

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 16th April - Easter 2



## Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 the APCM. Please think about whether you are being called to serve on the PCC, or who you could nominate to serve on your behalf.

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, Eira Jones 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)

**EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads**

**Sun 16th April**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts**

**Sun 23rd April**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Chad's**

**Sun 30th April**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

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## New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup> ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

### PSALM 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦  
I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.’
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦  
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦  
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦  
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **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

## **Dates for your Diary Church Social Events**

**Everyone Welcome**

**- tell your friends and neighbours  
At St Chad's - unless otherwise stated**

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

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

### CHURCH TIMES - SCAM ALERT

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2023/24-march/news/uk/scammers-posing-as-archbishop-of-york-make-second-attempt-to-defraud-clergy>

Please be aware that Revd Jane will never ask anyone by email to spend their own money for the church.

### 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.

### MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>)

### WARM HUB - EVERYONE WELCOME

**Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm at St Chads**

**Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation with others. Newspapers and jigsaws. Borrow a book from our mini library.**



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find **support**  
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**Everyone's**  
**Responsibility**