

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
23rd January - Epiphany 3**



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

<p>Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illuminated by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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
Especially for the people of Tonga and the wider pacific region following the tsunami
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 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>Sun 6th February 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: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

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The Gospel in the Willows

Reading Group for Spring Term (including lent)

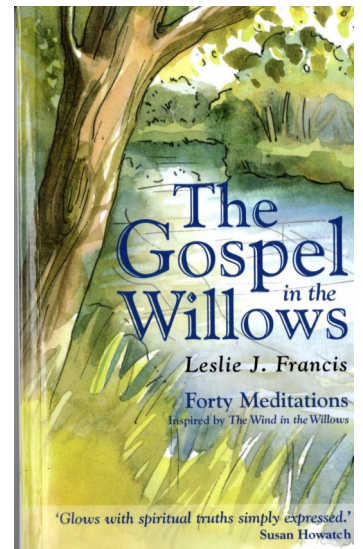
Join in the journey along the river of life with Ratty and Mole and other characters from the classic “Wind in the Willows” by Kenneth Grahame. The book combines a daily reading from the literary classic with a gospel passage, a short meditation by Leslie Francis and a prayer. Each week we will gather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



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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