

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 18th December 2022 - Advent 4



Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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 and for local businesses and community groups
Please pray for families and all who work in education - for rest and recuperation over the holidays
Please pray for all the people living in your street & those who will be lonely and isolated over Christmas

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 (Funeral at Landican South Chapel 3.30pm Friday 23rd December)

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 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

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.*

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted

PSALM 80:1-8

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength ♦
and come to our salvation.
- 4 *Turn us again, O God; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
- 5 O Lord God of hosts, ♦
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Reading Helpers at Dawpool

Would anyone be willing and interested in volunteering to become a regular reading helper at Dawpool? It would involve committing to an hour a week at school preferably in the afternoon to listen to children reading. You would need to complete a DBS check via school before being able to start. Mrs McCann (deputy head) would be willing to offer advice and model reading with pupils to enable you to gain confidence and understand the best way to support the children with their reading progress.

Please let Revd Jane know by Monday 9th January if this is something that you would like to do. Revd Jane will then pass on your contact details to school in January and Mrs McCann will make contact with you directly to make further arrangements.

The PCC are working on a project called "Growing Faith" which seeks to work at the intersections of church/school/home, and becoming a reading volunteer would be a great way for us to increase the links at the intersection between church and school.



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
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**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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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 9.00am - 12.30pm



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



Closed on 27th Dec, Re-opens 3rd Jan

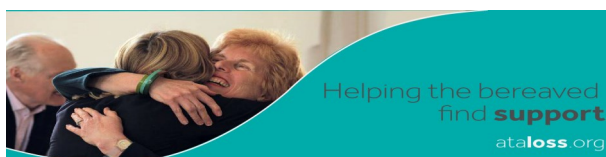
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Coffee Morning
10am - 12noon Saturday 14th January 2023
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby



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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