

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th September - Trinity 15**



Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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
Please pray for young people leaving home for University/College or starting a working career

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for your PCC - next meeting Monday 18th Sept
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 Amanda Fletcher, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret Fordham, Tina Samson, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Jean Barzey and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Norman Mude (Beverley Appleyard's father), and the family and friends of Sheila Baron.

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 17th September **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 24th September **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
HARVEST **10.30am Communion at St Chad's**

Sun 1st October **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

New Testament Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹⁴ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

PSALM 103:8-13

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

A warm welcome
for all
at the
Warm Hub

New from September:

Guest speaker

on 4th Tuesday of the month

Talks start at 10.30a.m.

See notice on St. Chad's door for up-to-date information

All free of charge

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

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Tuesdays 9.30a.m. — 12.30p.m.

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



PLACES OF WELCOME The Warm Hub now belongs to a growing national network of Places of Welcome.

Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information



7.30pm Wednesday
29th November

Kings Church,
Victoria Fields,
Birkenhead, CH42 0PF

Tickets £6.00

An Evening with

ROB PARSONS

Reflections on the Journey

Revd Jane is going to this. You can buy your own ticket from the link below - which also details how to request a complimentary ticket if you cannot afford the £6.00:- <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/> if you don't do online and would like Revd Jane to buy you a ticket please ask. If you do buy your own ticket, please let Revd Jane know and we can then plan to car share.

An Exhibition of Icons

Fri 29th Sept - Sun 1st Oct 9am-5pm

Liverpool Parish Church, Chapel Street, Liverpool, L2 8TZ
Free Admission. All Welcome. Poster on Church Noticeboard.

More info: www.bai.org.uk/exhibition-2023

Thanks

Margaret and Family would like to extend a very heart felt thank you to everyone who attended Tony's funeral and made it such a lovely celebration of his life.

Casting the Net Wide - Diocesan Report published.

Casting the Net Wide was a 12-month process of learning and discovery, to enable us to form a vision and strategy. The report explains the process and can be seen on the diocesan website:- <https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/casting-the-net-wide--report.php>



In the old days we didn't need a tin opener to enjoy the Harvest Festival!

HARVEST FESTIVAL 24TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion at St Chads

You are invited to bring donations
(large or small):-



Monetary Gifts for The Leprosy Mission

Non perishable gifts for **Wirral Foodbank** - see below for requests of what is most needed



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

SHAMPOO

FEMALE HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE

DEODORANT

R N I B

See differently

They RDA are no longer accepting used postage stamps. However the RNIB will be happy to take them and so, please continue to bring your used stamps to either Church. RNIB do request that you leave if possible 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thanks in anticipation of your continued support. Jean Heath



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**