

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 30th April - Easter 4



## Collect

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to  
lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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

Please pray for those preparing for marriage and having their Banns published today, Lucy Bramhall & Christopher Berry, Claire Grant & James McKay, Sarah Robson & Joshua Hall, Rebecca Hitchen & Stephen Price

### 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), Tony Fletcher, Judith Hodgson, Sally Jackson, Andrew Fletcher, Margaret Fordham and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Please pray for family and friends of Roger Dennison (Funeral at St Barts 11.30am Friday 12th May) and Lisa-Marie Hughes

## 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 30th April**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

**Sun 7th May**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

**Sun 14th May**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's**

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## **New Testament Readings:**

### **Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**10** 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2**The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3**The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4**When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5**They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' **6**Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

**7** So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8**All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9**I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**



**COMMUNITY LUNCH & FAMILY FUN**

Bring your own lunch.

Hot drinks, Cake and Ice-Cream available

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

Children's crafts and activities

Colouring competition

Planting Trees for King Charles III

**SUNDAY 7 MAY 1 - 4pm**

**ST CHAD'S CHURCH**

Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

## Coronation Party Donations

The PCC outreach committee are planning a party for Sunday 7th May which will be open to the whole community. We would like to provide a bouncy castle, children's crafts and a celebration cake. If you are able to make a small donation to help cover the costs of this there is a basket at the back of church.

Thank You.

## POTTING SHED EVENING

Have fun painting your choice of item at the Potting Shed, 12 -14 Market Street, Hoylake



Wednesday 10 May 7pm - 10pm

Price is based on Item chosen at £15 - £30

DREAM



Please contact Jayne Oliver to book your place.

Jayne.oliver59@talktalk.net

## 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 taken advice from a tree surgeon and the councils tree preservation officer, and in the near future the yew trees on either side of the lych gate will be reduced in height. This will allow light to penetrate the centre of the trees and encourage internal greening, so that in a couple of years time we will be able to reduce the width of the trees and rediscover the path which has narrowed considerably over a large number of years!

## WARM HUB EVERYONE WELCOME

Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm at St Chads

Free tea/coffee. Enjoy a conversation with others. Newspapers and jigsaws.

Borrow a book from our mini library.



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## 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



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Responsibility**