

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
17<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7**



**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power  
and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your  
peace, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the  
world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK – PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Our Community:**

- all who serve us in our local community, for local businesses and community groups.
- all children and young people preparing for and taking tests/exams.

**Our Church:**

- victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.
- Archbishops Sarah & Stephen, Bishops Mark; Julie & Sam, Archdeacons Mike & Jane
- Revd Ailsa Whorton and The Army Foundation College, Harrogate
- Revd Malcolm Cowan and others serving in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

**The world:**

- all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

**The Sick:**

- Joseph Dacosta , Margaret Fordham, Alan Jones (Brother of Dot Turner) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**Baptism families:**

**Wedding couples:** Sam and Jo (29th Aug)

**The bereaved:** Family and friends of Audrey Fogarty (funeral 10.00am Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May at Landican Centre), Doreen Jones (funeral 1.00pm Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun at St Bartholomew's) and Audrey Fogarty

**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 17th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**

**Sunday 24th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's**

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**First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'  
<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Second New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14 ,5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11****All: Glory to you O Lord**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

## Psalm 68

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦  
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦  
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

### School of Theology 2026

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**CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE 21st CENTURY** - (6.30-9.15pm) at Christ Church Chester

Sun 7 June **Purpose & the Christian Life**

Sun 14 June **Identity, Authenticity & Gender**

Sun 21 June **Christian Ethics at the Beginning & End of Life**

Sun 28 June **Christianity & Politics**

Teaching will be delivered by Rev Canon Dr Michael Leyden, Dean of Emmanuel Theological College and very soon to be Bishop of Penrith. He is an experienced teacher, pastor and theologian.

Tickets and more info can be found here:

<https://schooloftheology2026.eventbrite.com>

### Upcoming Social Events

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2pm** - Cream Tea and Plant Sale at St Chads donations of plants can be given to Julie DeBoorder or arrive on the day (labelled please - Julie has labels if needed)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2-3.30pm** - Family outing to New Ferry Butterfly park

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.



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**

### Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone  
24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247

**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**

Please continue to collect and 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



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

## 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".

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

**Guest Speaker  
26th May 2026  
Jenny Schwarz: The Challenge -  
Ending Polio Worldwide**

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ALL free of charge