

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
23rd February - Second before Lent**



Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church: may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth be transformed by the
glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the
delights of eternity;
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 McKenna (sister of Revd Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Jane Fellowes (Dot Turners daughter), June Bibby, Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Betty Michael (Liz Whitehead's mother), Brenda Wilson, Brenda Halifax, Phil Hales 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 Judith Hodgson (Service of Thanksgiving - 2.00pm Friday 28th Feb 2025 at Christchurch Port Sunlight)

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 23rd February **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chads

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

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

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Old Testament Reading: Gen 2:4b-9,15-25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, ⁸ and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man ²¹ there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

New Testament Reading: Rev 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and
power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and
were created.'

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:22-25

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

LIVING HOPE



Lent Groups

11.30am-12.30pm
St Chad's Main Hall

OR

7.30-9.00pm
St Chad's Extension

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to join one of these groups and she will give you the booklet that we will be using. The booklet offers daily Bible Readings, pictures, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help you grow in hope and faith during Lent.

Wed 5th March - Start of Lent: What is hope?

Exploring what hope means in the context of the Christian faith.

Wed 12th March - Week 1: Imperfect

Exploring how we hold on to hope in lives that are messy and a world that is imperfect.

Wed 19th March - Week 2: Together

Exploring the ways joining with others allows us to find hope ourselves and offer hope to those who need it.

Wed 26th March - Week 3: Trusting

Exploring what it means to trust in the hope God promises, even when we feel uncertain about the future.

Wed 2nd April - Week 4: Noticing

Exploring how we can deepen our hope by noticing signs of what God is doing.

Wed 9th April - Week 5: Courage

Exploring how being rooted in hope can give us courage to face difficulties and seek change.

Wed 16th April - Holy Week:

Transformed

Exploring how God can transform even the most broken situations.

RDA



It's what you **can** do
that counts

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT

BRING & BUY

REFRESHMENTS



Friday 21 March

7.30pm St Chad's hall

ALL PROCEEDS TO RDA

St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

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
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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



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

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**