

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th 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 schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for your PCC - planning for APCM - pray for people to join the PCC or become a Churchwarden
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Specific requests for Sean, Zoe, Arthur, Luke, Adele, Vlodya)
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 Amanda Fletcher, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Baby Isabelle Vickers, Archie Peat, Katy (relative of Revd Ailsa), Chris Turnbull and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Angela Lockett (friend of Ailsa)

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 17th March

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
3.00pm Baptism of Otilie Williams

Sun 24th March

Palm Sunday

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Chads with Junior church

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Old Testament Reading: Jer 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51:1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
6 You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

Hebrews 6:5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'
⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:20-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Electoral Roll Revision 24th March - 7th April

The Electoral Roll is the membership list for the Church. All those who consider themselves to be a member of this church (and have been baptised) should be on our roll. The current roll is displayed in church - please check you are on it. If you are not, then please ask for a form, and return it to use by 7th April at the very latest.

Defibrillator for St Bartholomew's

The PCC are delighted to let you know that we have managed to secure a match funded defibrillator from "London Hearts" which will be installed in the porch in the next few weeks. Both Church Farm and the Dawpool Residents Association have agreed to support us with the funding (each donating one third). The PCC has committed to covering the other third - £334.00.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards offsetting the cost of this, the PCC would be delighted to receive your gift. **Please pop it in an envelope and hand to Revd Jane, or make a BACS payment and annotate it as "defibrillator".**

Warm Hub - every Tuesday 9.30-12.30

Details on page 9 of April Parish Magazine.

Speaker 26th March - Yellowstone Park (USA) - in Winter

Confirming Faith
Sunday
21st July 2024



Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is about deepening your relationship with God, directing your life more closely to Christ, and relying on the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts to lead the incredible life of faith and service to which God is calling you.

As a way of preparing for Confirmation, we will ask you to attend a preparation course which will be starting after Easter. Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to be a part of this group.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sun 24th March **PALM SUNDAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

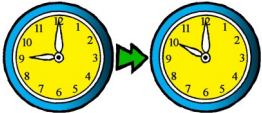
10.30am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

Thursday 28th March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Communion at St Chad's

Friday 29th March **GOOD FRIDAY**

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's



Don't forget clocks go forward at 1.00am on Easter Day (March 31st)

Sun 31st March **EASTER DAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am All Age Communion service at St Chad's

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Your PCC needs you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 in St Chad's, starting at 6.30pm

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RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Chocolate
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Potatoes
Deodorant
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Spaghetti



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24 hr Helpline

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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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**