

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad**  
**Thurstaston and Irby**  
**15th March - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday**



<p><b>Collect</b>          God of love,          passionate and strong,          tender and careful:          watch over us and hold us          all the days of our life;          through Jesus Christ our Lord.          Amen</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b>          Loving God,          as a mother feeds her children at the breast          you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink          of eternal life:          help us who have tasted your goodness          to grow in grace within the household of faith;          through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
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**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 victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.

Please pray for Archbishops Sarah and Stephen, 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, Joyce Dennison, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Isabelle Vickers, Joeseph Dacosta, Jenny Tougher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For baptism families:** Hettie Davies (26th April)

**For Wedding Couples:** Annabelle and Mark (21st Mar), Abbie and Oli (2nd May), Sam and Jo (29th Aug)

**For the bereaved:** Families and friends of June Dean (Funeral at St Bartholomew's 1.30pm Thurs 19th March), Will Leising (Funeral at St Bartholomew's 12noon Thurs 26th March), Frances McAloon (Mother of Tracy, cleaner at St Chads) and Bennett Appleyard (Funeral at Landican 1.00pm Mon 30th March)

**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 15th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Mothering Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**

**Sunday 22nd Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chad's**

**Sunday 29th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Palm Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's**

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

## **New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 19:25b-27**

### **All: Glory to you O Lord**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Messy Easter at St Chad's 10-11am on  
Good Friday (3rd April)**



**Crafts for children and their families,  
and an Easter Egg Hunt.**

All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

**FREE - but you will need to book a place  
so we have enough crafts and treats to go around.**

**To book your place, email [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)  
We will send a booking form - this must be returned by 22nd Mar.**

**If you are already registered with Junior Church (from Sept 2025), then  
just email Revd Jane with the names of the children who will be  
attending and the name(s) of the adult(s) will be accompanying them.**

# THE SAMARITANS

...Listening Without  
Judgement

Hear all about the work of  
The Samaritans first hand

7.30 pm Fri 20 March

St Chad's hall, Roslin Rd CH61 3UH

Tel: 0151 648 1816 email: [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

## Future Events

\*Thursday 16th April Bodnant Gardens and  
Betws-y-coed

[timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8428-bodnant-gardens-and-betws-y-coed](http://timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8428-bodnant-gardens-and-betws-y-coed)

\*Saturday 25th April Harrogate Spring Flower  
Show

[timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8358-harrogate-flower-show](http://timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8358-harrogate-flower-show)

\* These are both day trips with "Timewells" to  
book your place call 0151 526 3209 or  
[www.timewells.co.uk](http://www.timewells.co.uk), if you book can you let Julie  
DeBoorder know and she can maybe help with  
lifts to Hamilton Square

Thank you to everyone who supported 9<sup>th</sup>  
Birkenhead North Brownies to raise money  
for the Northwest Air Ambulance by  
purchasing the Quiz. I hope you enjoyed  
yourselves and maybe even learnt something  
about them. The total raised was £217.52  
and the quiz won by a teacher of one of the  
Brownies. From Lynne Turner

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, came to the UK as a refugee from Iran in 1980 after her brother was murdered during the revolution in which the current regime came to power.



## A PRAYER FOR IRAN

BY THE RT REVD DR GULI FRANCIS-DEHQANI,  
BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Ever loving God,  
who hears us in our anguish and distress,  
and longs for us to be free.  
We pray for the people of Iran  
and the wider Middle East,  
at this time of fear and uncertainty.  
Be near to those who are anxious;  
bring comfort to all who are suffering.  
Guide those with the power to make decisions,  
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,  
compassion and moderation:  
that people of good will would seek  
harmony and reconciliation.  
Join us with our Christian brothers  
and sisters in all places,  
in praying for peace with justice,  
through him who is the prince of peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 2nd April

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Communion at St Chad's

Friday 3rd April

**GOOD FRIDAY**

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bart's

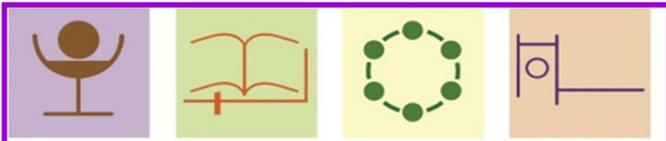
Sunday 5th April

**EASTER DAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's

10.30am Communion at St Bart's

*To celebrate Cheryl's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday she is inviting you to drop in for tea and cake at St Chad's on Thursday 16 April between 2pm and 4pm. The greatest gift for Cheryl on the day will be your presence, but if you would like to give something further she is asking for donations towards a Home Communion set for the parish.*



## 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".

**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, 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**

# 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

**There are a range of activities including quizzes, Games, jigsaws, Crosswords etc**

**Guest Speaker  
24th March 2026  
Riding for the Disabled**

**All free of charge**

**PLACES OF WELCOME** Member of Places of Welcome  
 Member of Warm welcome Spaces

## GIVE IN LENT

Wirral Foodbank  
Together with Trussell

### HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD THIS LENT

In the 6 weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local people and families facing hardship.

The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations we're receiving. Please donate an item or two from our shopping list, if you can.

#### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Meat
- Toothbrushes
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Shampoo
- Sanitary Towels



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Bring to St Chads and Kate will drop off at the foodbank  
 Registered Charity in England & Wales: 116796

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**