

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

29th March - Palm Sunday



Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you, that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
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 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, Joseph Dacosta, Jenny Tougher, David Butler (Kate's Husband) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Hettie Davies (26th April)

For Wedding Couples: Abbie and Oli (2nd May), Sam and Jo (29th Aug)

For the bereaved: Families and friends of 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 29th Mar 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

Palm Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April 7.00pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

Friday 3rd April 10.00-11.00 Messy Easter at St Chad's - you need to book your place

Good Friday 2pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 5th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

Easter Day 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 12th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Morning Worship at St Chad's

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Old Testament Reading:**Psalm 118:19-24**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament Reading: Phil 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING: Matt 21:1-11**All: Glory to you O Lord**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Holy Week Services

Never been to a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Service? Here's what to expect. Come and experience the powerful services.

Maundy Thursday
7pm at St Chad's

In this service

- we re-enact Jesus washing the disciples feet (optional participation, but very powerful, remember to wear appropriate footwear which can easily be removed)
- we recall Jesus last supper (as we share communion).
- At the end of the service, we strip the sanctuary back to the bare basics in readiness for the sorrow of Good Friday.
- We leave church in silence.

There will be hymns and opportunities to reflect on the Bible readings using some striking pictures by Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa.

Good Friday
2pm at St Bartholomew's

- In this service we recall Jesus death on the cross. There will be
- Hymns and Bible Readings
 - Short times of reflective silence and prayer based on some striking pictures by Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa.
 - We leave the church in silence.

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus as the Humble King riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Easter Day celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, which is central to our Christian Faith.

The events of Holy week are challenging, but please don't avoid them. They heighten our emotions and lead to greater celebration on Easter Day!

Samaritans Talk - Fri 20th March - Thank You

Many thanks to those who supported this event and made donations on the night. Thank you also to those who made further donations at the 10.30am service on Sunday 22nd March. £221.00 was the total donated which will be sent to the Samaritans.

Future Events

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

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

To celebrate Cheryl's 70th 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, See differently you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



Helping the bereaved find support
ataloss.org

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
22nd April 2026

Mike Roberts — Ness Gardens



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Member of Warm welcome Spaces



GIVE IN LENT



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: 1167967

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