

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 13th October - Trinity 20



Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land
of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
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, Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Leo (age 3), Dawn McKenna (Revd Gaynor's sister), Muriel McKie, Liz Whitehead, Joan Stanley (friend of Tina Samson) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

Sunday 3rd Nov. 6.30pm at St Chad's.

Letters with more details are available at the back of church. If you know someone who has been bereaved in the last year (or so) please do take a letter and pass it on to them.



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 13th October 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chad's

Sun 20th October 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 27th October 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's

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New Testament Reading: Acts 16:16-40

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out."

³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. ³⁹ They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.



Open Afternoons

Parents who would like their child to join Dawpool Foundation 1 (Pre-school) or Foundation 2 (Reception) class in September 2025 are invited to attend one of our open afternoons in November. Please contact the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.



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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:36-50

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii,^[a] and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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."

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!

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



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

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

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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

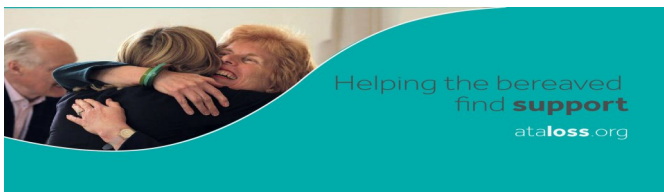
This QR code can be used with
mobile phones to make donations to
Church using a debit or credit card.



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



Helping the bereaved
find support
ataloss.org

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**