

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
1st September - Trinity 14**



Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 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

Sun 15th September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship 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: Deut 4:1-2,6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

New Testament Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ



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
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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.



See differently

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

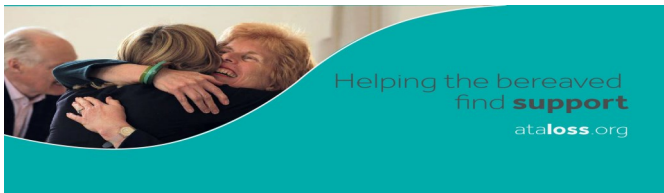
This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.



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