

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

19th April - Easter 3



Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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, Joeseeph Dacosta, 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)

For the bereaved: Family and friends of Jenny Tougher

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 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

Sunday 3rd May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

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

³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Second New Testament Reading:

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

PSALM 116:1:7

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ♦
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul from death, ♦
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

6.30pm Sunday May 10th Jacqui Parkinson - St Mary's Upton - Sundays @ 7

Sundays@7 is a series of informal evenings, interviewing people with a story to tell. Join us for a relaxed and informal evening of dialogue with our special guest. Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm until 7:00pm when we will move on to the main event: a conversation with a person who has an extraordinary story to tell.

Jacqui's background is in performance arts: teaching drama and then setting up the Lantern Arts Centre in South West London. She now works as a textile artist, delighting in the powerful overarching story of the Bible, using fabric and stitch to produce spectacular panels.

Her principle interest is in bringing the message of God's love to everyone: providing inspiring scriptures, affirmations, questions, encouragement and pleasure - and sometimes bringing a little bit of fun as well as serious theology. She has now completed a trilogy of exhibitions under the heading "Threads through the Bible".

Join us - come and hear all about Jacqui's incredible work.



THREADS THROUGH THE BIBLE AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL

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.

Can't make this date - if you would like to go on your own the Exhibition runs from May 8th-June 28th.



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



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 24 hr Helpline
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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 Speakers

21st April

Hands on Workshop with Gina Couch

28th April 2026

Mike Roberts – Ness Gardens, Past, Present and Future



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**