

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd February - Candlemas**



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond
words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
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), Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Betty Michael (Liz Whitehead's mother), Brenda Wilson, Isobel Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For wedding couple: Lewis Tierney and Laura Gois(27th Feb)

For the bereaved: Family and Friends of Linda Sheldon (Funeral Mon 10th Feb), Family and Friends of Judith Hodgson

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

**Sun 9th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads**

**Sun 16th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts**

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

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.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

New Testament Reading: Heb 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters^[a] in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Threads through the Bible Parish Outing

17 Feb 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/>

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/2025-02-17/3/>

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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.**

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 25th February 2025

Helen Parkinson
"Nursing in a War Zone"

(Helen is also a bee keeper and will be selling
honey and bee products)



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



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

WONDERFUL NEWS! TESCO IS SUPPORTING US.

If you shop in Tesco (Heswall, Pensby and a few others), please use the blue token to vote for us:-

Thurstaston PCC Warm Hub, Irby
vote for us lots of times! mid-January
until the end of March.



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



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**