

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
16th January - Epiphany 2**



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

<p>Collect Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:
Please pray for all who serve us in our local community

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 all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), 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:

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Sun 16th January 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am MW at St Barts</p> <p>Sun 23rd January 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St. Chads with Junior Church</p>	<p>Sun 30th January 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts</p> <p>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</p> <p>ZOOM Services:- Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer Joining details from Revd Jane</p>
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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
2 The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; ♦
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦
they shall drink from the river of your delights.
9 For with you is the well of life ♦
and in your light shall we see light.
10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,¹ I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Heart Bomb 2022 - February 12th - March 27th



The Heart Bomb we did last year was such a success, we will be repeating this again this February to coincide with Valentine's weekend. They will be left up until after Mother's Day so it will run 11 Feb – 27 March.



Irby Village, St Chad and St Bartholomew Churches will be festooned in hearts, bringing everyone a cheerful greeting, a smile and a heart hug.



The W.I. have been busy knitting and sewing hearts to make the display even bigger and better than last year. If you can knit (Pattern can be emailed to you or I have some printed copies) or sew some hearts, please let me know, any colour, any size, but if you have some red, white or blue we can re-use them for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



Please do join in, whether putting up some hearts in your windows or your gardens and together we can bring joy to the community.



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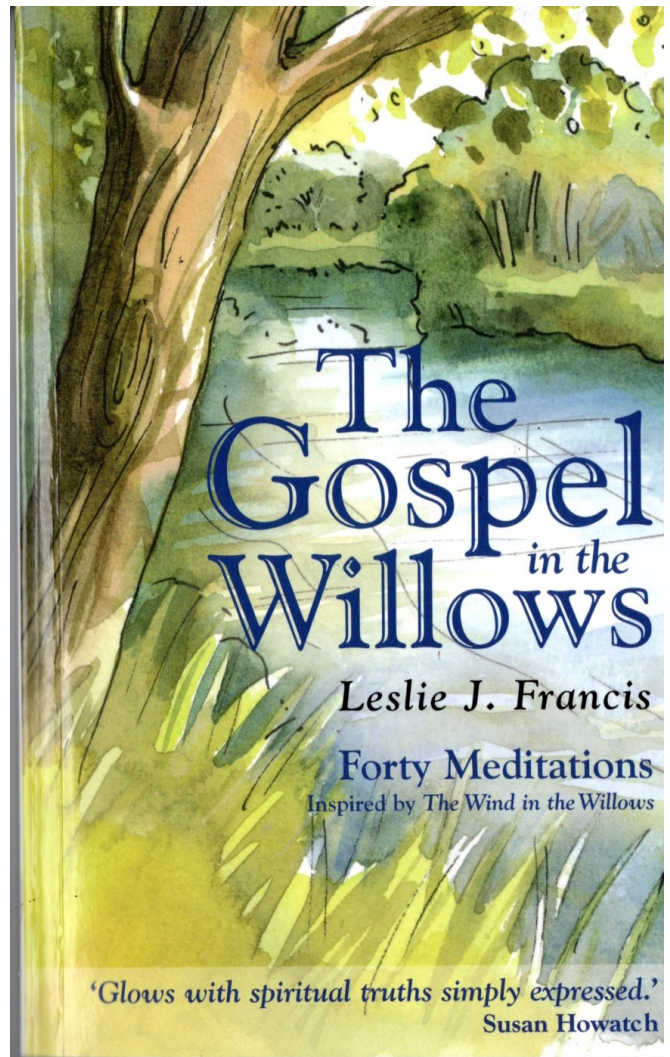


The Gospel in the Willows

Reading Group for Spring Term
(including lent)

Join in the journey along the river of life with Ratty and Mole and other characters from the classic “Wind in the Willows” by Kenneth Grahame. The book combines a daily reading from the literary classic with a gospel passage, a short meditation by Leslie Francis and a prayer. Each week we will gather together to reflect on a section of the book.

Do please buy yourself a copy of “The Gospel in the Willows” and let Revd Jane know if you would like to come along to the group - so that she can keep you informed of whether we are meeting in person or online via Zoom.



Wednesdays 8.00-9.00pm

26th Jan: Come and watch the classic animated film of Wind in the Willows, voiced by an all star cast including David Jason as Toad, Michael Hordern as Badger, Richard Pearson as Mole and Ian Carmichael as Ratty with Una Stubbs and Beryl Reid. The film lasts 78 minutes.

2nd February Exploring faith by the river bank

9th February Learning to be disciples on the open road

16th February Hearing parables in the wild wood

23rd Feb – Half Term 2nd March—Ash Wednesday

9th March Coming face to face with Mr Badger

16th March Dulce domum

23rd March Shaping the future with Mr Toad

30th March The piper at the gates of heaven

6th April Learning from Toad’s Adventures