

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
15th May — Easter 5**



<p>Collect Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, 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 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 the diocesan Clergy Conference at Swanwick 16-19th May

For our Community:
Please pray for children 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 Baz Ward (Elixabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy's brother), 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: The family and friends of Kenneth Michael

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Sunday 15th May 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am MW at St Bartholomew's</p> <p>Sunday 22nd May 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am HC at St Chad's with Junior Church</p>	<p>Sunday 29th May 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's 10.30am HC at St Bartholomew's</p> <p>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</p> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: purple;">Special Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 10.30am Sunday 5th June St Bartholomew's Thurstaston</p> </div>
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Acts 11:1-18

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

PSALM 148

- 1 Alleluia.
Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you his angels; ♦
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦
he gave them a law which shall not pass
away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, ♦
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦
creeping things and birds on the wing;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and women,
old and young together; ♦
let them praise the name of the Lord.
- 13 For his name only is exalted, ♦
his splendour above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦
the children of Israel, a people who are
near him.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

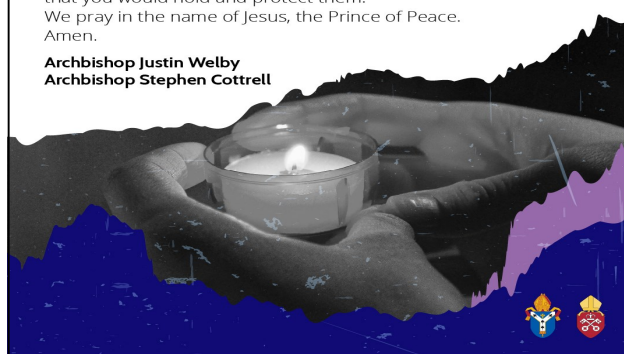
³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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



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,

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

EMU (Evening Mothers' Union)
meets:-

One Wednesday in each month,
8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact
Chris Rostock (648 1112)

Next event:
Wednesday 18th May 8pm :

Listen to Rev
George Palmer talk
about being a
hospital Chaplain



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

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

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24 hr Helpline
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