

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th November - Second Sunday before Advent**



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 victims and survivors of abuse and Safeguarding teams across the Diocese
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, John Reynolds, Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Muriel McKie, Joan Stanley (friend of Tina Samson), June Bibby, Teddy David Boote (age 4, Great Nephew of Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Evelyn Jones (funeral at St Barts on Friday 22nd Nov 10.30am), Pat Hulme (funeral on Fri 22nd Nov 1.15pm Parkgate & Neston URC) and David Gartlon (nephew of Mollie Rogers)

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

**Sun 24th November 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church**

**Sun 1st Dec 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

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Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

New Testament Reading: Heb 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, ¹³ and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁵ *And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,*

¹⁶ *‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,*

¹⁷ *he also adds,*

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

¹⁸ *Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A BOOK FOR ADVENT

“Do Not be afraid” by Rachel Mann

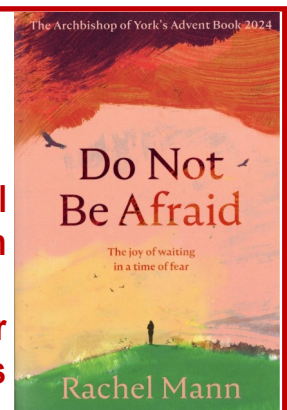
ISBN:978-0-281-09001-3

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 13:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Thank you to those who ordered items from the Guide Dog Christmas catalogue. I was able to place an order plus donations for £336.00. Thank you for your support. Cheryl

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."

**Would you like to do one of the readings
at the Carol Service
on Sunday 22nd December
(6.00pm Barts)**

**ANYONE IS
WELCOME TO LET
REVD JANE KNOW
IF THIS IS
SOMETHING YOU
WOULD BE WILLING
TO HELP WITH.**



CHURCH ROTAS

We have just produced the rotas for Dec 24 until the end of Feb 2025. We would love to encourage new people to join the rotas during 2025. If you would like to shadow someone to learn what's involved, please speak to Revd Jane.

Become a sidesperson/welcomer, join the coffee team, do a Bible reading, lead the prayers, become a sacristan (preparing communion table before services), become a server (helping with communion), join the flower team, help with Junior Church.

**Your Church NEEDS YOU
and would love to encourage you in
stepping out in faith to take on a new role.**

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



**ADVANCED NOTICE OF
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sun 22nd December

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's
WITH NATIVITY AND JUNIOR CHURCH

6.00pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's

Tuesday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St Bartholomew's

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

at St Bartholomew's

Wednesday 25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Chad's

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



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. You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

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 **R N I B** 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

Thank You



The Children's Society

making childhood better

The coffee morning held at Jean's on 26th October raised £712.20 for the children's society, thank you to all those who came and supported the event.



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**