

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 29th September - HARVEST



Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love
in creation and have shared in the bread and the
wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that
you give us and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we enjoy;
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, Malcolm Kydd, Liz Whitehead, Eleanor Dean, Joan Stanley (friend of Tina Samson) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Memorial service and Burial of ashes of Jean Bentham (10am Sat 12th Oct at St Bartholomew's)

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 29th September 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
HARVEST 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 6th October 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 13th October 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: Joel 2:21-27

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

This is no trick! You're in for a treat!
Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

PUMPKIN PARTY

St Chad's Church
Thursday 31st October 2024

6.00-7.30pm

FAMILY FUN,
PUMPKIN CRAFTS,
TREATS
and a CAMPFIRE



FREE - but you must book your place.

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.

Please phone 648 8169
or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk
by Fri. 20th October to let us know you are coming.

No witches, wizards, ghouls or
other scary costumes - Thank You!

Christmas Make

Friday 18th

October

8 pm St Chad's



An evening making Christmas Table
Decorations to sell at the Christmas Bazaar.

All you need provided, but if you have any
spare small artificial flowers or holly,
please bring along.

Any queries contact Julie DeBoorder

Junior Church

Dawn Rudd has been working with our pre-school Junior Church group for the whole time I have been the Rector (16½ years) and was working with them before I arrived and has decided that she will retire from this role at the end of 2024.

We do not want to see Junior Church close and have written to all church families (past and present) to see if anyone would be willing to step into Dawn's shoes. We are aiming to build a team of people who can work together with the children we currently have, and hopefully in due course as the children grow to begin a group for primary-aged children as well as pre-school children. Revd Jane would also love to hear from anyone in the wider church family who has even the tiniest thought that they would like to be involved in supporting the next generation of our church through this invaluable work. The bigger the team the better. Anyone working with children will need to undertake church safeguarding training (online module) and have a DBS check.

There are plenty of resources available (both in online and paper form - so you would not need to design the sessions from a blank piece of paper). Each session usually involves reading a simple Bible story, playing a game and doing a craft. You will always work in pairs, so always a joint effort and not one person's sole responsibility. Please, do not be put off if you like crafts but not reading or vice versa, this can be worked out with the other person.

Dawn says, "It can be very rewarding teaching the children, watching the children grow and develop at the start of their Christian journey."

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 22nd October

Pauline Mitchell

"My African Safaris"

*Pauline will be talking about her time
living and working in several different
African Countries*



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



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



Sat 26th Oct 2024

10am -12.30pm

at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



All Welcome to a
COFFEE MORNING

FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

with Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Craft Stall, Raffle



Guide Dogs Christmas Catalogues are available in church for you to order Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper, Small gifts etc. Speak to Cheryl for more information.



Donations of Flowers for Church: You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! Please sign up at the back of church.

Money for your donation (with your contact details and the date for your flowers) 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.



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

R N I B

See differently

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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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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.

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**