

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
31st December - Christmas 1**



Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of
an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
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 as we enter a New Year
For those whom this New year will start with challenges, through loneliness, abuse, separation,

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, Joyce Kenworthy 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 31st December

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads

Sun 7th January
Vision Sunday

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 14th January
Vision Sunday

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads

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Old Testament Reading: Num 6:22-27

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷ So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.



New Testament Reading: Gal 4:4-7

⁴ My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ² but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³ So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:15-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2024**

Thank You!

The total raised for the Childrens Society this year was **£943.33** .

Vision Sunday

7th Jan 9am & 10.30am at St Bart's
14th Jan 10.30am at St Chad's (All- Age)
See Separate Flyer for full details

Irby Methodist Church Covenant Service

10.30am Sunday 7th January

The congregation of Irby Methodist Church would be delighted to welcome any members of our church to join them at Irby Methodist Church for this very special annual service.

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
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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.



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



Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information

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

RNIB

RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support . Jean Heath

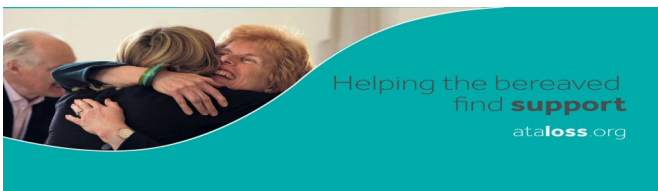
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Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

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



Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility