

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
31st Oct. 2021 - All Saints - 4th Before Advent**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services
can be found on the front page of our website**

Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all MP's and all of our local councillors
Please pray for all who serve us in our local community - especially key workers

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for World leaders taking part in UN Climate Summit COP26 in Glasgow in November

For the Sick: Please pray for Judith Hodgson, Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: All who experienced bereavement during pandemic, who still haven't been able to "finish the normal process of funerals" either practically or emotionally.



The clocks go back on the final Sunday of October,
and the change comes into effect at 2.00am.

That means that this year it's happening in the
early hours of **TODAY - 31st October**

Junior Church TODAY - Sunday 31st October alongside the 10.30am service at St Chad's
—we would love to see you!

If you are coming you are invited to bring a small pumpkin to carve, with large spoon to scoop with and knife to carve with. There will be battery tea lights and treats to takeaway.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 24:1-6

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

² for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false,

and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 21: 1– 6a

²¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

A Season for Remembering

November is traditionally a time of remembering, when we would normally gather in church in large numbers to think about those we have loved but see no longer, and then later in the month, we think of those who have died or been injured in active service.

This year will be a bit different from previous years. Some people have already returned to church services whilst others are still finding that difficult. We want to enable everyone to be able to remember during this special season of the church year.

So, we'll be offering the following to help you with this:

**Drop into St Chad's church (Roslin Rd)
between 3-4pm on Sunday 7th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer.**

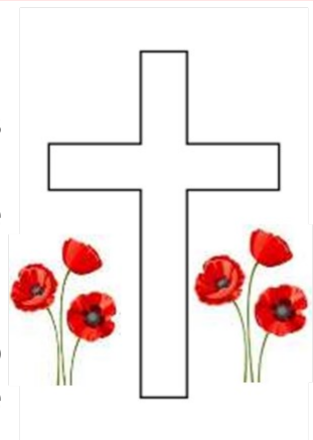
You may like to bring a postcard with you – colourful or plain. Whilst in church (or before you arrive) write a brief 'memory prayer' on your postcard to say thank you to God for special memories of a person you are remembering – perhaps a particular memory of good times with them, or simply write their name on the card to remember their whole unique life. There will be a box in church for you to "post" your card.

Visit churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment to help you pray and remember those who you knew and loved but have lost, either recently or long ago.

All-Age Remembrance Trail

There are 4 special places to pray in the churchyard during this season of Remembrance. You can do these in any order you like; and do as many or as few as you want. Look for the poppy and the cross picture.

At each station, there is a way to pray with words and a way to pray with your senses. Children and adults may do whichever one they prefer.



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



**Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday
AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Services at St Chad's)**

Covid Precautions mean that we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for “track and trace”.

**We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.
For those who will find that difficult,
we invite you to remember in a different way - see the box below**

9.00am BCP Communion Service

This service should be able to allow for social distancing

You may choose to come to any combination or just one of the following

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.10am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am)
for anyone with pre-school or primary aged children.

This year we will not be hosting the Uniformed Organisations as our building is too small given the ongoing Covid precautions which are necessary.

Drop into St Bartholomew's church between
10.30 – 11.30am on Thursday 11th November
when it will be open for individual private prayer
so you can mark the time of silence at 11 o'clock.

Act of Remembrance on Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>)
we will re-post (on 11th Nov 2021) last years recording from the War Memorial

Visit churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance
to help you pray and remember the fallen from your home,
or wherever you'd like to sit quietly.

SERVICES

From September

The new pattern of services will be:-

- 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's – every week
- 10.30am service every week:-
 - 1st Sunday – HC at St Barts
 - 2nd Sunday – All age at St Chads
 - 3rd Sunday – MW at St Barts
 - 4th Sunday – HC at St Chads and Junior Church
 - 5th Sunday – Baptism at St Barts – or HC if no baptism booked
- Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's – every week

This pattern is subject to change for festivals etc. Please keep an eye on the website for accurate details for any given Sunday

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

Sun 31st October

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am MW at St Chads & Junior Church

Sun 7th November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Barts

Sunday 14th November - Remembrance

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

See previous page for details of later services

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-

Sundays - 6.30pm Evening Prayer

NO ZOOM SERVICE - 31st Oct

We're Supporting:

forum

It's all about you

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, Cheshire and Warrington.

Christmas Appeal



Forum Housing are once again appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas.

You can donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that we will then make into complete gift bags.

All items should be unwrapped and brand new.

Please bring any filled gift bags or individual items for donation to either church or the church office **by Sunday 28th November** and we will then arrange delivery to Forum.

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 etc, pens etc

Thank You for your support!

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