

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 26th February - Lent 1



Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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, Judith Hodgson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved:

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

Sun 5th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 12th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am All Age Service 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 2:15-17;3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ² The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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.



Saturday 25th March 2023

10.30am –12.30pm at Jean Heath's,
'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road

All Welcome to a
**COFFEE MORNING FOR THE
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

with Bring & Buy ,
Craft Stall and ShoeBeDoo

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 about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**