

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
10th December - Advent 2**



Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the
world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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 Foodbanks and those who will support the Homeless this Christmas

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
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 and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Matthew (Elizabeth Barton's son), Elaine Kavanagh, Baby Isabelle Vickers, Muriel McKie and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Martyn Smith (funeral 22nd December)

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 10th December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am All Age service at St Chad's
- Sun 17th December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
 6.30pm Carol Service with Christingles at St Chad's
- Sun 24th December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am All Age Nativity at St Chad's
 11.15pm First Communion at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Is 40:1-11

40 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the
Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight",

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the
whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and
were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed
with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild
honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am
not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you
with¹ water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve**

10.30am

**All-Age Nativity
at St Chads**



You are invited (old and
young!) to come dressed
as a character from the story.



To all at st Bart's and st Chad's.
 With my love and
 prayers for a joyful
 Christmas

Wishing you a happy
 and holy Christmas

Ailsa, Derek
 and family

Email Address for
 Revd Ailsa Whorton is
 revdailsa@thurstaston.org.uk

This has been incorrectly spelt in the
 parish magazine, so please make sure
 that you use the correct version.

Forum Housing Homeless Support

Bedding and Towels are urgently needed by
 Forum housing to support the homeless this
 Christmas. If you have any good condition
 spare sleeping bags, fleece throws, blankets or
 towels please can you bring them to church by
 Sunday 10th December.
 Elizabeth Barton will then deliver them. Thank

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We need your help to
 deliver an invitation to our
 Christmas Services to
 every home in the parish.



They are at the back of
 church in street bundles. We would be
 very grateful if everyone could take a
 bundle and deliver them (ideally this
 week, but definitely before Sunday 17th
 Dec)

A warm welcome

for all

at the

Warm Hub

All free of
 charge

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
 0151 648 8169

Tuesdays 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.
 (No speaker December)

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Warm Hub Guest Speaker

Steve Jeffrey

A Life at sea!

everyone welcome for what promises to be a
 really interesting and entertaining session!



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



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 WELCOME

The Warm Hub now belongs to
 a growing national network
 of Places of Welcome

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Advanced Notice of Christmas Services

Sunday 17th Dec

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer which was published in 1662. This service uses old fashioned language and is a quiet service with no music.

10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

This service is in modern language and will include some Advent hymns.

6.30pm Carol Service with Christingles at St Chad's

We will listen to the Christmas Nativity story and sing carols. A Christingle is a decorated orange used to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas.



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We will sing some carols and retell the story of Jesus birth. You are invited to come dressed as a character from the story.

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

This will be the first communion of Christmas and will include singing some carols.



Monday 25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Barts

This service is suitable for everyone and will include singing some carols.



Christmas



Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church.

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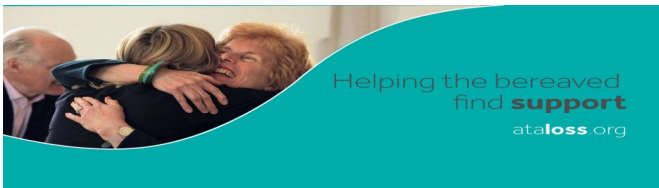
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Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Food-

SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
- DEODORANT



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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**