

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Lent 2



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,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of  
ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all  
adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may  
assault and hurt the soul;  
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 upcoming APCM and for people to volunteer to serve as church warden and PCC members.

**For our Community:** Please pray for everyone who lives in Backford Rd and Penrhyd Rd

**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:** On this anniversary of his consecration, pray for Bishop Keith's ministry

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, Long Island; Vacant, Los Angeles (The Episcopal Church, USA)

## Services Today – 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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Morning Worship	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;**

**bles, 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

**Thank you** very much to those of you who have already responded to the *Giving in Grace* initiative. Your generosity will help us to fund our work of Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby. It is certainly not too late for others to respond and, if you feel that you need further information before making a commitment, don't hesitate to contact me (Chris Smale) directly ([postmaster@thesmales.plus.com](mailto:postmaster@thesmales.plus.com) or 0151 648 4944) or via the Parish Office.

**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. Anyone is welcome to come:-  
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

**EMU Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 8pm St Chad's** – Little Eye Photography by Roger Ellison, there will be a talk and items for sale – all welcome.

**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: Luke 4:1-13

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

<b>Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ps 63:1-8 Luke 4:1-13	<b>Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Ex 3:1-10 John 11:20-29,32-36
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