

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
12<sup>th</sup> March 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**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and  
prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from  
heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true  
and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 pray for Mabel Gardner & Edwin Bezant. Please continue to pray for Joyce Edmonds, Baby Tobias (and his parents Katy and Isaac), and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the bereaved:** Please continue to pray for the family & friends of Mike and Julie Bennet.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Alex Bowen & Melanie Taylor, David Patrick & Laura Bennett, Andrew Roberts & Claire Pearce and Mark Colman & Georgina Hughes all having their banns read today at St Bartholomew's.

**Multi sensory Bible:** Pray that participants will begin to explore honestly where they stand with God – doubting and distant, or confident and close.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Francis Abiero, Maseno South (Kenya)  
Bishop Joseph Wasonga, Maseno West (Kenya).

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Ethiopia. Lord we bring to you this wonderful country from the heights of its Simien mountains to the depths of its Danakil desert and its diversity of peoples and languages. We pray for justice and peace And that all Christians may see You in their neighbours Whatever their ethnic group or faith And that they may serve you and your Kingdom Rather than themselves and their own plans.

For Jesus' sake, Amen

Revd Dr Ruth Ackroyd, Thornton-le-Moors with Ince & Elton.

## Services TODAY – Lent 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's
7.15pm	Multi-Sensory Bible	St Chad's (Down, Down, Down, Up – The Exile)

## Services next week

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's
7.15pm	Multi-Sensory Bible	St Chad's

## Notices and Announcement

### • Reading Luke's Gospel Together –

This week's readings are:-

Mon: Luke 13:22-30

Tues: Luke 13:31-35

Wed: Luke 14:1-6

Thurs: Luke 14:7-11

Fri: Luke 14:12-24

Sat: Luke 14:25-33

Sunday Sermon will be based on Luke 14:25-33. 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.

- **Wellspring** – 8pm at the Rectory Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March – Come and pray for our parish. All Welcome – you do not have to pray out loud!

- **Our Lent Group** will be on Thursday evenings 9<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-9.00pm. We will be using "The Living Cross" which is £8.99 from [www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857465122/](http://www.brfonline.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.

- **EMU** – Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March 8pm at St Chads – Jewellery making (necklace and/or bracelet), and jewellery for sale, with new lines available. All Welcome, please let JulieDeBoorder (648 6331) or Chris Rostock (648 1112) know if you will be attending, so that Jane knows how many people to supply materials for. There will be a small charge.

- **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.
- **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>
- **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.
- **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.
- **The Big Church Day Out** Comes to the Diocese of Chester!! 2nd-3rd June Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire. More info in parish magazine and on diocesan website [www.chester.anglican.org.uk](http://www.chester.anglican.org.uk)
- **Grass Cutting at St. Chads for 2017** - Hello, I am after some volunteer's to be part of a 2017 grass cutting rota at St. Chads. Help will be needed to cut the main sloped area at the rear of the church and the grass at the front around the car park area. If I had a similar amount of volunteers as I did last year, then it would mean you would only need to cut the grass around two or three times throughout the year. If you can help I would be very grateful, please see **Chris Perry** in church, ring **0151 648 6958** or email [churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk)
- **Riding Lights Theatre Company** are bringing their new passion play, **CROSSLIGHT**, to South Wirral High School (Eastham) on 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm.  
Tickets from Ken [kenlon50@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlon50@yahoo.com) or Tel: 327 2138, Adults £7, Concessions £5, 11-17 yr olds £2 (unreserved seating).

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## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

<b>Readings for Today</b>	<b>Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Gen 12:1-4a	Ex 17:1-7
Rom 4:1-5,13-17	Rom 5:1-11
Luke 13:1-9	Luke 14:25-33

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