

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd November - 4th Sunday before Advent**



Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
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 especially Taylor; Dave; Charlie; Kathleen; C Squadron in Poland; Krysti and Elijah; Ben
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, John Reynolds, Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Muriel McKie, Liz Whitehead, Joan Stanley (friend of Tina Samson), June Bibby and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

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 3rd November 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Sun 10th November 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Remembrance 10.15am Traditional Service at St Barts
Sunday 10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11.05am All-Age Service at St Barts

Sun 17th November 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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

Old Testament Reading: Deut 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

A BOOK FOR ADVENT

"Do Not be afraid" by Rachel Mann

ISBN:978-0-281-09001-3

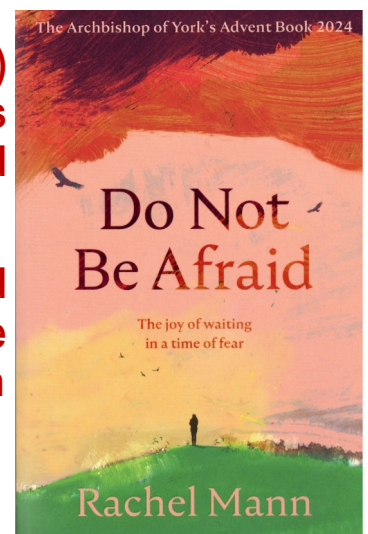
Daily Readings from Advent Sunday (this year 1st December) until Christmas day. Why not treat yourself to a few minutes space each day in the busyness of December to stop and reflect?

If anyone would like the opportunity to discuss the book and hear reflections from others as they read it too, you would be welcome to join us at St Chad's on Wednesday's 7.30-9.00pm

4th Dec - to look at days 1-4

11th Dec - to look at days 5-11

18th Dec - to look at days 12-18



You should be able to purchase the book from any good bookshop - online or physical

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' ³² Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; ³³ and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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."

The Christmas Bazaar

this year is on

Saturday 16 November

1.00 - 3.30pm.

It is planned to have trade and charity stalls selling all sorts of Christmas goodies and gifts, a grotto, children's stalls, cakes, refreshments, raffle and Handmade craft stall (knitted goods and table decorations).

Please collect any children's soft toys and raffle prizes and drop off inside St Chad's outside the church office.

If you can help set up/clear away or can help on a stall please let me know your name and contact details

Thanks ,

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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 26th November

Jill and Peter Nicholson

"History of Gordale"

*Jill and Peter the owners of Gordale
will be talking about the history of the
Garden Centre*



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



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.

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.



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



THANK YOU to all who have set up regular donations with PGS.

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



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



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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**