

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 23th March - Lent 3



## Collect

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the  
only God;  
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, especially Charlie and Alfie and  
for a squadron soon to be deployed.  
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, Muriel McKie 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 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 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**  
**Mothing Sunday**

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

**Sun 6th April**

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

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

## Old Testament Reading: Is 55:1-9

**55** Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which  
is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not  
know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run  
to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One  
of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have  
mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1 –13

**10** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

All: Glory to you, O Lord

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Ending hunger  
together

## Give in Lent

### Help support your food bank this Lent

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

#### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

#### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee/tea
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Soup/Cup-A-Soup
- Biscuits
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Tinned potatoes

### Mothering Sunday

If anyone has greenery for the Mothering Sunday posies, could you please leave it at St. Chads before Saturday 29th March.



SPRING  
AHEAD

Don't be late for church on  
Mothering Sunday (30th March)

Remember to put  
your clocks forward  
the night before!

0151 638 7090

[www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1167967)



# 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



## 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**