

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 22nd January - Epiphany 3



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

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

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 all the people living in your street

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 Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Roger Dennison, Tony Fletcher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Jane Fergusson (funeral 16th Jan), Judith Cook (funeral 20th Jan 11.30am Landican), Hugh Keir (Jayne Oliver's Dad - service of thanksgiving 27th Jan at 11.30am at Barts), Margaret Mude (Beverley Appleyard's Mum), Laurence Smith, Betty Beacall (funeral 2nd February 1pm at St Barts), and Baz Ward (Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy's brother)

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

Sun 29th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 5th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Encounter Days

~ connecting more deeply with God ~



How do you most readily experience a sense of God's presence?

Some people love silence and long for space to simply be. Others find silence difficult, almost physically painful.

In our **Encounter Days** there will always be lots of space for quiet for those who value the silence, but we also recognise that not everyone processes internally.

We want to encourage additional ways of seeking a sense of God's presence which might include discussion, prayer, or walking in a group or with another, making or listening to music, making or creating something, reflection using writing or reading.

We hope that this year you will take the opportunity to join us at Foxhill and our prayer for all of you is that in 2023 you'll know for yourself God's promise spoken to his people through Jeremiah, '*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you*' **Jeremiah 29:13-14**

Each Encounter Day is lead by a guest leader and starts with tea and coffee at 9.30am, finishing at 3.30pm.

£25.00 per person - includes lunch and refreshments.

'Who do you say that I am?'

If Jesus were to ask you that question, how would you answer?

Through 2023 we will be exploring some of the pictures that Jesus used of himself in the '*I am*' sayings.

Friday 27th January: '***I am the light of the world.***' with the Revd. Peter Froggatt

I work from Church House as the Director of Outreach, having been an ordained minister on Wirral for 26 years, in three different parishes. I grew up going to church but came to a renewed faith as a student, when the reality of the life of Jesus Christ and the significance of his death and resurrection struck home. I enjoy cooking and eating, watching sport and walking up mountains. I have 22 Munro's to go!

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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?



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Pruning of Yew Trees at the Lychgate

Our Church Quinquennial report dated 30th June 2021 states that within the next 12 months we should "Consider pruning or removing the trees adjacent to the north porch and the lychgate."

The PCC have looked into this and on 31st January the yew trees on either side of the lych gate will be given a heavy cut back. This is based on advice from a horticulturist who assures us that the trees will be back to green in 2 to 3 seasons (Yew trees like a serious prune). However, for 12-18 months, they will not look pretty. Cutting back yews trees prompts the tree to produce new green shoots and the aim is to rediscover the path which has narrowed considerably over a large number of years!

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
0151 648 8169

Tuesdays 9.00am - 12.30pm

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

Free of charge




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Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

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