

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

5th April - Easter Day



Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten
Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
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.

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, David Butler (Kate's Husband), Margaret Fordham 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)

Reverend Gaynor Clare Kydd is to be Assistant Curate-in-Training of the parish of St Hilary, Wallasey in the Deanery of Wallasey. Gaynor was previously Assistant Curate-in-Training in the parish of Thurstaston in the Deanery of Wirral North. Gaynor will be licensed at a service at St Hilary, Wallasey on Wednesday, 22 April 2026 at 7pm.

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 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

Sunday 19th April **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

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

First New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You 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: ³⁸ how 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not 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.'

Second New Testament Reading: Col 3:1-4

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:11-18**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Easter Blessings to You

THREADS THROUGH THE BIBLE AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL May 8th - June 28th 2026

Experience a breathtaking journey through the story of creation, redemption and revelation in this remarkable textile exhibition. Featuring three monumental sequences - Threads through Creation, Threads through the Cross and Threads through Revelation - by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson.

Ten years in the making and composed of more than 25 million stitches across 44 panels, this extraordinary display celebrates both artistic devotion with the timeless message of the Bible.

This is one of the largest textile artworks ever created by a single artist. Together the panels stretch over 80 metres, weaving scenes of beauty, faith and hope with colour and creativity on an awe-inspiring scale.

Discover how art and faith intertwine to tell the greatest love story ever stitched.



A group of church members visited this exhibition in Liverpool in Feb 2025. It was truly magnificent. Would you like to experience this with a group from church this time?

Sat 9th May - Make your own way to the Cathedral for **10am**, Meet outside the main entrance. Please let Rev Jane know **(by Sunday 26th April)** if you would like to stay for lunch at the Refectory and she will try to book a table for 12noon. If 10am is too early for you, why not join us for lunch and then enjoy the exhibition at leisure during the afternoon.

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".

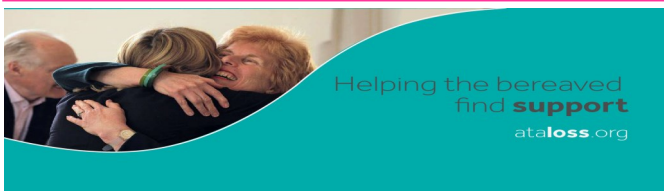
Donations of Flowers for Church: You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! Please sign up at the back of church. You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

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



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
28th April 2026**

Mike Roberts – Ness Gardens

All free of charge



Member of Places of Welcome

Member of Warm welcome Spaces



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**