

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
8th May — Easter 4**



<p><b>Collect</b> Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 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  
Please pray for Millie Jones being baptised this afternoon

**For our Community:**  
Please pray for children sitting SATS, and young people taking and preparing for exams.

**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 , Jean Boler and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:**

<p><b>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 8th May</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age at St Chad's</p> <p><b>Sunday 15th May</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am MW St Bartholomew's</p>	<p><b>Sunday 22nd May</b> 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am HC at St Chad's with Junior Church</p> <p><b>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</b></p> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><b>Special Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 10.30am Sunday 5th June St Bartholomew's Thurstaston</b></p> </div>
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## **Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## **Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## PSALM 23

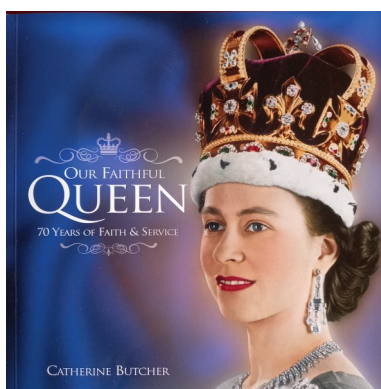
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; ♦  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30**

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

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

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



Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help with the delivery of the Queen's platinum jubilee gift books around the parish.

**YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR BOOKS FOR DELIVERY from St Chad's TODAY after the 10.30am Service or TUESDAY 10th, WEDNESDAY 11th or THURSDAY 12th between 9.30am-12.30pm.**

The aim is that they will be delivered to every home in the parish on **THURSDAY 12th MAY, FRIDAY 13th MAY, or SATURDAY 14th MAY** (whichever day works best for you).

If you are on the church electoral roll and don't live in the parish we have a book for you. They will be available for you to pick up from church from today (or delivered to those who are housebound or unable to attend church at the moment).

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Learn how the local  
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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,

### 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



St Chad's Church  
Sunday 5th June 2022

Bring your own picnic (& rug) and  
join in the fun.

- 12 noon Arrivals  
and children's jubilee themed crafts
- 1.00pm Time to picnic together
- 2.00pm Fun family games
- 3.00pm Best home-made  
crown competition
- 3.30pm Celebration cake will be shared
- 4.00pm Depart



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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