

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 16th March - Lent 2



Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended
from all adversities which may happen to the
body, and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
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, and especially Charlie and Alfie
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, Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Brenda Halifax, Phil Hales, John Reynolds, David Peat (Archies brother), Margaret Fordham and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Clara (23rd March), Rosalie (25th May)

For wedding couple: Lynne Gamet and Eddie Fewtrell (Wedding Sat 12th April)

For the bereaved: Families and friends of June Bibby (Funeral 1.30pm Thurs 20th Mar at St Barts), Fr Mark Turner (Funeral Frid 21st Mar - Hooton), Betty Rimmer (Funeral Fri 21st Mar - Kendal), Brenda Wilson (Funeral 10.00am Fri 31st March at Landican)

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 16th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 23rd March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chads
6.00pm APCM at St Chads

Sun 30th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Mothers' Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Gen 15:1-12, 17-18

¹⁵ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸ But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹ He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

New Testament Reading: Phil 3:17 –4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

All: Praise to you, O Christ

PSALM 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? ♦
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my
foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, ♦
they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, ♦
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek: ♦
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he
hide me
and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head ♦
above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness; ♦
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ♦
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ♦
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 11 Hide not your face from me, ♦
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; ♦
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of
my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake
me, ♦
the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; ♦
lead me on a level path,
because of those who lie in wait for me.
- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adver-
saries, ♦
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and those who breathe out violence.
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the
Lord ♦
in the land of the living.
- 17 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall comfort your
heart; ♦
wait patiently for the Lord.

RDA

Riding for the Disabled Association



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



SPRING AHEAD

Don't be late for church on
Mothering Sunday (30th March)
Remember to put your clocks forward
the night before!

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 March 2025

Ken Pye
"Wirral Anecdotes"



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



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24 hr Helpline
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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**