

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

1st March 2020 – Lent 1



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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer to you in the
desert: help us to use these days to
grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is
the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for everyone impacted by the coronavirus and for all those affected by flooding.

For the Parish: Please pray for the PCC as they meet this week to plan the Annual General Meeting.

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

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Pray for wisdom in the keeping of Lent. May we all learn of Christ and witness to Christ in what we do.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Gabriel Thuch Agot, Kongor (South Sudan). Bishop Jonah Ibrahim, Kontagora (Nigeria).

Services Today – Lent 1

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Service with Dawpool	St. Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 4th March

10.15 am	Holy Communion with Dawpool	St Chad's
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Sunday 8th March – Lent 2

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

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:
5th March – A Secret Journey and
A Spirit-led Journey.

12th March – A Simple Journey

19th March – A Sorrowful Journey

26th March – A Sacrificial Journey

2nd April – A truth-speaking Journey
You will need a copy of the book which is £6, Let Jane know if you want one.

Crosstalk – March edition is now available in both Churches.

World Day of Prayer: Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this years' service that will take place on **Friday 6th March**, 1.45pm at Heswall Methodist Church and 7.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Pensby.

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>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for parishes – The C of E has issued some guidelines which are shown on the front door at St Chad's and the porch notice board at St Barts.

This Advice does not recommend anything other than good hygiene practice which is already in place eg. If you have a cold/flu or cold /flu like symptoms, you should receive only the bread and you should refrain from shaking hands with others (eg during the peace, when it may best if you sit down as an indication to others that you do not wish to participate).

There is one piece of advice which we currently do not adhere to, but from now on we will:-

Intinction should NOT be used in any circumstances - ie if you do not wish to drink from the cup, you should only receive bread, as the risk of your fingers coming into contact with the wine as you dip your wafer is an infection risk to others. To aid our servers, I would ask that if you are only going to receive bread, that once you have done so that you put your hands well out of the way (so it's clear that you are not going to take hold of the cup) and bow your head until you are ready to leave the rail.

If you are well and have no infection, there is no risk to you from receiving from the cup.

This is not intended to scare people, but to reinforce basic good hygiene practice.

More detailed advice and advice for those returning from other countries can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes>

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:9-13

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for 1st March Deut 8:1-5,15-18 Mark 1:9-13	Readings for 8th March Ps 63:1-8 Luke 4:1-13
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