

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby**

13th February - 3rd Before Lent



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

<p>Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where 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

For the Sick: Please pray for Brian Tucker, Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew), Erica Kazaz (friend of Malcolm Studholme) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Robert Tunstead

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Sun 13th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am All-Age at St. Chads "The Faith of Queen Elizabeth"</p> <p>Sun 20th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am MW at St Barts</p>	<p>Sun 27th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Chads</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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17-26

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Heart Bomb 2022

February 12th - March 27th



See parish magazine or speak to Julie DeBoorder Email: jules2121jule@gmail.com

To Find out how you can get involved



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



Helping the bereaved
find **support**
ataloss.org

EMU - Evening Mothers' Union

Our first meeting this year will be "My journey into Photography" by Roger Ellison, who will cover hints and tips and photographs of landscapes, birds, planes and aerial images. There will also be cards and prints available to buy.

It is to be held on **THURSDAY 17th February at 8pm** in the extension of St Chad's. The change of day is due to a Lent Course being held on a Wednesday, and as a large proportion of our members are attending this course, we have decided to change the day for a couple of months or longer, if Thursday turns out to be a better day for everyone.

Everyone is welcome, not just members, so do bring a friend if you can. **Please let Chris Rostock (648 1112) know if you will be attending.**

PLATINUM JUBILEE

Celebration of Faith & Service



Would you like to be part of a planning group and help to organise a community picnic at St Chads for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend on Sunday 5th June?

Let Rev'd Jane know if you would like to help with planning this historical event.

We need bunting, party games, a choir to sing the Jubilee Anthem and so much more!



Review of Service Pattern

The PCC need your Comments

You will recall that a new service pattern was implemented in September 2021 (*primarily as a result of not having enough volunteers to maintain the previous pattern and secondly with the aim of drawing our congregations together in fellowship and worship*)

The PCC are grateful to everyone who has supported this trial pattern of services which we agreed to review after six months, and so this is on the Agenda for the PCC meeting on 7th March.

In order for the PCC to complete this review we need your comments.

Please note that the primary driving factor behind the trial pattern was lack of volunteers - especially (but not exclusively) sidespeople for St Chad's.

Please email your comments and/or offers of being added to the various rotas of people who are needed to make Sunday services happen **to office@thurstaston.org.uk** with the title "Review of Service Pattern", **or jot them on a piece of paper and post it in the letterbox at St Chads** in an envelope marked "Review of Service Pattern".

We need to receive your comments **by Sunday 27th February** at the very latest, so that they can be collated and sent to the members of the PCC in advance of the meeting.