

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
8th October - Trinity 18**



**Collect**

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints 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  
Please pray for all who have been affected by the crash of the school bus on the M53 on 29th Sept

**For our Church:**

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike  
Please pray for those attending Warm Hub, and those doing Discipleship Explored Course  
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards  
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, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin) 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 - Funeral 13th October), Sheila Baron (Funeral 12th October) and Susan Howe (Funeral 16th October).

**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 October**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
                                 **10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chad's**

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

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

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## Old Testament Reading: Is 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

## New Testament Reading: Phil 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL READING: Matt 21:33-46**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup> 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes"?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT** made by Revd Jane on Sunday 1st October

"I am delighted to inform you that Revd Ailsa Whorton has accepted the Bishop's offer to be licensed as an associate minister in our parish. Ailsa is a full time Army Chaplain and will lead and preach and worship with us when she is home on leave. Her licensing, subject to all legal formalities being fulfilled, will be at St Bartholomew's at 7pm on Monday 18th December. Please put the date in your diaries. More details will follow in due course."

#### **Message from Ailsa:-**

I am delighted to be joining Jane and the team at Thurstaston & Irby and am looking forward to fellowship with you all.

I was ordained at Chester Cathedral in 2018, having already spent five years as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) at Holy Cross. I was priested the following year and served my curacy at St Michael's, Newton, West Kirby during which time I was approached by the British Army and asked to consider chaplaincy with them.

I felt a strong calling to this ministry and "joined up" in September 2020. It is a great privilege to serve in the military and I look forward to sharing some of my adventures with you.

I am married to Derek and have two sons, both in the Army. I am based in Norfolk, with 1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards, living on camp with my grumpy Scottish Terrier, Hamish!

You are all in my prayers and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Every blessing, Ailsa





Several people have booked. If you want to share lifts please let me know and I'll try and co-ordinate this. Revd Jane (648 1816)



THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

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Following the most interesting talk from the representative of The Leprosy Mission, we have some Leprosy Mission Catalogues in circulation selling Christmas Cards, fairly traded gifts, plus much more. Catalogues are available at every church service with an order form inside. By purchasing from the catalogue you will be supporting Leprosy Mission as one of our nominated Harvest Festival charities. If you wish to make a purchase Cheryl is collating orders. We encourage you to look through the catalogue to support Leprosy Mission. **Complete the official order form and return the catalogue for further circulation with your completed order form and cash to either Revd Jane or Cheryl. The closing date for orders is Sunday 15th October.** If your order is £60 or more you may wish to order direct as this will not incur postage, but if you wish Cheryl to add your order to the bulk purchase she will be happy to deal with it for you.



## Photography Presentation

Monday 23 October 8pm at St Chad's, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

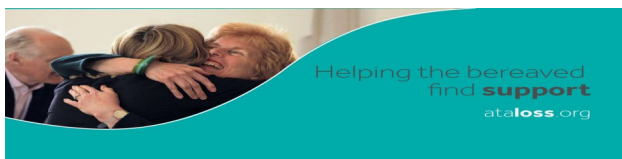
"A Year of Photography"

Local photographer, Roger Ellison returns by popular demand to talk us through some of his recent photos. He will entertain us with a wonderful evening of beautiful scenes and wildlife captured, along with some interesting tales. Plus, he shows us some unexpected and more unusual assignments that challenged his photography.

**Admission £2 which includes refreshments.**

**A selection of cards and prints will also be on sale.**

**Enquiries to Church Office Tel: 648 8169**



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Everyone's  
Responsibility**