

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
27th February - Sunday next before Lent**



Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful
lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community
Please pray for children, young people and all who work in schools/colleges—for a good refreshing half term

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Kenneth Michael (Liz Whitehead's Father), Leslie Worrall, Erica Kazaz (friend of Malcolm Studholme), Brian Tucker, Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Robert Tunstead

**SERVICE DETAILS
FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT**

Sun 27th February

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 6th March

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Sun 13th March

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am All Age at St Chad's

Platinum Jubilee - 70 Acts of Service

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-

Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Joining details from Revd Jane

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading : Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. **4** Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Relaxation of Covid Restrictions

Following the news this week that all remaining Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, the PCC standing committee and the PCC health and Safety Officer have agreed that we will do the same for all Sunday Services.

We will keep good ventilation in place (doors and windows open) for all services. It will be personal choice whether you wear a face covering in church or not. We will leave sanitiser in place and again it will be personal choice to use it or not. If you wish to have a bit of space around you, we suggest that you place your books on the seat next to you. We would encourage everybody to check before sitting directly next to someone, that they are Ok with that. We will resume refreshments at St Chad's.

For those who still feel vulnerable or anxious, we would encourage you to attend the service on Wednesday morning where, for the time being, we will continue to ask people to wear face coverings and sanitise. The Zoom service of Evening prayer will also continue for the time being.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

We would like to express our thanks to Rev'd Jane and everyone who kept us in their prayers during our ordeal of the tree falling on our house. Construction - outside and in is done and we await the decorators. Thank you for your concern and of course for the many offers of help. God Bless. Archie and Dot

The Electoral Roll

All Church of England parishes are required to maintain an electoral roll. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. Although the roll may be updated regularly a new roll has to be created every 6 years and 2019 was the most recent year in which this had to be done.

To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and

Either Live within the parish boundary

Or Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

Application forms available at the back of both churches or from the parish office between 6-20th March 2022.

Prayers for Peace

A pastoral letter, published on 24 February 2022 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has been warmly commended by the Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner.

In it, the Archbishops condemn the "evil" attack by Russia on Ukraine and invite all Christians to join them in prayer.

The Archbishops say: "As Christians, our response to a crisis must always be rooted in prayer. And so we invite you to join with us in praying most earnestly for an outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the world may once again choose peace, strengthening those international bodies that enable us to work and live together as one humanity inhabiting one world. We pray for those in Ukraine who suffer grievously, for all who take decisions around the world, and for the people and leaders of Russia too."

Specifically, the Archbishops have asked people to join them to do three things:

- Make this **Sunday, 27 February**, a day of prayer for peace;
- On **Tuesday 1 March** at 6pm (GMT) to pray with the Diocese in Europe for the chaplaincy in Kyiv and the churches that serve Ukraine; and
- To participate with the wider church in Pope Francis's call to make **Ash Wednesday, 2 March**, a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

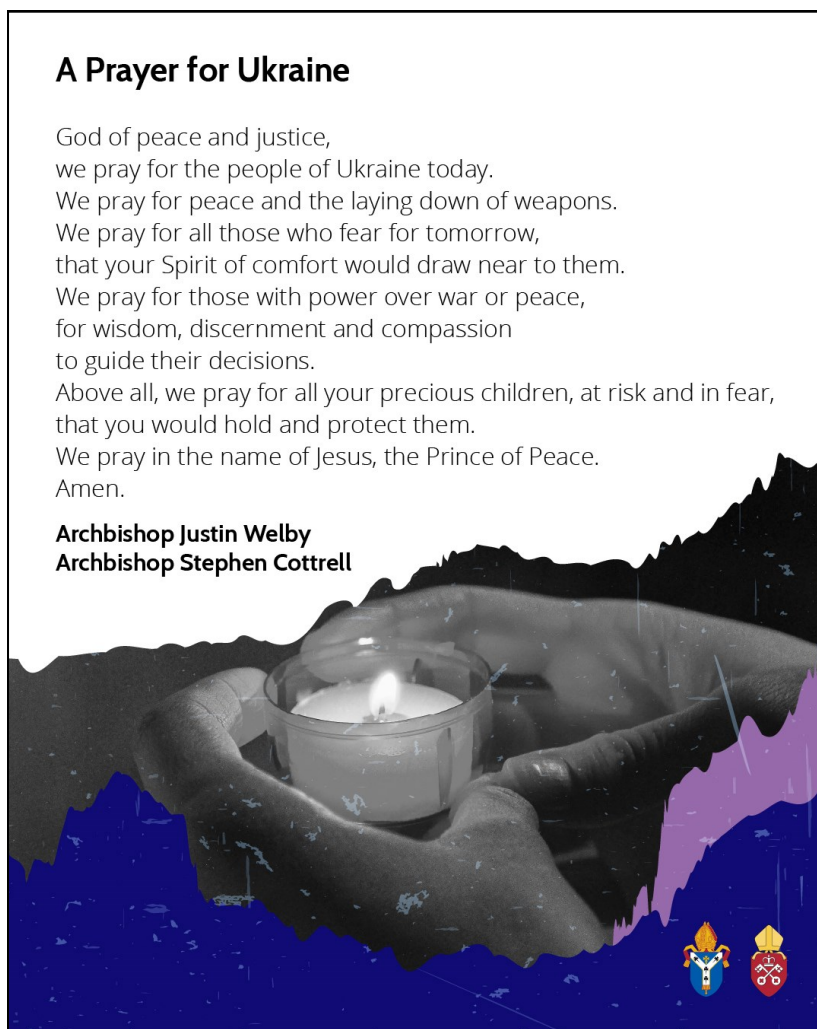
Bishop Mark welcomed the Archbishops' letter and is urging all in the Diocese of Chester to join with the Archbishops in praying for the evolving situation in Ukraine. He has written to all clergy to share the Archbishops' invitation and has also asked that churches **ring their bells on Tuesday 1 March at 6pm "as an audible expression of our standing with sisters and brothers in prayer, fellowship, witness, and compassion."**

Bishop Mark also shared the Archbishops' letter and the liturgical resources on Twitter, saying: "Let's cry out faithfully to God for all caught up in this conflict."

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Becky is a teenage member of our church community (baptized in February 2020). Please do support her, if you can.

Donations for Alzheimer's Society

COFFEE Morning

10:30am - 12pm

Saturday 12th March 2022

St Chads, Roslin Rd, Irby,
Wirral, CH61 3UH

Any questions ask Becky Randall: 07709310117

♥ Come along for a drink, cake and a chat,
enter our raffle and let your children have a go
at our games and crafts ♥

Alzheimer's Society
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**Saturday,
19th March 2022,
10.30am –12.30pm**
at Jean Heath's,
'Barnstables',
233 Irby Road

All Welcome to a
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FOR THE
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**
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The Children's Society
making childhood better

The Lay Conference is Coming!

It is now possible for more than one person from each parish to attend the Lay Conference (which is free to attend with accommodation and all meals included) at Swanwick 25-27 March.

The link to the diocesan web page where you can find more details and the link to book your place.

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/the-lay-conference-is-coming.php>



BIG JUBILEE PINIC

Sunday June 5th at St Chad's

Elizabeth Barton
has agreed to co-ordinate and plan this.
She's looking for a small group of people
who would be willing to support her.
She can be contacted on 648 7178.



Life

WHAT'S THE STORY?

A series of evenings looking at life through the lens of the stories Jesus told, with popular speaker Glen Scrivener.

A VALUED LIFE

MONDAY 28TH MARCH, 7:30PM

St Marks New Ferry, New Chester Rd, New Ferry CH62 1DG
What gives our lives value? Should we really live every day like it's our last? Can we give life meaning or are we just floating in an indifferent universe?

A RICH LIFE

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH, 7:30PM

St Andrews Bebington, Church Rd, Bebington CH63 3EX
Is money or the lack of it, the root of all evil? Is it wrong to be rich or want to be rich? Is it wrong to be poor? Glen will interview Mark Mitchell, a local Christian and founder of Mitchell Motor Group, involved with food banks, street pastors, etc.

A HARD LIFE

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH, 7:30PM

St Catherines Tranmere, Church Rd, Tranmere CH42 0LQ
Many hardships in life take their toll on us. Some suffer because of their skin colour, ethnicity, or social background. Must a hard life define us forever?

A BETTER LIFE

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH, 7:30PM

Cornerstone Wirral, Bebington Rd, Bebington CH63 7NY
It seems there are many ways to find a better life. Do you want a life better than others? Who are you comparing yourself to anyway? What do we even mean by 'better'?

A WONDERFUL LIFE

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL, 7:30PM

Holy Trinity Spital, Chorley Way, Spital CH63 9LS
We all hope for times when we can enjoy life - if only for a while. Imagine if someone actually invited you to a truly wonderful life: Would you go?

wirralgospelpartnership.org.uk/life-mission



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

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