Small group will meet on Thursdays 8-9pm St Chads:  
5<sup>th</sup> March – A Secret Journey and  
A Spirit-led Journey.  
12<sup>th</sup> March – A Simple Journey  
19<sup>th</sup> March – A Sorrowful Journey  
26<sup>th</sup> March – A Sacrificial Journey  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – A truth-speaking Journey  
You will need a copy of the book which is £6, Let Jane know if you want one.

**Walking in the Footsteps of Giants at Foxhill**, Tues 26th - Thurs 28th May. Time to reflect on some of the prayer methods used and encouraged by Saints of the Christian Tradition. It will focus on different ways of praying, offering the opportunity to experience alternatives when the "usual" ways of praying seem less helpful. More information on flyers at the back of church, including reflections from Pat, Julie and Beverley who attended a retreat at Foxhill last year. Revd Jane is booked in already so you would not be on your own! If you are interested, contact Foxhill to book a place

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/residential-retreats/walking-in-the-footsteps/>

**"It takes two - building a marriage to last"** - 7.30pm 4th June - Aintree Racecourse Liverpool. Whether you've been together for fifty days or fifty years, have never had a cross word, or are struggling to keep love alive, every couple can benefit from It Takes Two . We know that even with the best intentions, marriages can get a little rusty. So, this is a rare opportunity to hit pause, shift the focus back to your relationship, and leave the event with a healthy dose of clarity. This event will remind you why you fell in love in the first place, and give a few simple ways of keeping the flame alive, whether it's burning bright or quietly flickering in the background.

Flyers at the back of church or go to <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/it-takes-two>

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## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-34

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Readings for 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Gen 1:1-2:3	Ex 24:12-18
Rom 8:18-25	2 Peter 1:16-21
Matt 6:25-34	Matt 17:1-9

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