

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
04th December 2022 - Advent 2**



Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the
world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and
purity of his first coming that, when he comes
again, we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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 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

Sun 18th Dec 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts
6.30pm Carol Service at St Chad's

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New Testament Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

¹⁰ and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹ and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

¹² and again Isaiah says

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

11 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill
the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his
waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the
asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on
the adder’s den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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
- ★ Sign up to get the reflections by email for free
- ★ Tell your smart speaker to "Ask the Church of England for today's Follow the Star reflection"
- ★ Call the Daily Hope free phone line to listen each day: 0800 804 8044

To get the app or sign up to emails, visit cofe.io/FollowTheStar, or scan the QR code.



⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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

The poster features a festive design with a blue background, white snowflakes, and a border of red poinsettias and green holly leaves. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif and cursive fonts.

If you would like to join Elizabeth Barton attending the forum carol service, **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

Christmas Services

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.*

A warm welcome

for all
at the

Warm Hub



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.



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.

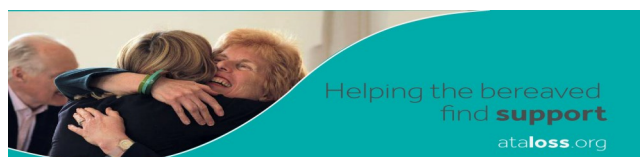
We plan to offer refreshments, a quiet place to work (with internet access if required) as well as space to chat with friends and relax.

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 (rector@thurstaston.org.uk, Tel:648 1816) You will need a DBS check and to be willing to do Basic Safeguarding training.



Helping the bereaved
find support
ataloss.org

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline

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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**