

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
12th January - Baptism of Christ - Epiphany 1**



**Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
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 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 Paul Checkland (Leslie Worrall's cousin), Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd Gaynor), Dawn (sister of Revd Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Jane Fellowes (Dot Turners daughter) , June Bibby, David Alan Jones (Dot Turners brother) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For wedding couple:** James Leyland and Laura Mc Cabe, Lewis Tierney and Laura Gois

**For the bereaved:** Family and Friends of Linda Sheldon

**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 12th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am All Age Service at St Chads**

**Sun 19th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts**

**Sun 12th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads**

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## Old Testament Reading:

### Is 43:1-7

<sup>43</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with  
you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be  
burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

## New Testament Reading: Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17,21-22

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

*The flower team would like to thank everybody for the generous donations towards the flowers for Christmas.*



## LOVE MATTERS

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays

7.30-9.00pm in St Chad's Extension

Let Revd Jane know if you plan to come and she will let you have a copy of the booklet.

Wed 8th January

Think Family

Wed 15th January

Think Loving Relationships

Wed 22nd January

Think Singleness

Wed 29th January

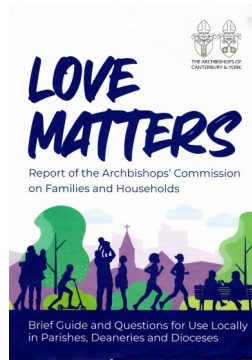
Think Children and Young People

Wed 5th February

Think Forgiveness and Kindness

Wed 12th February

Think Diversity



## CHURCH ROTAS

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.

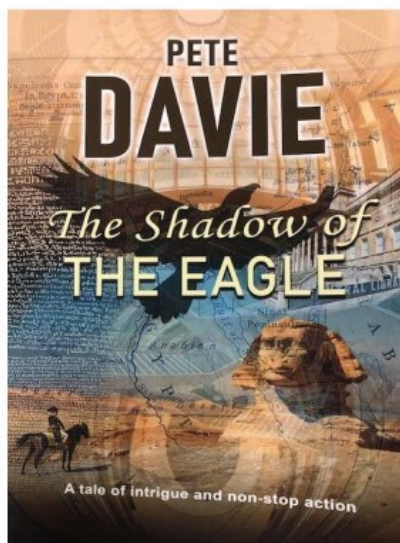
**Your Church NEEDS YOU  
and would love to encourage  
you in stepping out in faith to  
take on a new role.**

## Meet Local Author

**Pete Davie**

Hear about his fascinating book, a tale of intrigue, moving from past to present covering the

**Napoleonic Wars, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Liverpool & Modern Day Liverpool**



**16th January 7pm**

St Chad's Hall, Roslin Rd CH61 3UH

## WONDERFUL NEWS!

**TESCO**

IS SUPPORTING  
THE WARM HUB

If you shop in Tesco, please use the blue token to vote for us! We are described in the as **Thurstaston PCC Warm Hub, Irby**

Participating stores:  
**Heswall Superstore**  
**Pensby Express**

Neston Express  
Eastham Rake Express  
Little Sutton Express  
Rossmore Road Little Sutton Express  
Ellesmere Port Sutton Way Express



**vote** for us lots of times!

mid-January until  
the end of March.

# A warm welcome at the Warm Hub

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

\*\*\* Returns 7th January \*\*\*

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 28th January 2025**

*Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy*

*"Our Norwegian Family"*

*Elizabeth and Joyce will be sharing an account of their Norwegian Adventures, when visiting family*



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



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

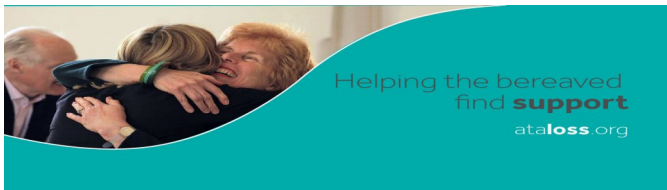
RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



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



### 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**