

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
21st January - Epiphany 3**



Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and 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 the schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for your PCC - next meeting 15th January

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Specific requests for Luke and all his family, Claire and Adam, Krysti, Ben, Shannon, Becca, Arthur, Louise)

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), Baby Isabelle Vickers, Margaret Fletcher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of Barbara Davies

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 21st January

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 28th January

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads
3.00pm Baptism of Zoe Pollock at St Bartholomew's

Sun 4th February

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

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 14:17-20

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said,

‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

maker of heaven and earth;

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

PSALM 128

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ♦
and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ♦
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.
- 3 Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine; ♦
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest ♦
who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ♦
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children, ♦
and may there be peace upon Israel.

New Testament Reading: Rev 19:6-10

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure’—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus.’ Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Ever wanted to try a Retreat and not been sure about going on your own. Some of us are going to Foxhill for this Retreat with Bishop Sam. If you'd like to come let Revd Jane know and she'll send you a booking form. If the cost is prohibitive, Foxhill have a bursary fund, you can contact them directly by emailing foxhill@chester.anglican.org

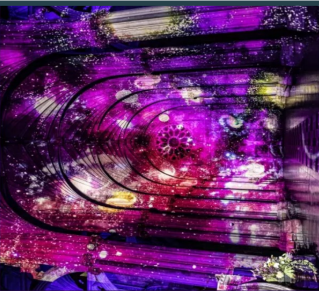
29th
November
- 1st
December
£220pp

Advent Retreat - *Longing for Light*

led by the Rt Revd. Sam Corley,
Bishop of Stockport

Ahead of all the busyness of Christmas,
a chance to step aside in order to be
renewed in hope as we reflect on how
the coming of God in Christ
is good news for all the world.

Discovery by Luxmuralis



Chester Cathedral

Wed 21st - Sat 24th Feb.

Adults £9.50

Under 16's £6.00

Book Tickets at

<https://chestercathedral.com/events/>

Revd Jane has booked a ticket for 5.45pm on Thursday 22nd February and plans to go to Pizza Express afterwards (7.00pm). You would be welcome to join her - please purchase your own ticket, and let Revd Jane know **BY SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY that you have done so indicating whether you would like to join her at Pizza Express afterwards. Revd Jane will book a table at Pizza Express for all who wish to go.**

Discovery is a spectacular immersive journey for people to walk through and explore the Cathedral in a new light. It invites you to fully immerse yourself in the artwork, and consider what humans have achieved in our place in the world. The installation will give you the opportunity to ponder our relationship with the planet Earth and beyond. Installations of sound and light art that will take you on a journey through space, see galaxies emerge above you and to explore humanities ambition to adventure beyond. Visitors have the chance to see original footage of the rocket launch, explore the creation story and the Big Bang within the sacred space, then view the final image of Earth as if looking back from space under a galaxy of stars.

Other elements of Discovery are designed to enable people to explore and contemplate the contributions of science and human understanding of the physical world around us.

The artwork will explore chemistry and biology and interpret artistically the scale of molecules cells and DNA as well as exploring the history of science and its contributions to humanity, while reflecting upon famous scientists past and present.

The architectural beauty of Chester Cathedral will be exposed and enhanced by the artwork projected throughout as you walk through the light artworks and

A warm welcome for all at the WARM HUB

Every Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm
at St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby,
CH61 3UB (Tel: 648 8169)

Free refreshments, free wifi, disabled access,
and a chance to chat with friends.

Guest Speaker on 4th Tuesday of the
month - talks start at 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd January:

Steve Jeffrey - A life at sea!

Everyone welcome for what promises to be a
really interesting and entertaining session.

ARTY PARTY

BY REBECCA LE BROCC



Friday 8pm

15 March

St Chad's Hall

Following a guided tutorial (all art supplies provided),
by the end of the night you will have created your
own acrylic painting on canvas for you to take home
as a reminder of your fantastic night.

Price is £18.00 payable on booking.
Wine, hot drinks & snacks provided.

Book via Church Office

open Tuesday to Thursday mornings
call 0151 648 8169

or email office@thurstaston.org.uk

*** Places limited book early ***

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Some of us are going to Foxhill for this Quiet Day.
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send you a booking form. The cost includes lunch. If
the cost is prohibitive, Foxhill have a bursary fund, you
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Bible Art Journalling

Saturday

18th

May

£30pp

Pam Robinson

An introduction to Bible art journaling,
suitable for absolute beginners.

Seek to draw closer to God as you work
with mixed media and messy art.
Through the day we'll think about blessings
- how God has blessed us and how we can
be a blessing to others.

No artistic ability necessary
- you can't make mistakes!

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



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**