

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 15th January - Epiphany 2



Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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 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 Brian Tucker, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Dot Turner, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Roger Dennison, Tony Fletcher and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Jane Fergusson (funeral 16th Jan), Judith Cook (funeral 20th Jan 11.30am Landican), Hugh Keir (Jayne Oliver's Dad - service of thanksgiving 27th Jan at 11.30am at Barts), Margaret Mude (Beverley Appleyard's Mum), Laurence Smith, Betty Beacall (funeral 2nd February 1pm at St Barts), and Baz Ward (Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy's brother)

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 15th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 22nd January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's

Sun 29th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the
earth.'

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
4 Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

7 Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.

10 I have not hidden your saving help within my
heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your
salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and
your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

11 Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

12 For evils have encompassed me
without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me
until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

All: Praise to you, O Christ



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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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Pruning of Yew Trees at the Lychgate

Our Church Quinquennial report dated 30th June 2021 states that within the next 12 months we should "Consider pruning or removing the trees adjacent to the north porch and the lychgate."

The PCC have looked into this and on 31st January the yew trees on either side of the lych gate will be given a heavy cut back. This is based on advice from a horticulturist who assures us that the trees will be back to green in 2 to 3 seasons (Yew trees like a serious prune). However, for 12-18 months, they will not look pretty. Cutting back yews trees prompts the tree to produce new green shoots and the aim is to rediscover the path which has narrowed considerably over a large number of years!

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.

Free of charge




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Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

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



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