

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

4th October – Trinity 18



Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which
is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints 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
- Schools and other places of education, and those who work and study there.

Our Church:

- those exploring faith through the Christianity Explored course
- 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, Barbara Whitehead, Pete Higgins, Meira Jones-Evans, Roger Jackson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Baptism families:

Wedding couples: Joe and Chloe, Keiran and Emily, Jamie and Issy, Ben and Elizabeth

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 Chad's

Sunday 4th Oct **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 11th Oct **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am All Age service St Chad's

Sunday 18th Oct **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

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Parish Safeguarding Contact Details: safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk or telephone 648 6691

Old Testament Reading: Is 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

2 He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and
thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

New Testament Reading: Phil 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: Matt 21:33-46

All: Glory to you O Lord

³³ Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those

wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

WALKING THROUGH THE TREES OF THE BIBLE – Study group – All Welcome. Full details in Crosstalk (Page 6)

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION: Can you please return any children's society boxes to Jean Heath for counting. They can be returned to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's, or to *Jean, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, CH61 2XF*. If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time

PRISON'S WEEK 11th-17th October. Prayer diary available from <https://www.prisonsworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/PrisonsWeek-YoureInvited-ForPrint.pdf> Thank you for the many donations that have been received for Styal Prison.

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Saturday 17th October 2026 10am - 12.00pm at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road. All Welcome. Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Craft Stall, Raffle, Shoe-B-do etc

POTTERY PAINTING AT THE POTTERY SHED (Hoylake): Saturday 17th October 1-5pm. More details in Crosstalk (Page 13). Contact Jayne Oliver to book your place.

POP UP CHURCH: 18th Oct 4pm at St Chad's. An hour of fun for the whole family including ISingPop songs, crafts and games. Followed by a Picnic in the Hall (bring your own). This month will be focussed on Harvest so if you would like to bring a gift for Foodbank, you are welcome to do so.

OXTON MEN'S CHARITY DINNER 13th November. Guest Speaker – Bishop of Chester, Rt Revd Mark Tanner. More details in Crosstalk (page 8) or from their website: www.oxtonmensdinner.com

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (14th Nov 1.00-3.30pm) If you are able to help on stalls, set up/put away, baking cakes, donations of raffle prizes, second hand children's toys and hand-crafted items (no books or bric-a-brac please) can you please contact Julie DeBoorder email: jules2121jule@gmail.com Mobile: 07599186893

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING – Sun 1st Nov 4pm. More details in Crosstalk (Page 7) – Please pass on the details to anyone you know who has been bereaved.

IRBY METHODIST CHURCH celebrating 90 years in the current building – See poster in church for all events including Sat 17th Oct 2pm "Sing Me Merseyside Choir" , Tickets £5 including refreshments (or pay on the door), Doors open 1.30pm

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
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 is 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



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
0151 648 8169**

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

27th October 2026

Jim Holmes

'English breakfast and the Story of Ceylon tea'.

All free of charge



Member of Places of Welcome



Member of Warm welcome Spaces

