

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby –

26th July – Trinity 8



Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of
life, ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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.

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), Amanda Fletcher, Barbara Whitehead, Pete Higgins and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Baptism families:

Wedding couples: Sam and Jo (29th Aug), Anna Lecoustre and Chris Thompsom (31st Aug, in Kettering)

The bereaved:

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 26th July 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior church

Sunday 2nd August 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 9th August 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:26-39

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**All: Glory to you O Lord**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Support for Styal Prison – Donations Welcome:-

Baby clothes - birth to 18 months, **Clothing for the women for interviews** or going to work in preparation for their release from prison, **Journals/notebooks (non-wired)**, and **Fleece blankets**

Please see July Crosstalk magazine (page 10) for more details

We will collect donations at St Chad's and arrange to deliver them to Styal during prison's week in October

Ebola Virus appeal for our Partner Dioceses in DR Congo

Bishop Mark has launched an appeal to help our Partner Dioceses to combat the dreadful Ebola virus. More details on the diocesan web site and link to make donations if you wish.

<https://www.chesterdiocese.org/news-1/ebola-virus-appeal-for-our-partner-dioceses-in-dr-congo> Anyone without the ability to donate online is welcome to put money in an envelope marked DR Congo and Revd Jane will ensure it gets to the right place.

NEWS from your PCC

Following a PCC Away Day on 30th May, the PCC met again on Monday 29th June. Our aim was to identify three areas of ministry on which to focus for the next few years. And we are now ready to share them with you: -

1. To increase our work with children and families initially by introducing a new monthly service called PopUp Church (<https://www.isingpop.org/popupchurch>)
2. To think about the possibility of St Bartholomew's becoming a Pilgrim Place based on Archbishop Stephen's initiative (<https://faithinthenorth.org/pilgrim-places/>) and to increase prayer opportunities.
3. To be more outward looking – initially by increasing our understanding of Revd Ailsa's work at the Army Foundation College and understanding how we can support her and the young soldiers whom she serves.

All of these will need to be explored further and worked on. Watch this space for more details as we move forwards. If you are particularly interested in any of these and would like the opportunity to be more involved as we plan, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.



Dawpool Primary are trying to add to their RE artefacts – they would love to build up a collection of crosses from around the world (and the UK) which will help them to explore global Christianity. Do you have a cross at home that you no longer use or need that you could donate? Are you going on holiday over the Summer, could you look out for a cross and possibly purchase one to donate to school? Revd Jane is happy to receive these and pass them on.

Open Garden Saturdays

St Chad's Garden
10.30am - 12.30pm

Relax in the garden with a cuppa and a natter.

Safe space and activities for children (children to be accompanied please).

August
1st • 8th • 15th • 29th

St Chad's Church
Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UH
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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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0800 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

28th July 2026

Barbara Greenwood

"Phoebe Mylchreest – Story of an extraordinary

woman"

All free of
charge



Member of Places of Welcome



Member of Warm welcome Spaces

