

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
7th May - Easter 5**



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

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

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

Please pray for those preparing for marriage and having their Banns published today, Lucy Bramhall & Christopher Berry, Claire Grant & James McKay, Sarah Robson & Joshua Hall, Rebecca Hitchen & Stephen Price

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), Tony Fletcher, Judith Hodgson, Sally Jackson, Andrew Fletcher, Margaret Fordham and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Roger Dennison (Funeral at St Barts 11.30am Friday 12th May) and Michael Jebson (Funeral 23rd May)

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 7th May **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 14th May **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

Sun 21st May **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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New Testament Readings:

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',

⁸ and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know^l my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

THIS AFTERNOON - EVERYONE WELCOME



CORONATION
big lunch

SUNDAY 7 MAY 1 - 4pm
ST CHAD'S CHURCH

COMMUNITY LUNCH
& FAMILY FUN

Bring your own lunch,
Hot drinks, Cake and
Ice-Cream available

Timings for the Afternoon:-

1.00-1.30pm

Lunch in the Garden or Main Hall
- bring your own.

1.30-3.30pm

Bouncy Castle in the Garden
- every child on the bouncy castle must be supervised by a responsible adult. There will be a maximum number of children allowed on at any one time.

Colouring Competition in the Main Hall
Crafts in the Extension

King, Queen, Prince and Princess
photo opportunities in the Extension
- Crowns and Capes to wear will be available.

2.00-3.00pm

Planting trees and sowing wildflowers

3.30pm

Colouring competition results
Cutting cake
National Anthem

POTTING SHED EVENING

Have fun painting your choice of item at the Potting Shed, 12 -14 Market Street, Hoylake



Wednesday 10 May 7pm - 10pm

Price is based on Item chosen at £15 - £30



Please contact Jayne Oliver to book your place.

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Pruning of Yew Trees at the Lychgate

Our Church Quinquennial report dated 30th June 2021 states that within the next 12 months we should "Consider pruning or removing the trees adjacent to the north porch and the lychgate."

The PCC have looked into this, and taken advice from a tree surgeon and the councils tree preservation officer, and in the near future the yew trees on either side of the lych gate will be reduced in height. This will allow light to penetrate the centre of the trees and encourage internal greening, so that in a couple of years time we will be able to reduce the width of the trees and rediscover the path which has narrowed considerably over a large number of years!

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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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**