

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
27th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**



<p>Collect God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 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), Brian Tucker, Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Azeem (Dafydd and Meira's 9yr old Grandson) awaiting open heart surgery at Alderhey Hospital. and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Edna Murphy (Craig's Mum - funeral Wed 13th April), Mike Douglas (funeral at St Bartholomew's 2pm Monday 4th April) and Erica Kazaz

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Sun 27th March 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads With Junior Church</p> <p>Sun 3rd April 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts</p>	<p>Sun 10th April - Palm Sunday 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am All Age St Chads</p> <p>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</p> <p>ZOOM Services:- Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer Joining details from Revd Jane</p>
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New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL READING: John 19:25b-27

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: **7.30pm on Monday 4th April** via Zoom
(Joining details available by emailing rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

More details, along with the minutes of last years meeting can be found in the March magazine.

It would be fabulous to welcome new members onto the Parochial Church Council. There are 4 vacancies (two people whose term of office is coming to end are considering re-standing). There is also a vacancy for someone to represent us on Deanery Synod. And there is a church warden vacancy. So LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY for more people to get involved in this way. Nomination forms are at the back of both churches. If you want to know what's involved, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC (Liz Whitehead, Chris Smale, Julie Davies, Andy Harford, Judith Hodgson, Pat Neil, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Malcolm Studholme, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Elizabeth Barton)

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age Service at St Chad's

Wednesday 13th April

10.30am Communion at St Chad's

Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Communion at St Chad's

Friday 15th April Good Friday

10.00am All-Age Service at St Chad's
2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 17th April Easter Day

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Everyday Faith in Birkenhead, Wallasey and Wirral North Deaneries

everyday
faith

Learn how the local church can encourage people to live out their faith in everyday life.



Everyday Faith in Birkenhead, Wallasey and Wirral North Deaneries
July 7th 7.30pm–9.00 pm
St Stephens Church , Prenton Lane,
Prenton CH42 8LA

Christians are called to follow Jesus each day, wherever we are – in our homes, workplaces and neighbourhoods, as well as in church. The diocese are running a series of evenings over the next few months to help you find out more about how the local church can encourage people to live out their faith in everyday life. This session is aimed particularly at the parishes in Birkenhead, Wallasey and Wirral North .

To Register please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everyday-faith-in-birkenhead-wallasey-and-wirral-north-deaneries-tickets-290377907137> or contact Kate in the office,

We have grant funding which will allow us to purchase 800 copies of this booklet. The PCC would very much like to deliver one to every home in the parish. We will need another £1000 do be able to so. If anyone would be willing to sponsor some of these booklets please let Revd Jane know.

P.S. Thanks to those who donated last week - we now only need £80.00



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



The
Children's
Society

making childhood better

Jean Heath and Barbara Kozer would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning held at Jeans last weekend. They were blessed with a lovely day and raised **£707.70** for the Children's Society. Dilys raised a further **£152** for Ukraine.



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

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



Helping the bereaved
find **support**
ataloss.org

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?

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