

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th March - Lent 2**



Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Judith Hodgson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved:

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

Sun 12th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

Sun 5th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
Mothers' Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

New Testament Reading: Romans 4:1-5,13-17

4 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

All: Glory to you, O Lord

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."¹ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



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Starting Wednesday 19th April
8.00pm at St Chad's
- in the extension.

Let Revd Jane know
if you would like to come.

Elizabeth Barton is in need of glass or shiny buttons. If anyone has any they would be willing to donate can you bring them to the office or to church. They are going to be used for a Crown for the Coronation Party.



Saturday 25th March 2023

10.00am –12.30pm

at Jean Heath's, Home

'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road

All Welcome to a

**COFFEE MORNING FOR
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

with Bring & Buy,
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MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome at St Chad's

This week - 6th March

Rt Revd Julie Conalty

Diocesan Lead Bishop for Safeguarding
"Good Samaritans and Good Shepherds"

For more details and topics for forthcoming weeks please see March magazine

WARM HUB - Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm - EVERONE WELCOME
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, CH61 3UH

The Warm Hub opened on 6 December and we recorded 13 people in attendance on that day which was an excellent response from the parish and community. The Tuesday mornings serve not only as a place to keep warm, but somewhere to have mugs of tea or coffee and biscuits and engage in conversation which varies from being topical, for example focusing on the politics of the day, to reminiscing about the shops that used to be in Irby village and the many transformations some of the shops have had over the years.



Various activities are available such as reading a newspaper or a puzzle book, but the most popular has been the small Warm Hub 'Library' and having a jigsaw on the go. All the books have been donated and the library is run on a help yourself basis without registering who borrows what or when it needs to be returned. If you haven't visited us, why not come and join us for a cuppa one day and bring a friend or neighbour with you? All are welcome.

We had the week off between Christmas and New Year and opened up again in January. We have our regulars who arrive at a time to suit themselves and who stay for as long as they wish until we close at 12.30pm. Those who attend appreciate the sense of community that the Warm Hub offers and we would love to be able to continue to keep it open beyond the end of February. We are looking for volunteers to join a rota so that the task of keeping it going is not too onerous. We already have people who have put their names forward, but if you are interested in getting involved do come along to a Tuesday morning session to find out more about it. All volunteers will have to complete DBS and safeguarding. From March the opening times are being revised to 9.30am to 12.30pm.

If you are interested in getting involved do speak to Susan and Chris Smale, Cheryl Goddard or Revd Jane.

Crochet Evening



Thursday 7.30pm 23 March
St Chads extension

Demonstration and refreshments
No experience needed

Dates for your Diary - Church Social Events

Everyone Welcome - tell your friends and neighbours
At St Chad's - unless otherwise stated

Fri 21st Apr 7.30pm - Talk - Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes

Sun 7th May - Coronation Party

Wed 10th May - Craft evening at "The Potting Shed" in Hoylake.
There will be a charge for this evening and you will need to book your place.

The PCC are keen to have one social event each month which will be open to the whole community. Could you provide a social event (with help from us) as a one off? It could be anything - a local walk, curry night, etc. Or do you know someone who could come and talk? Tell us how to brew their own beer or about their volunteering. Any ideas and offers of help, please speak to Julie DeBoorder (07599 186 892 or Jules2121Jule@gmail.com) and she will help to co-ordinate dates with the PCC.



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

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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 about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



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