

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
8th December - Second Sunday of Advent**



Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the
world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and
purity of his first coming that, when he comes
again, we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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 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), Teddy David Boote (age 4, Great Nephew of Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy), June Bibby, Elizabeth Hall and Baby Erin (granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Margaret and Roy Fordham), Leslie Worrall, Dot Turner and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For wedding couple: James Leyland and Laura Mc Cabe

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 8th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Worship at St Chad's

Sun 15th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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

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Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament Reading: Phil 1 3:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, **4** constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, **5** because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. **9** And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight **10** to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, **11** having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

All: Glory to you, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

THANK YOU from Dawpool WI

to all who helped with knitted / crocheted Poppies for the Village display. You are invited to free Mince Pies and tea/coffee in the Village Hall on 18th December at 1.30pm.

Can you Help ?

If anyone can spare some time on **Friday 13th December at 1.30pm** to help cleaning St Barts for Christmas it would be very much appreciated.

Thankyou



The Poppy Appeal raised £43.21 , contributing to a district total of £29293.75.

Chester Diocese Mission Team invite you to join with them in prayer during Advent:

“Advent, the season of waiting and preparation, is the perfect time for us all to pray looking out of the window; searching to see where God is already at work, and discerning how we can join in. In everything we do, we want the Father to be directing our path So, ask Him to show us the people we can bless and help encounter the good news of Jesus Christ, and invite the Spirit to equip and encourage us to take those first steps.”

Advent Window Prayer

As I look out of my window on the world you created today

Give me eyes to see who you want me to see

Open my ears to hear your voice and help me to listen to your Word

Show me where your hands are already at work

Move my feet so that I am in the place where you want me to be

So I can bump into the people you want me to meet

Put on my heart the people on your heart

And help me to think like Jesus.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit today, so that I can play my small part in your great big plan.

Amen

table talk

TABLE TALK FOR CHRISTMAS

All Welcome

11.30am - 12.30pm at St Chad's

Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th Dec

Table Talk provides an opportunity to take part in meaningful conversations about the things that really matter. Gather around a table to talk, laugh, be understood and get to know another's point of view.

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.



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

CHURCH ROTAS

We have recently 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 at 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

There are a range of activities including,
Quizzes, games, jigsaws, crosswords etc

December 3rd : Festive Activities

December 10th: Christmas Decorations

December 17th: Carols followed by
Buffet Lunch

The warm hub will be closed on
December 24th & 31st



The Warm Hub
belongs to a
growing na-
tional network
of



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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

It is becoming increasingly important that

- we reduce the amount of cash and cheques that we handle
- and increase the number of donations made through PGS, standing orders, or using electronic payment devices, etc.

The reason being that the PCC is being charged to bank cash and cheques over a certain limit each month, and we have reached that limit a few times in the last year.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider your donations to church and for all financial support that is received.

Your donations enable us to work towards our vision of serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby.

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 **RNIB** bring your used stamps to _____ Church.

See differently

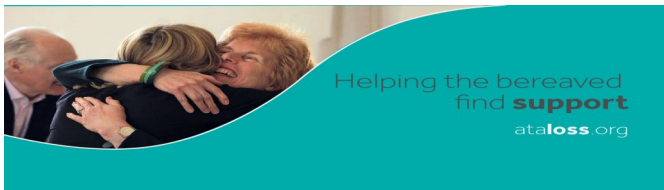
RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



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**