

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
22nd January 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

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the
light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the families & friends of the people killed in an avalanche in Abruzzo, Italy.

For the sick: Please pray for Anne Vickers, Joyce Edmonds and Kevin Wardle. Please continue to pray for Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), Ray Birch, Ruth Dann, Hilary Bradshaw and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the parish: Multi-sensory Bible sessions – Pray that participants will find it helpful to reflect on the nature of sin, and the extraordinary powerful grace of God. Please pray for Evelyn Carter to be baptised at 3pm today at St Bartholomew's and her parents Lee & Michelle.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bishop Mathayo Kasagara, Lake Rukwa (Tanzania).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

To share your ideas for YBible, email ministry@chester.anglican.org with YBible in the subject and we will feature them on the diocesan website <http://www.chester.anglican.org/ybible>

Services TODAY – Epiphany 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's
7.00pm	Multi-sensory Bible	St Chad's (Oh No! – Fall)

Services next week

Wednesday 25th January (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 29th January – Epiphany 4

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

Notices and Announcement

• **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 £3,096 to £3,483pa 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@thurstaston.org.uk. **Closing Date for applications 3rd February 2017. Interviews to take place Fri 17th February 2017**

• **SOSO** Tuesday 24th January 2017, 8pm at St Chad's.

• **Easy Fundraising** Don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>

• **St Chad's 50th Anniversary** Special service for the whole parish at 10.30am Sunday 5th March – please put it on your calendar now! Chris Smale and the PCC worship sub committee are planning for this service – please speak to him if you would like to be involved in that planning group or if you can contribute particular memories or any other relevant information. Revd Jane is also trying to put together a photographic record of the “new” church across the past 50 years – please let her have any photos you may have – you will get these back! A Banner is also being made and we'd like everyone to be involved – please watch for further info. 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.

• **Reading Luke's Gospel Together –**

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 6:20-26

Tues: Luke 6:27-38

Wed: Luke 6:39-46

Thurs: Luke 6:47-49

Fri: Luke 7:1-10

Sat: Luke 7:11-17

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 6:27-38

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.

- **Diocesan Lay Conference – May 19th-21st at Swanwick.** We have a FREE room at this conference, which means that a couple or two friends would be able to share the room. The conference is themed around Mission – there are flyers available with more information. Julie DeBoorder has been to several of these conferences in the past (they only happen every three years) and will be able to tell you more about what goes on. I would love our parish to be able to benefit from this FREE room and so if you could go and would be willing to feed back what you learn to the PCC and wider parish then please let Revd Jane know ASAP.

- **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 Thurstaston PCC

- **Lent Course:** Revd Jane is contemplating running a Lent Course through March and early part of April. Her diary would currently allow this to be on Wednesday Evening (start 7.30ish) , Thursday evening (start 7.30ish) or Saturday morning (9.00-10.15am this could include breakfast if we met slightly earlier and someone would like to volunteer to co-ordinate that part of it!). If this is something that you would consider coming to you, would you please let me know which day would work best (and I'll go with the majority! or maybe we could run two groups if someone else wanted to lead the second group). This may be dangerous and may provide simply too much choice and make the final decision really difficult, but here are some books/courses written for Lent 2017 – can you let me know which would be your first and second choice! The decision will be made at the end of January allowing time for us to order the books/resources.

The Living Cross – exploring God's gift of forgiveness and a new life

<http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/>

Archbishop's Lent Book – Dethroning Mammon

<https://www.eden.co.uk/shop/dethroning-mammon-4456107.html>

Returning Home: Christian faith in encounter with other faiths <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-course-2017/>

York Course: Receiving Christ in 5 different ways

<http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/course.aspx?id=3bc93431-c142-43c7-a7f5-73dbe26f3331>

Praying Lent with the Saints

<http://shop.dioceseofnorwich.org/products/praying-lent-with-the-saints>

- **Please collect your Postage Stamps** throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

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 6:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ² But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³ Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵ Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁶ On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸ Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 29th January
Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-end
Luke 6:1-11	Luke 6:27-38

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