

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
6th March - First Sunday of Lent**



<p><b>Collect</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> 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</p>
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**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**  
Please pray for all who serve us in our local community

**For our Church:**  
Please pray for the PCC meeting tomorrow (7th March)  
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 Peace  
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), Azeem (Dafydd and Meira's 9yr old Grandson ) undergoing open heart surgery on 8th March at Alderhey Hospital. and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for family and friends of Tim Healey (Revd Jane taking funeral service in her previous parish - Great Barrow - on 18th March)

<b>SERVICE DETAILS</b>	
<b>FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</b>	
<p><b>Sun 6th March</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts</p>	<p><b>Sun 20th March</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am MW at St Barts</p>
<p><b>Sun 13th March</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am All Age at St Chad's Platinum Jubilee - 70 Acts of Service</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</b></p> <p><b>ZOOM Services:-</b> <b>Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer</b> Joining details from Revd Jane</p>

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

### **Old Testament Reading : Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

**26** When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **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.

## 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.**

### 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



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**EMU:**

The next meeting will be  
on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**8pm at St Chad's.**

Get to know our newly  
retired vicar, Rev David  
Felix, who has relocated to  
Wirral from Daresbury.

**All Welcome**



## 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.



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 ♡

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



All Welcome to a  
**COFFEE MORNING  
FOR THE  
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**  
with Bring & Buy ,  
Craft Stall and ShoeBeDoo



**The  
Children's  
Society**  
making childhood better

### The Lay Conference is Coming!

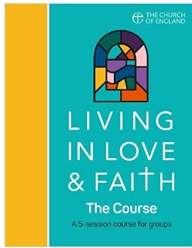
It is now possible for more than one person from each parish to attend the Lay Conference (which is free to attend with accommodation and all meals included) at Swanwick 25-27 March.

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>



Living in Love and Faith - six week course starts Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 4pm St Mary's Church



A six week course written by the Church of England on sexuality, identity, relationships and marriage.

Contact Rhonda Anson in the church office to book a space on the in person course. Contact Nikki Eastwood for more information

Revd Jane has booked a place on this course and would welcome anyone who is interested to join her.

To book your place contact Rhonda and let her know that you are from Thurstaston and Irby

E-mail: [rhonda@stm-upton.org.uk](mailto:rhonda@stm-upton.org.uk) or telephone 677 1186

It's five weeks (with optional 6th week after Easter) 4-5pm, meeting at St Mary's.

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/outreach/living-in-love-and-faith/living-in-love-and-faith-1500.php>

# 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](http://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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)

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