

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

26th March - Lent 5



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

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

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:

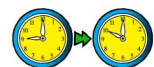
Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

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, Andrew Fletcher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Robert Price (Funeral 1.15pm Mon 17th April at St Bartholomew's)

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)



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| Sun 26th March | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's |
| Clocks forward | 10.30am Communion Service (with Junior Church) at St Chad's |
| Sun 2nd April | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's |
| Palm Sunday | 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts |
| Thurs 6th April | 7pm Communion Service at St Chad's |
| Maundy Thursday | |
| Friday 7th April | 2.00 pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Barts |
| Good Friday | |
| Sun 9th April | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's |
| Easter Day | 10.30am All-Age Communion at St Chad's |

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Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45

All: Glory to you, O Lord

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however,

had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



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

CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

**Let Revd Jane know
if you would like to come.**

Christianity Explored gives you time to think about the big questions of life, and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian Faith—Jesus Christ.

- Who is Jesus?
- What did he achieve?
- What does it mean for us today?

MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome at St Chad's

This week - 27th March

Mrs Julie Okundaye

Chair of Diocesan Race and Ethnicity Forum

“Allyship”

- the quality or practice of helping or supporting other people who are part of a group that is treated badly or unfairly

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



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247
Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

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**

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 years of age 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.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Monday 24th April 2023 in St Chad's, starting at 7.30 pm.

We need Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Members and PCC Members

If elected, you would need to be willing to do a DBS check and a couple of safeguarding training modules

More details in March Magazine (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/2023-magazines/>)

As we come into another year for the church, please have a think if you could join the PCC. I have been on the committee for a long time and will be re-standing this year.

Yes there are boring bits about finances and pipes, but also important decisions to be made that cannot happen without members. Being part of all sorts of topics discussed, things like our mission to serve the community, growing people in their faith and supporting each other are the rewarding bits. All opinions are valued and varied ones very much needed.

If you could spare an evening every few months, to help the church grow and to give your ideas and opinions, you would be welcomed and a valued new voice.

Julie DeBoorder



PCC MATTERS



Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills etc. The PCC finance sub committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but they would very much value having someone to act as treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.

Please speak to Revd Jane or the PCC secretary (Graham Barley) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil) if you think you could help.

Merseyside and Cheshire

Blood Bikes



Friday 21 April 7.30pm

St Chads Church

Meet the riders and their bikes

There will be a donations box for money towards
maintaining their essential service

St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH Tel: 648 8169

Easter Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

1 PM - 3 PM

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

Bouncy Castle | BBQ | 46 Egg Display | Raffle | Refreshments

COME ALONG AND INVITE YOUR
FAMILY & FRIENDS!



A FODS 2023 FUNDRAISER

**Dawpool School, 6 School
Lane, Thurstaston, CH61 0HH**



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.

Coronation Party Donations

The PCC outreach committee are planning a party for Sunday 7th May which will be open to the whole community. We would like to provide a bouncy castle, children's crafts and a celebration cake. If you are able to make a small donation to help cover the costs of this there is a basket at the back of church. Thank You.



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

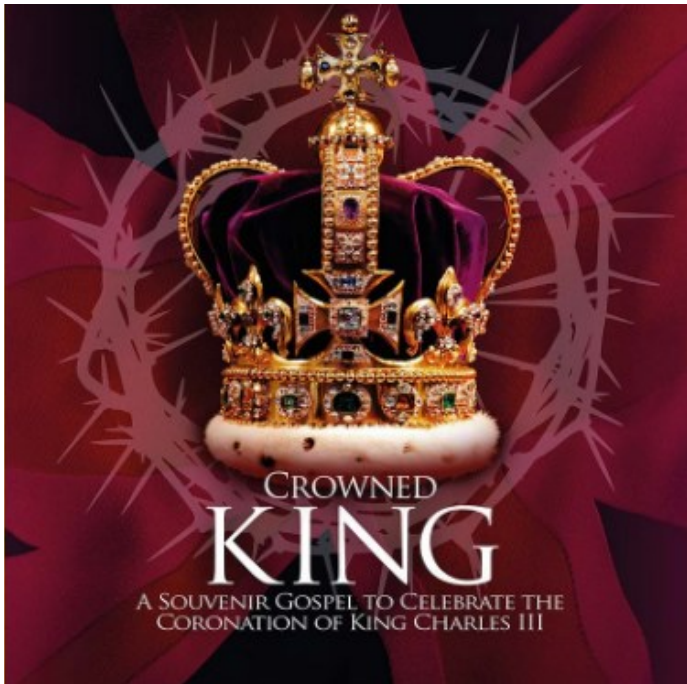
Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm - St Chads

Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation with others.

Newspapers and jigsaws. Borrow a book from our mini library.

CROWNED KING

£5.00 each



Please give money and order form below to Revd Jane or the Parish office by Friday 7th April. Order will be placed on Saturday 8th April.

The book is by the same publisher as the booklets we distributed for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The book opens with full colour, illustrated pages explaining the symbolism and Christian meaning in the Coronation. It then points to Jesus the King of Kings and invites people to find out more by reading the Gospel of Matthew.

Why not buy one for yourself, or as a souvenir for your children/grandchildren or as a gift for a friend or

Crowned King Order Form

Please give your money and this form to Revd Jane or hand to the parish office by Friday 7th April. Order will be placed on Saturday 8th April.

Name: _____

**Contact Phone Number
or Email:** _____

Number of Books Required: _____

I enclose £ _____

The more books we order the cheaper they become, but the more expensive the postage becomes. If we order less than five books we will make a loss on the postage costs. If we order a large quantity of books it is possible that we may make a small profit. Any profit made will be used for future Outreach events.