

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
27th November 2022 - Advent 1**



Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community
Please pray for all local businesses, schools, and community groups
Please pray for all the people living in your street.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian
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 Meira Evans-Jones, Baz Ward (Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy's brother), Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tony's daughter in law), Dot Turner, Jean Boler, Laurence Smith, Karen Ormsby, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: The family and Friends of Paul Crane

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

- Sun 27th Nov** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's (with Junior Church)
- Sun 4th Dec** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts
- Sun 11th Dec** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age at St Chad's—Nativity

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 1:1-5

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!



THANKYOU

Thank you to
everyone who came
and supported the
Christmas Fair last
week.

A special thanks to
those who organised
and helped in
anyway.

The fair raised an
amazing total of

£672.64

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



YOU'RE INVITED TO FOLLOW THE STAR AS WE EXPLORE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

Explore 12 days of reflections, starting 24 December 2022

Each day, read or listen to a Bible passage, short reflection and prayer, in the way that suits you:

- ✦ Download the free Follow The Star app
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Advanced Notice of Christmas Services

Dec 18th

- 9.00am BCP Communion - Barts
- 10.30am Morning Worship - Barts
- 6.30pm Carol Service at St Chads

Saturday 24th Dec Christmas Eve

- 3.00pm Crib Service at St Chads
(focused for KS1 and younger children)
- 6.00pm Christingle Service at St Bart's
(focused for KS2 and above and adults)
- 11.15pm Holy Communion at St Bart's

Dec 25th - Christmas Day

- 9.00am BCP Communion - Barts
- 10.30am Communion - Chads

1st Jan

- 10.30am Methodist Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church – *This will be our only service this day and we encourage everyone to join us.*

Please join us at our annual family

Carol Concert

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Salvation Army Community Church,
175 Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry CH42 3TA

Refreshments from 6pm. Carols from 6:30pm

Please let us know if you can come:
0151 649 9718 or hello@forumhousing.co.uk

If you would like to join Elizabeth Barton attending the forum carol service (details above), *can you let Forum housing know, Tel:649 97188, by 5.00 pm on Friday 2nd December, for refreshment purposes.* If anyone would like a lift please contact Elizabeth on 0151 648 7178

Wirral Flower Club

Presents

HERE COMES Christmas

An exhibition of Christmas Flowers & Crafts
at
St. Chad's Church Hall,
Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
on
Friday 9th December 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10th December 10am - 5pm

Admission £1

Refreshments served all day
Christmas Market - Raffle - Tombola

A warm welcome for all at the Warm Hub

Free of charge

Everyone is welcome to come
and be in a warm, safe space
at St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169

Tuesdays 9.00a.m. – 12.30p.m.
Starting 6th December



Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access
and a chance to chat with friends.



Thankyou

Thankyou to all the box holders that have returned their collections boxes. A generous total of £884.88 was banked for the Children's Society.



WARM HUB INITIATIVE

In response to the challenge of rising heating costs, we are opening St. Chad's as a 'warm hub' for our local community on Tuesday mornings from December 6th.

We plan to offer refreshments, a quiet place to work (with internet access if required) as well as space to chat with friends and relax.

Drop in for a warm welcome and a cuppa!
**TUESDAYS FROM
DECEMBER 6TH
9.00 a.m. – 12.30p.m.**

The initiative is free to all, so do bring family, friends and neighbours!

Volunteers to help with the initiative are always welcome and if you would like to join us as a helper, please mention this to Rev. Jane Turner

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Tel:648 1816)

You will need a DBS check and to be willing to do Basic Safeguarding training.



Helping the bereaved
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24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

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