

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

18th January - Epiphany 2



Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of 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.

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 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:

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 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

Sunday 1st Feb **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God.'
5 And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
6 he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
7 Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm 40 1:12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; ♦
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,
 out of the mire and clay; ♦
 he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God; ♦
 many shall see and fear
 and put their trust in the Lord.
4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ♦
 who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
 How great your designs for us! ♦
 There is none that can be compared with you.
6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦
 they would be more than I am able to express.
7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦
 but my ears you have opened;
8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; ♦
 then said I: 'Lo, I come.
9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
 that I should do your will, O my God; ♦
 I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; ♦
 behold, I did not restrain my lips,
 and that, O Lord, you know.
11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; ♦
 I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
 from the great congregation.
12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; ♦
 let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

All: Glory to you O Lord

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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
to help with Junior Church**

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.

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

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

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.

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**



**PLACES OF
WELCOME**

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 **R N I B** bring your used stamps to Church. **RNIB** request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone

24 hr Helpline

0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



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 Thurstanston.

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**