

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

12th April - Easter 2



Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred: open the doors of
our hearts, that we may seek the good
of others and walk the joyful road of
sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus
Christ you have assured your children of eternal
life and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new
life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 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

Sunday 26th April **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's
6.00pm APCM at St Chads

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

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

All: Glory to you O Lord

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Second New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.

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.

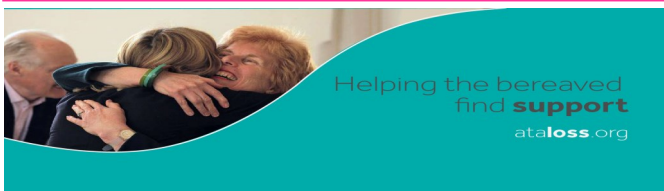
If you prefer to set up your donations using a paper form or via the website, please ask the minister or the sidespeople, who will be able to give you a pack containing all the information you need including "Frequently Asked Questions".

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, 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**



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**