

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd April - Fifth Sunday of Lent**



<p>Collect Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. 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 APCM (see details on next page) and 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, Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law) , Dot Turner 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 Henry Lyth.

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</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>See next page for Holy Week and Easter Services</p> <p>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</p>
<p>There is a change to the office hours next week, the office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am –12.30pm before closing for the Easter break and re-opening Tuesday April 26th.</p>	

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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

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)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; ¹⁴ but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Everyday Faith in Birkenhead, Wallasey and Wirral North Deaneries

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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 £40.00



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
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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

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