

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
19th January - Epiphany 2**



**Collect**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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 (25th Jan), Lewis Tierney and Laura Gois (27th Feb)

**For the bereaved:** Family and Friends of Beryl Smith (Funeral Tues 21st Jan), Linda Sheldon (Funeral Mon 10th Feb)

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

**Sun 26th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads**

**Sun 2nd February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

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## **Old Testament Reading:**

### **Is 62:1-5**

<sup>62</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed  
Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

## **New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 12:1-11**

<sup>12</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## PSALM 36:5-10

- 1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart; ♦  
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
- 2 They flatter themselves in their own eyes ♦  
that their abominable sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit; ♦  
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.
- 4 They think out mischief upon their beds  
and have set themselves in no good way; ♦  
nor do they abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

## 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.

## 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.**

## NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years, every Church of England parish is required to create a new electoral roll, and this year (2025) is the year in which that happens.

There are letters at the back of church which explain this further. **Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.**

The electoral roll is a register of people who are able to elect other people in the church, a bit like being on the civic electoral roll allows you to vote in local and Parliamentary elections. Being on the church electoral roll means that

- you can vote on any relevant issues at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM)
- you can help to shape the local mission and ministry by standing as or electing others to be the officers necessary for running the parish e.g. Church Wardens, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer, PCC members and deanery synod representatives.
- you can take part in the life of the wider Church of England, at, deanery, diocese and even national levels, if you're interested in that.

If you are eligible, please do join the new electoral roll as a way of confirming your commitment to our church community and to our vision of "serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby".

# 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**