

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th March - Lent 3**



<p>Collect Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
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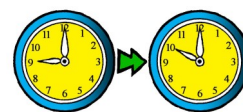
FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
For our Community:
 Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups
 Please pray for all the people living in your street
For our Church:
 Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
 Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital
For the world:
 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 Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Roger Dennison, Tony Fletcher, Judith Hodgson, Sally Jackson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.
For the Bereaved:

Electoral Roll Revision
 If you are a member of our church you should be on our electoral roll .
 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.
 The current electoral roll is on display and application forms are available in both churches – if you would like to be added to the roll please fill form in ASAP and return by Sunday 9th April at the very latest.
 Please ask Revd Jane or Helen Williams (Electoral Roll officer) if you have any questions.

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
 (check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)
EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

- Sun 12th March** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
- Sun 19th March** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
Mothering Sunday **10.30am Morning Service at St Barts**
- Sun 26th March** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
Clocks forward **10.30am Communion Service**
 (with Junior Church) at St Chad's



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Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-42

All: Glory to you, O Lord

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' ⁷The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁸Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' ¹¹But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk."' ¹²They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk"?' ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is

still working, and I also am working.’ ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. ²⁰ The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. ²¹ Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. ²² The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, ²³ so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ ‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; ²⁷ and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

³⁰ ‘I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹ ‘If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. ³³ You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹ ‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

A festive Easter-themed poster for an event. The background is decorated with a nest of straw, colorful Easter eggs (pink, yellow, green, blue), and white ceramic bunnies. The text is arranged in a central yellow and green area. The title 'Easter Eggstravaganza' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the date and time are given: 'SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023' and '1 PM - 3 PM'. A green horizontal band contains the event activities: 'Easter Trail | Easter Bonnet Parade | Bake Off | Games | Crafts | Easter Shop'. Below this, smaller text lists 'Bouncy Castle | BBQ | Y6 Egg Display | Raffle | Refreshments'. At the bottom, it says 'COME ALONG AND INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!' and 'A FODS 2023 FUNDRAISER' with a small FODS logo. The address 'Dawpool School, 6 School Lane, Thurstaston, CH61 0HH' is printed in bold black text at the very bottom.

Easter Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023
1 PM - 3 PM

**Easter Trail | Easter Bonnet Parade |
Bake Off | Games | Crafts | Easter Shop**

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Starting Wednesday 19th April
8.00pm at St Chad's
- in the extension.

Let Revd Jane know
if you would like to come.

Elizabeth Barton is in need of glass or shiny buttons. If anyone has any they would be willing to donate can you bring them to the office or to church. They are going to be used for a Crown for the Coronation Party.



WARM HUB - EVERYONE WELCOME
Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm - St Chads
Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation
with others. Newspapers and jigsaws.
Borrow a book from our mini library.



Saturday 25th March 2023

10.00am –12.30pm
at Jean Heath's, Home
'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



All Welcome to a
COFFEE MORNING FOR
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



with Bring & Buy ,
Craft Stall and ShoeBeDoo

MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome at St Chad's

This week - 13th March

Revd Mike Loach

Chair of Diocesan Environment Forum
"Can human beings be taught to share"

For more details and topics for forthcoming
weeks please see March magazine

Crochet Evening



Thursday 7.30pm 23 March
St Chads extension

Demonstration and refreshments
No experience needed

Dates for your Diary - Church Social Events
Everyone Welcome - tell your friends and neighbours
At St Chad's - unless otherwise stated

Fri 21st Apr 7.30pm - Talk - Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes

Sun 7th May - Coronation Party

Wed 10th May - Craft evening at "The Potting Shed" in Hoylake.

There will be a charge for this evening and you will need to book your place.

The PCC are keen to have one social event each month which will be open to the whole community. Could you provide a social event (with help from us) as a one off? It could be anything - a local walk, curry night, etc. Or do you know someone who could come and talk? Tell us how to brew their own beer or about their volunteering. Any ideas and offers of help, please speak to Julie DeBoorder (07599 186 893 or Jules2121Jule@gmail.com) and she will help to co-ordinate dates with the PCC.



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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



Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility