

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 14th May - Easter 6



## Collect

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to  
your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal  
life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him 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 young people - preparing for and taking exams

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 Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Tony Fletcher, Margaret Fordham and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for family and friends of 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**

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| <b>Sun 14th May</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's</b> |
| <b>Sun 21st May</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts</b>  |
| <b>Sun 28th May</b> | <b>9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's</b><br><b>10.30am Communion at St Chad's</b>       |

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## **New Testament Readings:**

### **Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor□ he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

### **1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

### PCC Meeting 22nd May - Appointment of Sidespeople

Following the APCM, the PCC needs to appoint (re-appoint) Sidespeople. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Revd Jane know.

This is also a good opportunity for us to review other Sunday Rotas

Readings, leading prayers, coffee, sacristan (setting up table for HC), server - if you'd like to volunteer to be more involved on a Sunday in any role please let Revd Jane know.

#### Sidespeople's Duties

Thank You for agreeing to be a Sidesperson. This is a vital ministry as you are often the first point of contact for all who enter the building, and the warmth and welcome that they receive is an indication of the nature of the Church. This is especially important for newcomers to the church and visitors. For special services: Christmas, Easter etc, it is recommended that you arrive even earlier; the warden or rector may wish to speak to you before the congregation arrive.

##### St Bartholomew's Only, St Chad's Only

- Ideally you need to arrive 30 minutes before the service is due to begin, to be ready with everything which needs to be handed out that day: Hymn Book, Service Booklet, Notice Sheet, anything else...
- **Put the chairs out. (Check arrangements if a special service)**
- Support the Warden in anyway required, and perform the Warden's duties if the warden is not available.
- Bring to the Warden's attention any difficulties the congregation may have e.g.. someone may have mobility problems and require that communion is brought to them in their place.
- Put Collection Plates at the back of Church (including one for Junior Church - to go out with them when they go!)
- Check that the microphone has been put by the lectern and switch on the power (switch behind book case)
- Ensure that the children's activity bags are available
- At the appropriate times (notice on end of bookcase) let Junior Church know where we are up to.
- Check with fellow sidesperson which of you will assist those needing help up the chancel steps at Communion.
- Ensure a copy of the notice sheet is on the Rector's Desk and the Lectern
- Count the number of people (under 16 and over 16) who are present at the service - this needs to be recorded in the service register. **Don't forget those in Junior Church:** The number of Communicants also needs to be recorded in the service Register - This can be worked out with the help of the Rector/Sacristan who should know how many wafers were consumed.
- **Put the chairs away following the service**
- Count and Record the Offertory
- Assist the Warden in tidying the church after the service.
- You may be asked to assist at a service when the duty sidesperson fails to turn up.
- Finally, remember that the warmth of your welcome could make an eternity of difference to someone.

TICKETS £6  
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FRIENDS OF DAWPOOL SCHOOL

**Bingo Night**

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE - 7:30PM  
THE IRBY CLUB, 15 THINGWALL RD, CH61 3UA

DJ MILKY WILL BE HOSTING A FUN-FILLED, ADULT ONLY, PARTY BONZA BINGO NIGHT!

FUN PRIZES | BAR | SNACKS | GAMES | RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

#BONZABINGO WITH DJ MILKY

## Friends of Dawpool Bingo Night

Saturday 10th June Tickets - £6

DJ Milky will be hosting our fun-filled, ADULT ONLY, party Bonza Bingo night from 7.30pm until late at the Irby Club in the village. We would like to invite you to join us for an evening of fun, games, prizes, and music, to raise funds towards new IT equipment for the school.

If you have a child at Dawpool school please, buy tickets online using this link:

<https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/adult-bonza-bingo-night>

Church members with no direct connection to school, may order tickets by phoning the school office (648 3412) and speaking to Mrs Parr.

### 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.



### Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

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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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



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