

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 11th December 2022 - Advent 3



Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly
gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever
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 Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Jean Boler, Laurence Smith, Karen Ormsby, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Jane Ferguson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: For the Family and friends of Bernard Worrall who died peacefully early hours of Thursday morning.

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 11th Dec

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am All Age at St Chad's—Nativity

Sun 18th Dec

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Morning Worship at St 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 at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Chads

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1st Jan 2023

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

New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp
the grass shall become reeds and
rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go
astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on
it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall
return,

and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



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Thank you very much for helping
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continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 24,963.34

Registered Charity No. 219279

Christingle Making for Service on Christmas Eve Friday 23rd December 2pm at St Chad's

If anyone is available and willing to help make the Christingles for the service on Christmas Eve, please do just come along and help.

For more information please contact Jean Heath on 648 6015





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Diocese of Chester

By invitation



Vision Cafe

A warm welcome
free refreshments
activities, conversation, craft

10 am - 12 noon
SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2023
St Chad's Church
Roslin Road,
Irby,
Wirral CH61 3UH
www.chester.anglican.org/vision



Casting the Net Wide is the Bishop of Chester's quest to discern a new vision for the Church in your area. We're hosting pop-up Vision Cafes for people to meet, eat and chat with lots of creative ways to add your ideas! Please come and tell us how and where we can best respond to serve people's practical, emotional and spiritual needs in these challenging times.



**Come and tell us what you think.
We can take it!**

What's the church doing wrong?
How can church buildings be used to benefit communities?
If the church was to do one thing differently, what would it be?



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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.



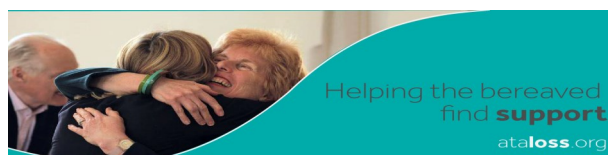
In aid of
 **Guide Dogs**

Coffee Morning
10am - 12noon Saturday 14th January 2023
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby



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Everyone's
Responsibility**