

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
8th January - Epiphany 1 - Baptism of Christ**



<p>Collect Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through 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 and for local businesses and community groups
Please pray for families and all who work in education - for rest and recuperation over the holidays
Please pray for all the people living in your street & those who will be lonely and isolated over Christmas

For our Church:
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 Meira Evans-Jones, Baz Ward (Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy's brother), Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Jean Boler, Laurence Smith, Karen Ormsby, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Roger Dennison and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Jane Fergusson, Judith Cook, Hugh Keir (Jayne Oliver's Dad) and Margaret Mude (Beverley Appleyard's Mum)

Forthcoming 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 8th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

Sun 15th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 22nd January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's

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New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

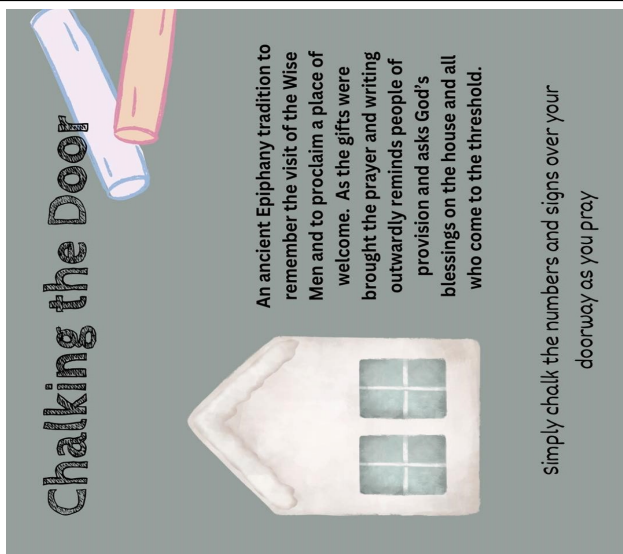
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17

All: Glory to you, O Lord

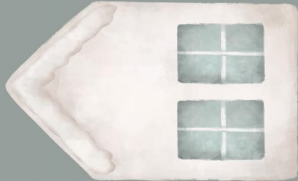
¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Chalking the Door

An ancient Epiphany tradition to remember the visit of the Wise Men and to proclaim a place of welcome. As the gifts were brought the prayer and writing outwardly reminds people of provision and asks God's blessings on the house and all who come to the threshold.



Simply chalk the numbers and signs over your doorway as you pray



20+C+M+B+23

The three wise men
C- Casper
M- Melchior
B- Balthazar

followed the star to find God's son 2000 and 23 years ago.

May Christ bless our home and all who find welcome within it, throughout this year.

Christus Mansionem Benedicat



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

By invitation



Vision Cafe

A warm welcome
free refreshments
activities, conversation, craft

10 am - 12 noon
SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2023
St Chad's Church
Roslin Road,
Irby,
Wirral CH61 3UH
www.chester.anglican.org/vision



Casting the Net Wide is the Bishop of Chester's quest to discern a new vision for the Church in your area. We're hosting pop-up Vision Cafes for people to meet, eat and chat with lots of creative ways to add your ideas! Please come and tell us how and where we can best respond to serve people's practical, emotional and spiritual needs in these challenging times.



Come and tell us what you think. We can take it!

What's the church doing wrong?
How can church buildings be used to benefit communities?
If the church was to do one thing differently, what would it be?



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code for more information

Reading Helpers at Dawpool

Would anyone be willing and interested in volunteering to become a regular reading helper at Dawpool? It would involve committing to an hour a week at school preferably in the afternoon to listen to children reading. You would need to complete a DBS check via school before being able to start. Mrs McCann (deputy head) would be willing to offer advice and model reading with pupils to enable you to gain confidence and understand the best way to support the children with their reading progress.

Please let Revd Jane know by Monday 9th January if this is something that you would like to do. Revd Jane will then pass on your contact details to school in January and Mrs McCann will make contact with you directly to make further arrangements.

The PCC are working on a project called "Growing Faith" which seeks to work at the intersections of church/school/home, and becoming a reading volunteer would be a great way for us to increase the links at the intersection between church and school.



A warm welcome
for all
at the
Warm Hub

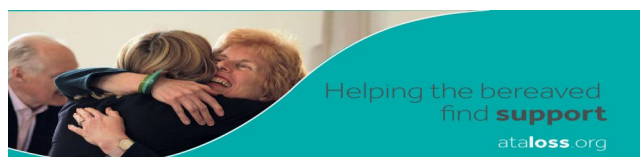
Everyone is welcome to come and be in a warm, safe space at St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
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Tuesdays 9.00am - 12.30pm



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



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline

In aid of
 **Guide Dogs**

Coffee Morning
10am - 12noon Saturday 14th January 2023
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby



The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity in England and Wales (209617) and Scotland (SC038979) GDO640 05/22

CHRISTMAS PRESENT AMNESTY

**Too many Chocolates? Too many smellies?
Duplicate children's Games/Toys?
Not my style? Not my thing?**

If you have any gifts that you would like to recycle by donating to this good cause, we will use them at the coffee morning to raise money for Guide Dogs UK.

Please drop them off at Church or hand them to Revd Jane by Friday 13th January.

THANK YOU

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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**