

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
19th May – Easter 5**



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

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the
world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for all those affected by the recent cyclones in Mozambique as they struggle to rebuild lives.

For the Parish: Please pray for everyone who is preparing for or is sitting exams.

For the Sick: Please pray for Kevin Wardle, Elaine Ryder, Muriel McKie, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Mandy Fletcher, Maureen Noonan and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for all that makes for intentional discipleship and for a fuller use of the disciple-making opportunities that come our way.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Archbishop George Takeli, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia

Services TODAY Easter 5

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00 pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 22nd May

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 19th May – Easter 6

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcements

Marketing/Advertising St Chad's

Facilities: The PCC would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to get involved in seeking ways in which we can increase our revenue from hall hire by doing some marketing/advertising of our facilities. There is the possibility of a small budget being set aside to allow for paid adverts in local publications etc. Please let Revd Jane know if you could be involved in some way with this.

Twenty is Plenty for a Retreat

As part of Foxhill's 50th Anniversary, the Diocese of Chester is pleased to introduce the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme for 2019. This is a new scheme that offers a limited number of places on the Foxhill programme of residential retreats for just £20. It is for those on low income who would like to go on a retreat but would

otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. More information from

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/twenty-is-plenty>

Hospital Volunteers: We are seeking to recruit Additional Chaplaincy volunteers to join our volunteer teams at Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge. Volunteers spend a few hours each week visiting patients on wards and assisting with Sunday morning worship in the Chapel. We are also seeking volunteers to act as palliative care and end of life companions. Full training and induction will be provided for these very rewarding and fulfilling ministries to the patients and staff of our hospitals. For further information or an informal chat, please contact Rev Malcolm Cowan 07771837636

EMU – Wednesday 22nd May 8pm at St Chad's. "Garniture de legumes de l'rbby", how to create a sparkle to your dinner party with eye catching vegetable garnishes. All Welcome.

Wirral Men's Breakfast – Saturday 1st June 8am – 10am. The speaker this month is Sir Peter Vardy DL, this is also the annual classic car breakfast, book now at <https://wirralbreakfast.co.uk/book/>

Wirral Foodbank urgently need the following Tinned potatoes, UHT Milk, Fruit Squash, Jam, Nappies (size 6) , Hot Chocolate, Instant Mash, Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorant, Shower Gel. Donations can be dropped off at Sainsbury's Upton, Asda, Wirral Libraries, and Tesco, Heswall.

Bishop Peter will be retiring from the Diocese at the end of September after more than 22 years in post. To give thanks for his ministry to us, there will be a Farewell Eucharist at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 20 July at 11am** can you let Reverend Jane know ASAP if you would like her to apply for a ticket(s) on your behalf. She will send an email request tomorrow (Monday morning 20th May) for those who are very keen and reply quickly. She will then send a further email in the first week of June for those who would like to go, but don't see this information in time to reply by today.

The Wisdom House – 8-9pm St Chad's Extension
Each session is totally independent of the others. So choose which ones you want to come to. You are of course welcome to come to all of them.

Wed 5th June - Wide-awake dreams

This session challenges us to think about our dreams, what our motivation is for pursuing them, and who or what it is that is influencing us as we try to achieve them.

Wed 12th June - Be my best friend

What does it mean to have a good friend? And what does it mean to be a good friend? This session looks at how to be "real" in our relationships.

Mon 17th June - Difficult People

We all come across people whom we find difficult to deal with. This session helps us to identify those who are truly on our side and gives us the opportunity to discuss the best ways to handle difficult characters.

Wed 3rd July - Love is something you do

Is love simply something you feel, or is there more to it? We explore what it means to love with actions even when feelings aren't present. The material in this session relates to relationships in all areas of our lives.

Wed 10th July - Forgiveness

Is it always right to forgive? Is forgiveness a reaction or a choice? Here we look at what true forgiveness is, what it is not, and what effect forgiveness may have on a person's life.

Mon 15th July - Living a life true to yourself

At times we can find ourselves trying to be somebody that we just can't be. This session encourages us to recognise when we are living our lives in an attempt to meet someone else's expectations and encourages us to play to our strengths.

Wed 31st July - The long walk home

The story of the prodigal son will prompt discussion on jealousy between siblings, forgiveness from parents, and whether it is always right to welcome the 'wanderer' back. It also explores the idea of God as a Father waiting for us to come home.

Wed 7th August- Thieves of Joy

Hankering after the past or longing for a better future - both will steal your present joy. This session looks at finding contentment and grasping happiness now

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 26th May
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15
Rev 21:1-6	Rev 21:10,22-end & 22:1-5
John 13:31-35	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

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