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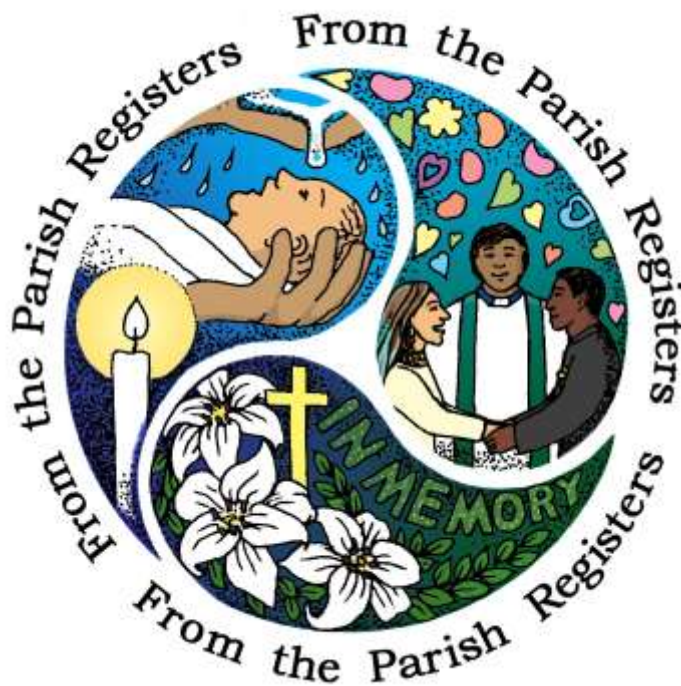
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12th October - Sheila Baron
13th October - Norman Mude
16th October - Susan Howe

From Your Rector

This month as we turn to a season of Remembrance, I want to share with you the story behind the hymn: O God our Help in Ages Past

O God our Help in Ages Past is considered one of the grandest hymns in the English hymnody. It is sung at the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph in London, and it was also sung at the funeral of former prime minister Winston Churchill in **St Paul's Cathedral**.

The hymn was written by Isaac Watts in 1719, as a paraphrase of Psalm 90. It is a psalm of Moses, and carries a strong message of hope and faith in God's loving care.

Isaac Watts was born in Southampton in 1674, the eldest of nine children. His father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was in prison for his **non-conformist beliefs at the time of Isaac's birth**.

Watts had an outstanding aptitude for language. By the time he was 13 he had learned Latin, Greek, French, and Hebrew. He had also begun to write in verse, even speaking in rhyme in ordinary conversation – much to the irritation of some of his family!

By the time Isaac was 18, he had a particular bugbear – the deplorable state of congregational singing. It was mostly metrical psalms, which were heavy going and ponderous. But many non-conformists thought that if congregations sang anything other than the actual words of Scripture, it would be an insult to God.

Isaac was complaining about this one Sunday when his father suddenly challenged him: **'Why don't you give us something better to sing, then?'**

Isaac accepted the challenge. The next Sunday he produced his first hymn, and the congregation loved it. Isaac then wrote new hymn texts for his church - every Sunday for the next two years. By 1719, Watts had published a hymnal: *The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament*. He had paraphrased nearly the entire Psalter.

In all, Watts wrote more than 600 hymns. Other favourites include: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, and the famous Christmas carol *Joy to the World*.

At the time, some people felt Watts's hymns were "too worldly" as they were not based solely on the Psalms. Yet Watts argued that the Christian church should sing of Christ. He explained his approach this way:

"Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, I have often joined faith and love to it. Where he speaks of the pardon of sin through the mercies of God, I rather choose to mention the sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God. Where He promises abundance of wealth, honour, and long life, I have changed some of these typical blessings for grace, glory and life eternal, which are brought to light by the gospel, and promised in the New Testament."

Watts died in 1748, having been a much-loved hymn-writer, scholar, pastor and preacher.



Revd Jane

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home!

Source: Psalms & Hymns to the Living God

Advanced Notice of Christmas Services

Sunday 17th Dec

9.00am BCP Communion at St Barts

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer which was published in 1662. This service uses old fashioned language and is a quiet service with no music.

10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

This service is in modern language and will include some Advent hymns.

6.30pm Carol Service with Christingles at St Chads

We will listen to the Christmas Nativity story and sing carols. A Christingle is a decorated orange used to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas.



Wednesday 20th Dec

10.30am Communion at St Chads

Sunday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

9.00am BCP Communion at St Barts

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer which was published in 1662. This service uses old fashioned language and is a quiet service with no music.

10.30am All-Age Nativity at St Chads

We will sing some carols and retell the story of Jesus birth. You are welcome to come dressed as a character from the story.



11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Barts

This will be the first communion of Christmas and will include singing some carols.



Monday 25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Barts

This service is suitable for everyone and will include singing some carols.



Make someone's Christmas a happy one

Reverse Advent Calendar 2023



HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

Find a sturdy container large enough to hold the 30 items as listed below.

Each day of November, check the date square on the calendar and place the named item into your box.

Drop your filled container off at our warehouse (address below) before 7 December. We are open **Mon – Thur from 10am to 1.30pm.**

We close for Christmas at **12pm** on Thursday 21 December.

You can also donate money if you wish by visiting our Give As You Live Page (details below).

13 Coffee	23 Sugar	24 Custard	9 Toothpaste/ Toothbrush
25 Pasta Sauce	12 Jam	20 Washing Up Liquid	7 Tinned Meat
4 Tinned Fish	21 Deodorant	2 Tinned Vegetables	18 Washing Powder Tablets
10 Nappies	26 Biscuits	22 Shampoo	17 Tinned Spaghetti
14 Toilet Rolls	19 Tinned Soup	11 Rice	27 Soap
6 Chocolate Bars	30 Tinned Potatoes	3 Tinned Tomatoes	8 Feminine Hygiene (Towels & Tampons)
16 Packet Soup	5 Cereal	29 Squash	1 Rice Pudding
		15 Tinned Fruit	28 UHT Milk

Warehouse Address

Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead CH41 1JW

To Donate

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/reverse-advent-2023>

Christmas

Bazaar

Sat 18 Nov

1 – 3.30pm

Trade and charity stalls

Christmas gifts galore

Santa's Grotto

St Chad's Roslin Road CH61 3UH

The **Christmas Bazaar** this year is on
Saturday 18 November 1 – 3.30pm.

It is planned to have trade and charity stalls selling all sorts of Christmas goodies and gifts, plus a grotto, children's stalls, cakes, refreshments, raffle and second hand books.

Please collect any books, children's soft toys and raffle prizes and drop off inside St Chad's outside the church office.

If you can help set up/clear away or can help on a stall please let me know your name and contact details

Thanks ,

Julie DeBoorder

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A warm welcome
for all
at the
Warm Hub



Open to everyone, so please drop in!

**St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169**

Tuesdays 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

**Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.**

Tuesday 28 November
Warm Hub Guest Speaker
Helen Parkinson



All about Bee Keeping

Session includes honey and honey products to sample and buy – so do bring a little cash if possible!

everyone welcome for what promises to be a really interesting and entertaining session!



Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access and a chance to chat with friends.



The Warm Hub now belongs to a growing national network of Places of Welcome



Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information

The Leprosy Mission

Thank you for the many orders I received for The Leprosy Mission. I'm pleased to report that the orders with donations given at The Leprosy Mission talk, Harvest and donations added to the orders came to a total of £960.50. The order has been placed and delivery is anticipated any day now.

Cheryl

Can you please return any children's society boxes to Jean Heath for counting. They can be returned to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's or to Jean, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, CH61 2XF.

If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time.



The Children's Society

making childhood better

Jigsaw Library

Over the last 10 months or so that Warm Hub has been operating, we have been gifted many jigsaws. While we always have a jigsaw in progress at Warm Hub, there are many waiting for us to use in the future. Rather than these jigsaws just piling up, with the winter nights ahead we would like to make these jigsaws available for individuals to borrow and then return to us. We can't vouch that all the jigsaws are complete as they are donated to us but if you would like to borrow one then we can make them available on a Tuesday morning when the Warm Hub is open – 9.30 to 12.30 at St Chad's



Susan Smale and Cheryl Goddard

**7.30pm Wednesday
29th November**

**Kings Church,
Victoria Fields,
Birkenhead, CH42 0PF**

Tickets £6.00

An Evening with

ROB PARSONS

Reflections on the Journey

Revd Jane is going to this. You can buy your own ticket from the link below - which also details how to request a complimentary ticket if you cannot afford the £6.00:-
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>
If you don't do online and would like Revd Jane to buy you a ticket please ask.
If you do buy your own ticket,
please let Revd Jane know and we can then plan to car share.

From the boy described as 'making no use of what little ability he has,' to an international best-selling author and speaker, Rob Parsons has a lifetime's experience of overcoming obstacles.

He recalls the time when his father told him, 'People like us don't become lawyers,' and the teacher who said even his best wasn't good enough.

Yet with the help of the people who believed he could be more, he learnt how to grow through the challenges of life.

Join Rob on a journey through the decades as he reflects on a life mixed with laughter and tears, and draws on vivid stories from childhood, right through to the present day.

He'll tap into a wealth of experience to help us make the best of our circumstances, gifts, opportunities – and perhaps most of all – our relationships.

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, we invite you to pull up a chair and settle in for a poignant night of storytelling that will reawaken your purpose and stay with you long after you head home.

You'll hear about:

- Escaping from imposter syndrome
- Finding hope beyond shattered dreams
- Avoiding the labels others put on you
- Enduring the hard times you just can't fix
- Why tomorrow doesn't have to be like yesterday

Is it for you?

Whether you're sixteen and leaving school or sixty-five and heading for retirement, this event is for everyone! From relationships to work, study to homelife, and finances to mental wellbeing, Rob has learnt many lessons from life that will help you whatever stage you're at.

We're Supporting:



forum

It's all about you

Christmas Appeal 2023

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence.

We offer a range of accommodation in Wirral and Cheshire.



How you can help...

Gift Bags

Items UNWRAPPED can include: a hand towel, facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, body spray, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hats, scarves, novelty gifts such as puzzles, pens etc

Thank You for your support! www.forumhousing.co.uk |  @ForumHousing

Please note that Forum Housing are usually supporting more males than females.

Any items which you wish to donate (a single item is fine, as together we can make whole gift bags) need to be dropped off at church or the parish office **by Sunday 19th November** so that they can be delivered to Forum Housing in time to be included in the gifts for the Forum Housing Residents.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, the details can be obtained from the parish office, along with a Gift Aid form (if appropriate).

Ruth's Reflections

Summer has well and truly gone, the last couple of days have been really cold, I quite like the cold but I do not like rain at all. The trees are changing into their autumn colours, it really is a beautiful time of year and it makes me realise how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful country. I must get out with my camera to try and capture some of this beauty!

Talking of Photography I went to an interesting workshop on Portrait Photography in Liverpool last week, I learnt a lot but I doubt I will be doing much, I haven't got the right equipment. I really enjoyed the course, but things went downhill when I returned to my car. I had paid for an all day ticket and ensured it was displayed correctly and was therefore very surprised to find a Penalty Notice on the windscreen of my car. When I looked at the ticket I noticed it showed the previous days date, obviously a machine fault. I have informed the relevant people of this and needless to say I will not be paying the fine! So, if any of you park in a council car park, be careful! I will let you all know the outcome of this.

I have done very little in the garden except some cutting back, It has been too wet,

I am getting someone in to decorate my lounge, I have decided it is too big a job for me now and this has led to another problem, I can't find any wallpaper I like. I have tramped round numerous shops and even looked on-line, but still seen nothing. I still have a couple of places to try so keep your fingers crossed.

I have been doing quite a lot with the W.I. and the Photographic Society in Heswall, where we have had some interesting speakers.

Christmas will be here soon, 10 weeks to go! I must start thinking about presents, but I also have a couple of birthdays before then!



I will stop rambling now. Take care and stay safe, everyone.

Ruth.

Reflecting Faith: – Remembering Our Loved Ones

For the last couple of months, we've been looking at seating in the church building.

Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item or in whose name the item was purchased.

In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend would also be paid to cover the cost of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task.

A room would be provided for that priest above the chapel often.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

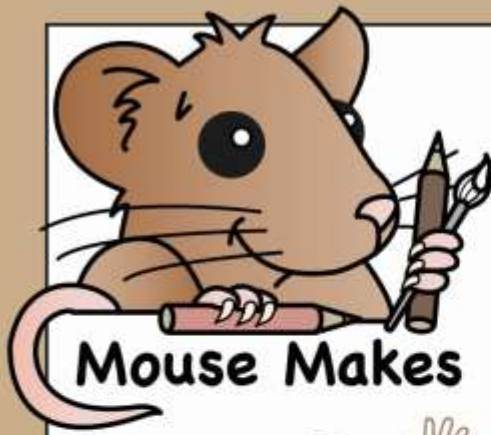
As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.





Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by _____ and _____ with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____ is _____ to all who _____ on him in _____"

Psalm 145:18

"For where two or three _____ in my name, there I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

THANK GOD

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

PRAY FOR OTHERS

SAY SORRY

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

PRAISE GOD

NIV

 Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

Find these words too:
 APPROACH
 MEDITATE
 HEAR • LISTEN
 BLESS • PRAISE
 FORGIVE • NAME
 CRY OUT • AMEN

" _____ always, _____ continually, _____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____ your sins to one another and _____ for one another, that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____ yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

This month, on 30th November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/ Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

Scotland
disciples
Jesus
Andrew
honoured

Peter
Nathanael
Bartholomew
Messiah
Saviour

Patras
Archaia
eighth
remains
translation

Fife
pilgrimage
tenth
pious
patron

saint
love
introducing
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God in the Sciences: God of the mountains, God of the valleys

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? (Job 38:4–7, 14, 16)

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to You...? Why have You made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job’s question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job’s attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God’s creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth’s rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job’s practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God’s plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

This article drew very directly on the writing of Prof Bob White in [New Daylight](#) (BRF, Sept-Dec 2020), and the input of a Bible study group based in Cambridge.



God in the Arts: Wall painting of Pompeii

Each month we have explored how art celebrates the wonder of our world – the seasons, the elements, animals and fish, flowers and fruit. They manifest the glory of God the creator. Irenaeus, the 2nd century theologian, went further and wrote that ‘the glory of God is a living person.’ He was echoing Psalm 8: ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them...you have crowned them and put all things under their feet.’ Yes, the universe teaches of God the creator, but in becoming one of us, the Son of God has put human beings above all Creation.

The nobility of that vision is captured in this 1st century wall painting from Pompeii showing Neo and his wife. They lived at a time when St Paul was preaching and the gospels were being written. We don’t know if those events made an impact on their lives. But we do know that St Paul was executed around AD67, and just twelve years later this couple were victims of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Their almond-shaped eyes are like windows into their souls. We sense the beauty, but also the fragility. They tell us that life is a gift to be cherished precisely because it is so easily taken from us. Neo’s intense eyes look at us, while his wife looks beyond into the distance. She has the eyes of hopes and dreams that were cruelly shattered by the volcano.

Living men and women, like this couple, are tokens of the wonder of creation, but they also tell us of the transience of that very gift of life. ‘Where can we place our hope?’ we ask ourselves. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls tell us that the end of life here is a door opening into a greater glory and a brighter light. There is wonder and beauty in life here, and with the eyes of faith we can look beyond to glimpse the wonder of eternity.



Spiritual Disciplines: Generosity

'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35).

What does generosity look like for us? The practice of generosity is about more than finance, as we recognise that everything we possess belongs to God (Ps 24:1). We are stewards of all our resources, including time, possessions, gifts, as well as our love and compassion for others. God enables us to be generous, because of all that He has given us:



'You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.' (2 Cor 9:11).

Here are some practical ways of practising generosity:

Give consistently: Planning our financial giving ensures that it isn't an afterthought, but carefully considered (2 Cor 9:7). We can offer time to volunteer in church or in the wider community. We might open our home to others for a meal or coffee.

Give spontaneously: God often brings opportunities across our path where we can respond spontaneously. This might be prompted by a text from a friend in crisis or giving a neighbour a helping hand. Acting spontaneously reminds us that God is always working in and through us.

Give sacrificially: Being generous also involves making sacrifices with our time and priorities, as we help others, share our possessions, or use our gifts. How can we simplify our busy lives, in order to free up space to practise more life transforming generosity?

To engage in generosity is an invitation to experience more of God's provision in our lives:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38).

Be a stained-glass window

People are like stained glass windows. We glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright outside. But it is only when the sun goes down that our true beauty is revealed – and then only if there is a light deep within us – the light of God.

Happy Birthday, King Charles!

King Charles was born 75 years ago this month, on 14th November 1948, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was the longest-serving monarch-in-waiting in British history and did not ascend the throne until he was 73, following the death of his mother in September 2022.



Charles was crowned in the first coronation in seven decades, on 6th May 2023. His current title is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But King Charles has also become head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is head of state. These countries are known as the Commonwealth realms. They are Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am
(Term Time Only)



£1.50 for one Adult and one child - All Welcome

Additional children £1.00
Additional Adults £0.50



Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions

For further information please contact **Allison** via the Parish Office 648 8169

Need a Meeting Room?

At St Chad's we have a large hall
and some smaller rooms.

Booking Enquiries should be made by emailing
hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk

For more information and prices please go to the website
<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/hall-and-room-hire/>



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If you are already on Facebook it is easy to find and "like" the page. Just search for "stchadsstbarts" or "St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston, with St. Chad's, Irby" and you will find us.

If you "like" the page you will receive notifications when we add events and other informative posts.

From our page you can also share individual posts and events with others you may think would like to hear about us and our events.

Please do share this page with your friends.

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NOVEMBER 2023 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 5th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Communion at St Chad's

Sun 12th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**

Remembrance Sun. with Bishop Mark **10.15am Traditional Service at St Barts**
10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11.05am All-Age Service at St Barts (primarily for uniformed organisations—others welcome if there is space in the building!)

These three acts of worship all stand alone and follow on directly from one another. You are welcome to come to any one part or any combination of them.

Sun 19th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 26th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

Sun 3rd December **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.

