

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent**



Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in
the kingdom, where he 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 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 Margaret Mude (Beverley Appleyard's Mum - funeral 23rd Feb 10.30am at Landican)



Heart Bomb

Irby Heart Bomb

Hearts for everyone
Put up hearts everywhere
Join in the joy
Everyone is Loved

February 11 – March 11



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 5th February** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts
- Sun 12th February** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
- Sun 19th February** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

58 Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-
day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,¹ but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him'—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-20

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Monday 24th April 2023 in St Chad's, starting at 7.30 pm.

We need Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Members and PCC Members

More details in February Magazine (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/2023-magazines/>)

As we come into another year for the church, please have a think if you could join the PCC. I have been on the committee for a long time and will be re-standing this year.

Yes there are boring bits about finances and pipes, but also important decisions to be made that cannot happen without members. Being part of all sorts of topics discussed, things like our mission to serve the community, growing people in their faith and supporting each other are the rewarding bits. All opinions are valued and varied ones very much needed.

If you could spare an evening every few months, to help the church grow and to give your ideas and opinions, you would be welcomed and a valued new voice.

Julie DeBoorder



PCC MATTERS



Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills etc. The PCC finance sub committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but they would very much value having someone to act as treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.

Please speak to Revd Jane or the PCC secretary (Graham Barley) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil) if you think you could help.

MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome

St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH
Issues Facing the Church (and the World) Today



27th February Revd Peter Mackriell

Head of Diocesan Counselling Services

"Be transformed..." Mental health matters; exploring together how to stay connected with self, with others and with God.

6th March Rt Revd Julie Conalty

Diocesan Lead Bishop for Safeguarding
"Good Samaritans and Good Shepherds"

13th March Revd Mike Loach

Chair of Diocesan Environment Forum
"Can human beings be taught to share"

20th March The Ven Michael Gilbertson

Archdeacon of Chester
"Good News for the poor"

27th March Ms Julie Okundaye

Chair of Diocesan Race and Ethnicity Forum
"Allyship" -the quality or practice of helping or supporting other people who are part of a group that is treated badly or unfairly

3rd April Padre Ailsa Whorton

Chaplain to "1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards"
"What's it like to have a son as a trained killer?"
How I've learned to work alongside those in the British Army

Each Session will be "standalone"

so you can come to whichever sessions you are able.

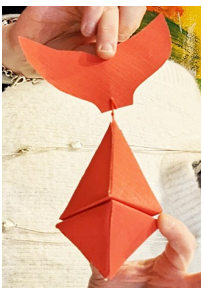
It would be lovely to welcome you to all of the sessions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND MAKE FISH TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ART INSTALLATION AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL IN MAY

THURS. 23rd Feb. 7.00-9.00pm
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby
EVERYONE WELCOME — Bring a Friend

The installation of community artwork will comprise of a shoal of paper fish 1000 strong and produced by parishes from across the diocese.

The fish can be made using Recycled Christmas/Birthday cards, old calendars, glossy magazine covers, wallpaper samples or other strong paper / light card. If you have any of these, please do bring them with you.



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.



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Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

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



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility