

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th February 2017**



Welcome to Church today.

We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Children are Welcome at our Services

In St Chad's, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

In St Bartholomew's, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are
transformed into the image of Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should never
hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for all our brothers and sisters around the World. May there be an end to division, strife and war.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Roy Fordham, Julie Bennet, Joyce Edmonds and Kevin Wardle, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), Ruth Dann, and Joel Murray. Please pray for Anne Vickers as she recovers from her operation. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for Luke; Hannah and Oliver Bennet – their father Mike died on Monday 6th Feb and their mother Julie is close to the end of life at St John's Hospice. Please also pray for Mike and Julie's siblings and parents. Please continue to pray for the family & friends of Ray Birch (especially his widow Glenys), and also for the family & friends of Peggy Rostock.

For the parish: Multi-sensory Bible sessions – Pray that participants will grasp both the privilege and the responsibility of being God's people in a world that is often hostile to people of faith. Please pray for Timothy Carter & Grace McGuire having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop David Njovu, Lusaka (Central Africa).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Women's World Day of Prayer (3rd March) aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

For more information and resources go to www.wwdp.org.uk

Revd Tracy Ward, Sale St Anne.

Services TODAY – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's (The only way is up – Wanderings and Law)

Services next week

Wednesday 15th February (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 19th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

- **Please pray for the Bennet Family** (Luke, Hannah and Oliver and the wider family). They are three amazing young people who have coped with both parents being diagnosed with terminal cancer. Their father died on Mon 6th Feb. Their mother is in St John's hospice. All three of them also love performing and Irby dance studio have set up a justgiving page to raise money so that they can continue to live at home and be able to sustain their activities and studies:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-knight-2>
- **Reading Luke's Gospel Together** – This week's readings are:-
Mon: Luke 9:18-21
Tues: Luke 9:22-27
Wed: Luke 9:28-36
Thurs: Luke 9:37-45
Fri: Luke 9:46-56
Sat: Luke 9:57-62
Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 9:28-36
If you have any questions or reflections on this week's passages that you would like to be part of the sermon, please let Revd Jane know and we will do our best to incorporate them.
- **Parish Administrator Required:** 9 hours per week over 3 days for 43 weeks of the year (specific hours by agreement, mainly within school term time). Salary £3096 to £3483pa depending on experience. *YOU WILL BE* a good communicator who can confidently use computers, are able to work alone on your own initiative whilst enjoying being part of a team, able to represent the Church to enquirers, and able to work within and support the spiritual and prayerful ethos of the Church and its leadership. For job description and further information please contact the current Parish Clerk, Chris Rostock on 0151 648 8169 (Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm) or office@thursaston.org.uk. **Closing date for applications Monday 27th February 2017. Interviews to take place Thursday 9th March 2017.**
- **Deanery Synod Meeting Wed 15th February** – Volunteers needed to serve tea and coffee in the extension as people arrive. You would need to arrive about 7.15pm to get set up ready for serving from about 7.30pm. You would be free to leave once the meeting has started (approx 8pm) and you have cleared away. Please let Revd Jane know if you can help.

• **Junior Church Get Together and Open Invite**

At the Rectory 8pm Thursday 16 February. Recently a plea for help with Sparklers was answered by 2 lovely people and we are looking forward to them joining our team. I have arranged a little get together at the rectory so that everyone can meet up for a natter and a few nibbles. However I have been having a think (yes I know, dangerous, before you say it!) and I would also love to welcome anybody who would like to help in Starbazers and Seniors, as we often struggle to cover these groups as well. If you are interested in being a helper, you would be helping the children with crafts or games and would only have to help once or twice a month. It's very rewarding and an important part of our children's upbringing, introducing Jesus into their lives and having fun as well. If you fancy it, please come along to find out more and meet the team. Julie DeBoorder.

• **Wellspring** on Monday 20th February, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to pray.

• **Our Lent Group** will be on Thursday evenings 9th March – 13th April, 7.30-9.00pm. We will be using "The Living Cross" which is £8.99 from www.brffonline.org.uk/9780857465122/. You will need a copy of the book, so please order it soon – if finance will prevent you from attending then speak confidentially to Revd Jane who will provide you with a copy of the book from a grant fund.

• **Irby Methodist** will host a Lent Lunch on **Monday, 3 April at 12.30 pm** to which our friends from St Bart's and St Chad's will be most welcome. Please extend our invitation to both congregations.

• **Fostering People** All you want to know, the good, the bad and the amazing! Hear first-hand experience from a local family at EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) on Wednesday 22nd February, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome.

• **St Chad's 50th Anniversary** Special service for the whole parish at 10.30am Sunday 5th March – please put it on your calendar now! A Banner is being made and we'd like everyone to be involved – please stay and help during coffee on 5th, 12th or 19th February. We have invited past incumbents and hope that most of them will be able to come. Dawpool Primary and Irby Primary will also be invited to take part in this celebration.

- There will also be a Summer Barn Dance on Friday 2nd June – please put this date in your diary.
- If anyone would like to organise any other events for our 50th Anniversary that would be great. Please speak to Revd Jane or a member of the PCC.

• **Church Finances** Our parish share (our contribution to the diocese to cover employment of our Rector and support local and diocesan and national expenditure) will increase by 2.5% in 2017 to £62796 (of which we only pay at present at 60% leaving a large shortfall). The Chester Diocesan Board of Finance have produced an annual document explaining the background to all this which they advise should be made available to congregations. Please if you would like to see this document contact me on 01516250089 or turnbullcj@gmail.com. Chris Turnbull Treasurer.

• **Sainsbury's Active Kids** Guides are once again collecting vouchers and would like to thank people for all their support over previous years - (the girls have benefited greatly from the equipment we've been able to get for them), so any vouchers would be greatly appreciated

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:22-25

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 19th February
Deut 30:15-20	Gen 1:1-2:3
1 Cor 3:1-9	Rom 8:18-25
Luke 8:22-25	Luke 9:28-36

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