

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
25th August - Trinity 13**



Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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 those elected to serve in local and national government.
Please pray for schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Jane
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 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, Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Baby Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Revd Ailsa Whorton (recovering at home), Leo (age 3), Dawn McKenna (Revd Gaynor's sister), Muriel McKie 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 25th August 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Sun 1st September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 8th September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age worship at St Chad's

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

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.² And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴ 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

¹⁶ Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

New Testament Reading: Eph 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil's evil tricks. ¹² Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. ¹³ That is why you need to put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing. ¹⁴ So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist and the protection of right living on your chest. ¹⁵ On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. ¹⁶ And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Accept God's salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people.

¹⁹ Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear. ²⁰ I have been sent to preach this Good News, and I am doing that now, here in prison. Pray that when I preach the Good News I will speak without fear, as I should.

Return to Use of Communion Rail - from 1st September

Following a PCC discussion in July, we have decided from 1st September to return to using the Communion Rail as we did pre-pandemic. This means that you will now come to the communion rail and stand in a line along the rail (rather than in a queue to the rail) to receive communion. You are welcome to kneel or to remain standing. Having received communion, you will then be able to take a moment of silent prayer / reflection without feeling pressurized to move across and allow the next person in. If you have joined us since Covid and are unsure, please ask for clarification.

We will continue to receive via simultaneous administration (ie priest will dip bread into wine and you receive both bread and wine together, by placing your hands open in front of you).

If you do not wish to receive, please keep your hands by your side and the priest will pray a prayer of blessing for you.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. ⁵⁷ The living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father. So whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ I am not like the bread your ancestors ate. They ate that bread and still died. I am the bread that came down from heaven, and whoever eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said all these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When the followers of Jesus heard this, many of them said, "This teaching is hard. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Knowing that his followers were complaining about this, Jesus said, "Does this teaching bother you? ⁶² Then will it also bother you to see the Son of Man going back to the place where he came from? ⁶³ It is the Spirit that gives life. The flesh doesn't give life. The words I told you are spirit, and they give life. ⁶⁴ But some of you don't believe." (Jesus knew from the beginning who did not believe and who would turn against him.) ⁶⁵ Jesus said, "That is the reason I said, 'If the Father does not bring a person to me, that one cannot come.'"

⁶⁶ After Jesus said this, many of his followers left him and stopped following him.

⁶⁷ Jesus asked the twelve followers, "Do you want to leave, too?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, who would we go to? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One from God."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Ready, Teddy, Go!
2pm to 4pm
Saturday 24th August 2024

Celebrate St *Bear*tholomew's Day



bring your teddy
and watch them
parachute off
the church spire!

Great family
fun afternoon,
children's raffle,
tea and cake,
lucky dip.



Any queries—please contact
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Summer Saturdays

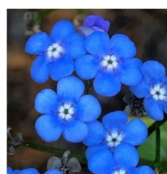
St Chad's Garden

10am – 12noon

Relax in the garden with a cuppa

Peaceful woodland walk

Safe Space and activities for
accompanied children



Everyone Welcome

3, 10, 17 and 31 August
7 September

St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

Telephone Church Office 648 8169

A warm welcome
at the
Warm Hub

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!
St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.

Tuesday 27th August

Margaret Fletcher
August Ramblings

Margaret will talk about walks and nature to be discovered locally



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



Donations of Flowers for Church

You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because you like seeing flowers in church!

Please sign up at the back of church.

The money for your donation (along with your contact details and the date that you have signed up for) should be given to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS indicating that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.

Can you please return any children's society boxes to Jean Heath for counting. They can be returned to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's or to Jean, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, CH61 2XF.



The Children's Society

making childhood better

If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time.

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

RNIB

See differently

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

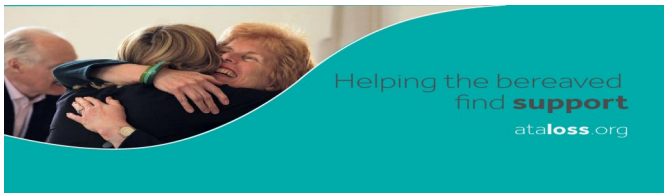
This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.



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.

Items we urgently need are:

- * Tinned Fish
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tinned Vegetables
Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn
- * UHT Milk
- * Tinned Rice Pudding
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Tomatoes
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Deodorant
- * Shampoo



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