

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent**



Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church: may we who have been nourished at
your table on earth be transformed by the glory of
the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of
eternity; 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 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)

*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.



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 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

Sun 26th February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-34

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,¹ or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God¹ and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

GUIDE DOGS COFFEE MORNING
10-12 Sat 18th February at St Chad's
The Local Guide Dogs Fundraising group are looking for volunteers who could help with collections—you'd be asked to do a 1 hour shift on an occasional basis. If you wish to have more information or to offer yourself as a volunteer, please pop along to the coffee morning.
John Lindley (treasurer of Wallasey Guide Dog Fundraising Group)

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

If elected, you would need to be willing to do a DBS check and a couple of safeguarding training modules

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.



Warm Hub Volunteers Needed

The existing warm hub volunteers are able to keep the warm hub open until the end of February. It has been really encouraging to see an increasing number of people coming each week. It is providing a place for people to enjoy the company of others and would be very much appreciated if it could keep going as a warm place of welcome. Therefore we are seeking some more volunteers who going forwards would be willing to be a part of rota (for example once a month) and allow the existing volunteers to have some weeks when they are not required to be there. If you are interested in helping, why not pop along on Tuesday morning between 9.30-12.30 and see what it's all about. If you then decide that you would like to volunteer, you can speak to Susan or Chris Smale, Cheryl Goddard or Revd Jane. You would need to do a DBS check and some safeguarding training.



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

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**