

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
26th January - Epiphany 3**



Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 McKenna (sister of Revd Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Jane Fellowes (Dot Turners daughter), June Bibby, David Alan Jones (Dot Turners brother), Judith Hodgson, Beryl Goodall 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 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 26th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads with Junior Church

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

Sun 26th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads

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Old Testament Reading: Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

8¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

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. **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 2nd March 2025.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Threads through the Bible Parish Outing - 17 February at Liverpool Cathedral

Revd Jane is going to book a table in the Welsford Bistro (café in the cathedral) for 12.30pm and then visit this exhibition after lunch. (The exhibition is free and no need to book). **Anyone who would like to join Revd Jane for lunch will need to let her know by Friday 7th February.**

Full details of the exhibition and dates can be seen here:-
<https://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/threads-through-the-bible/>

Engage and immerse yourself in the biblical story like never before with the spectacular silk works of textile artist Jacqui Parkinson.

Threads through the Bible is a breathtaking culmination of ten years' dedication and passion, showcasing three extraordinary exhibitions: Threads through Creation, Threads through the Cross, and Threads through Revelation. Across a stunning display of 38 silk panels, stretching 80 meters and featuring over 25 million intricate stitches, this exhibit is a visual storytelling masterpiece.

Previously, Threads through Revelation captivated audiences at cathedrals across the UK from 2016 to 2018, as did Threads through Creation from 2021 to 2024. Now, Liverpool Cathedral proudly brings these works together to tell the overarching story of the Bible—from the "all is initially good" of Genesis, through the life and sacrifice of Jesus, to the "all is good again" of Revelation. This unique and celebratory exhibition offers a transformative encounter with one of the world's greatest stories. Join us for this powerful and moving display of faith, art, and storytelling. Don't miss your chance to witness this exceptional journey through the Bible's narrative in silk artistry.



Any families wishing to come may like to book their child(ren) into the workshop at 2.00pm. This arts and crafts session is Free but you must book:-<https://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events/half-term-family-activities/2025-02-17/31>

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



PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

Thursday 6 Feb 8pm



ROGER
ELLISON

LITTLE eye
PHOTOGRAPHY

Landscape scenes and wildlife from my
travels, some unusual and unexpected...!

Admission £2 which includes refreshments

Cards and prints will also be on sale

St Chad's Church Hall, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

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.

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

next Tesco shop
with your blue token

vote for us lots of times!

mid-January until
the end of March.

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



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

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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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**