

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

11th January - Epiphany 1 - The Baptism of Christ



Collect

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born
again in him, so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
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.

For our Church:

Please pray for Rt Revd Sarah Mullally - Archbishop of Canterbury designate

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie & Sam, Archdeacons Mike & Jane

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and The Army Foundation College, Harrogate

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), Phil Hales, John Reynolds, Robin Blythe, June Dean, Joyce Dennison, Muriel McKie, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Isabelle Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Archer (January)

For the bereaved: Family and friends of Sally Felix (Funeral at Holy Cross Church Woodchurch Wednesday 14th January at 10.15am)

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

Sunday 11th Jan **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am All Age Worship at St Chad's

Sunday 18th Jan **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am 10.30 am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 25th Jan **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

New Testament Reading:**Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING: Matt 3:13-17**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Rev'd Jane's sister Lynne and her Brownies are raising funds for The North West Air Ambulance. If you would like to support this there are some copies of the Quiz sheet at the back of church. There is a £1.00 entry fee - 100% of which will be given to North West Air Ambulance.



Could you help with making Gift Aid Claims on behalf of the Church Council

Please see Page 5 of the December edition of Crosstalk for more details.

Could you volunteer to be a Foundation Governor at Dawpool Primary School

Please see the letter from Mrs Helen Griffiths, Headteacher, on Page 11 of the December edition of Crosstalk.

Could you volunteer to be a Sacristan/Server to be a Sidesperson to be on the Readings Rota to be on the Prayer Rota to be on the Coffee Rota

We would love to encourage more people to step out in faith and offer themselves to serve our church community.

Training and support available for all roles. For more information, please chat with Revd Jane or anyone who already does one of these roles.

COME AND HAVE FUN

**Friday 23rd January 2026
7.00-9.30pm**

**St Chad's Church,
Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UH**



Everyone Welcome. Tea and Coffee will be available. Games to include: Azul, Kingdominoes, 6 Nimmt, Scrabble or bring your favourite with you. There will be people on hand to help you discover new games or enjoy traditional ones.

Social and Outreach Committee are asking, what would you like to do this year?

Let us know any ideas you have for a social event that we can organise, maybe

Walk to Hilbre or Royden Park or do you know or can lead a local walk?



Acrylic paint Arty Party? Or something else art or craft, would you like a visit to the Potting Shed to paint pottery?

A Crewed Day Trip on a specialized narrowboat?



Easter lunch? Afternoon tea? Hotpot supper?

A visit to a garden, maybe Bodnant Gardens or Bridgewater Gardens?



Board Games night/afternoon?



Led reflective quiet Day?

Do you know anyone who could give a talk about their charity or their career?

Let any of us know.....

Beverly Appleyard, Elizabeth Barton, Jayne Oliver,

Julie DeBoorder, Pat Neil, Sally Jackson, or email/phone office, office@thurstaston.org.uk, 0151 648 8169

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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**The first session of 2026 will be
on
Tuesday 6th January**

**Guest Speaker
27th January 2026
RSPB Burton**



Member of Places of Welcome

Member of Warm welcome Spaces



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. **RNIB** request that, if possible, See differently you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



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24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247
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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

SUPPORTING ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST CHAD'S CHURCHES

Donations to the churches are essential for us to maintain the buildings and contents, and continue our mission in Irby and Thurstaston.

One off donations can be made by putting cash on the plate, or by using this QR code with your mobile phone to access The Parish Giving Scheme.



We also welcome new regular givers through the same QR Code. You can make monthly donations which are backed by the direct debit guarantee and can be inflation linked if you so wish.

If you prefer to set up your donations using a paper form or via the website, please ask the minister or the sidespeople, who will be able to give you a pack containing all the information you need including "Frequently Asked Questions".



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 Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED FRUIT
JAM
SHAMPOO
FEMALE HYGIENE
TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
DEODORANT

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**