

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
30th July - Trinity 8**



Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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

Please pray for children and young people - preparing to move up a year, change school, leave school

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike

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 Amanda Fletcher (Margaret and Tonys daughter in law), Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret Fordham, Tina Samson, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), Eira Jones and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Tony Fletcher

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 July **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 6th August **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
Transfiguration **10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**
Of our Lord

Sun 13th August **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^u have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

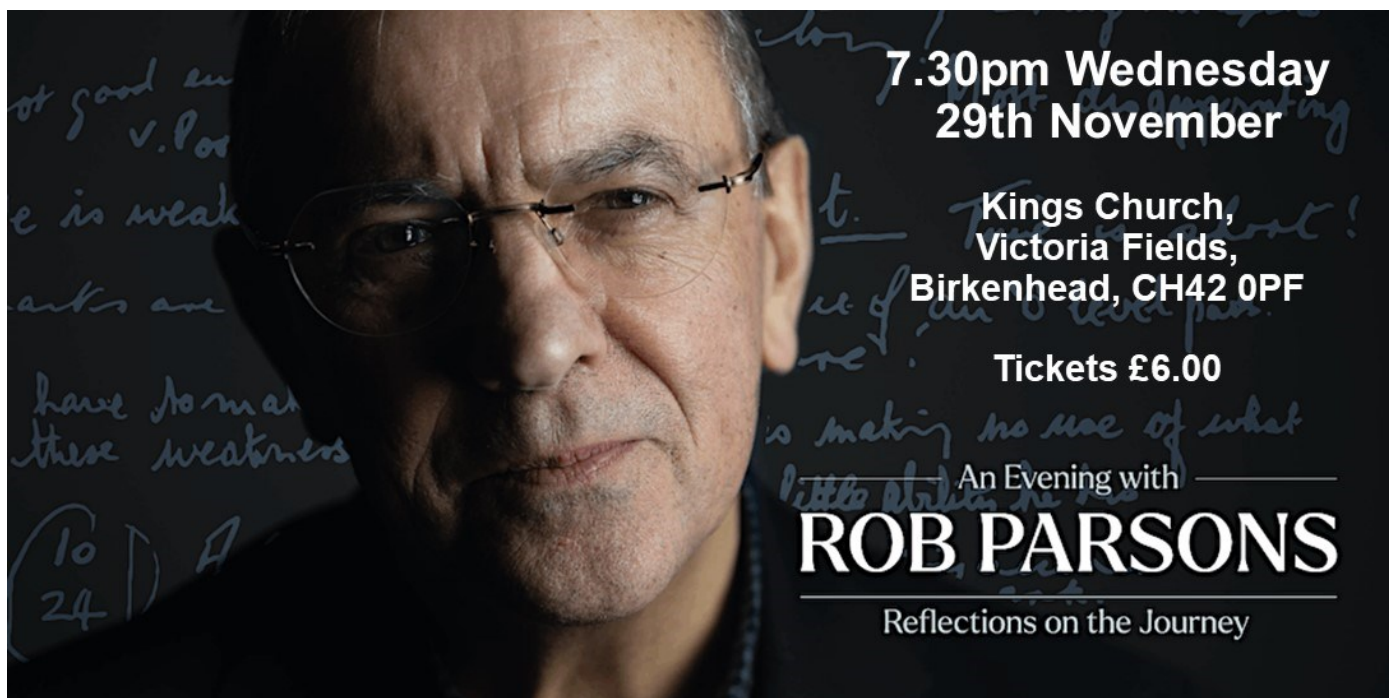
⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



7.30pm Wednesday
29th November

Kings Church,
Victoria Fields,
Birkenhead, CH42 0PF

Tickets £6.00

An Evening with

ROB PARSONS

Reflections on the Journey

Revd Jane is going to this. You can buy your own ticket from the link below - which also details how to request a complimentary ticket if you cannot afford the £6.00:-
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>
If you don't do online and would like Revd Jane to buy you a ticket please ask.
If you do buy your own ticket,
please let Revd Jane know and we can then plan to car share.

From the boy described as 'making no use of what little ability he has,' to an international best-selling author and speaker, Rob Parsons has a lifetime's experience of overcoming obstacles.

He recalls the time when his father told him, 'People like us don't become lawyers,' and the teacher who said even his best wasn't good enough.

Yet with the help of the people who believed he could be more, he learnt how to grow through the challenges of life.

Join Rob on a journey through the decades as he reflects on a life mixed with laughter and tears, and draws on vivid stories from childhood, right through to the present day.

He'll tap into a wealth of experience to help us make the best of our circumstances, gifts, opportunities – and perhaps most of all – our relationships.

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, we invite you to pull up a chair and settle in for a poignant night of storytelling that will reawaken your purpose and stay with you long after you head home.

You'll hear about:

- Escaping from imposter syndrome
- Finding hope beyond shattered dreams
- Avoiding the labels others put on you
- Enduring the hard times you just can't fix
- Why tomorrow doesn't have to be like yesterday

Is it for you?

Whether you're sixteen and leaving school or sixty-five and heading for retirement, this event is for everyone! From relationships to work, study to homelife, and finances to mental wellbeing, Rob has learnt many lessons from life that will help you whatever stage you're at.



**Discipleship Explored
Wednesday Evenings
8.00-9.30pm
St Chad's Extension**

6th Sept Confident in Christ
13th Sept Living in Christ
20th Sept One in Christ
27th Sept Obedient in Christ

11th Oct Righteous in Christ
18th Oct Transformed in Christ
25th Oct Rejoicing in Christ
1st Nov Content in Christ

You will need a copy of the course booklet, so please let Revd Jane know if you are planning to come. If you can afford £3.00 to pay for your booklet that would be great, but don't let that stop you from coming, we'd be delighted to give you a booklet anyway.

Discipleship Explored has been designed to help followers of Jesus discover the joy, unity, righteousness and love which are theirs in Christ.

This eight-session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians aims to help believers young and old to discover the greatest love anyone could ever know, and how to live as disciples of Christ Jesus today.

It is for anyone who wants to make the most of their Christian life, but especially for people who have recently decided to follow Christ.

It features documentary-style films and inspiring real-life stories from around the world, Bible studies and weekly reading plans.



Summer Saturdays St Chad's Garden* 10am – 12 noon.

Relax in the garden and meet friends

Peaceful woodland walk

Refreshments

Safe Space for children* with
activities and garden toys



* children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Everyone Welcome on **Saturdays**



5th, 12th, 26th Aug.

2nd, 9th Sept.

St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UB

* Access from gate nearest to Roslin Road.
In the extension if wet.

Ready, Teddy, Go!

2pm to 4pm

Saturday 19th August 2023

Celebrate St **B**artholomew's Day and bring your teddy along for the afternoon:-



register your bear
make your parachute
(string and carrier bag provided)
**watch your bear parachute
off the church spire!**

It sounds mad but it's very funny and no bears are hurt in the process, however, bear in mind that occasionally one may get temporarily stuck in tree, so choose your bear accordingly to avoid too many tears.

**It is a great family fun afternoon,
there will be**

- a children's raffle,
- tea and cake
- a lucky dip.

If you can help with

- setting up,
- being on a stall,
- donating or baking cakes,
- or have any donations for the children's raffle,
please get in touch.



Thanks,

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**St Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane,
Thurstaston, CH61 0HW**

A warm welcome
for all
at the

Warm Hub

All free of charge

New from September:

Guest speaker

on 4th Tuesday of the month

Talks start at 10.30a.m.

See notice on St. Chad's door for up-to-date information

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

0151 648 8169

Tuesdays 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access
and a chance to chat with friends.



PLACES OF WELCOME The Warm Hub now belongs to a growing national network of Places of Welcome.

Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

SHAMPOO

FEMALE HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE

DEODORANT

R N I B

See differently

They RDA are no longer accepting used postage stamps. However the RNIB will be happy to take them and so, please continue to bring your used stamps to either Church. RNIB do request that you leave if possible 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thanks in anticipation of your continued support . Jean Heath



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**