

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
1st October - Trinity 17**



<p>Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Post-Communion Prayer Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
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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 farmers, lorry drivers, supermarket staff and all involved in food production and transportation

For our Church:

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

Please pray for those attending Warm Hub, and those doing Discipleship Explored Course

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, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret Fordham, Tina Samson, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Jean Barzey, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Norman Mude (Beverley Appleyard's father - Funeral 13th October), Sheila Baron (Funeral 12th October) and Susan Howe (Funeral 16th October).

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 1st October **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Sun 8th October **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chad's

Sun 15th October **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: Ezek 18:1-4,25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

New Testament Reading: Phil 2:1-13

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure

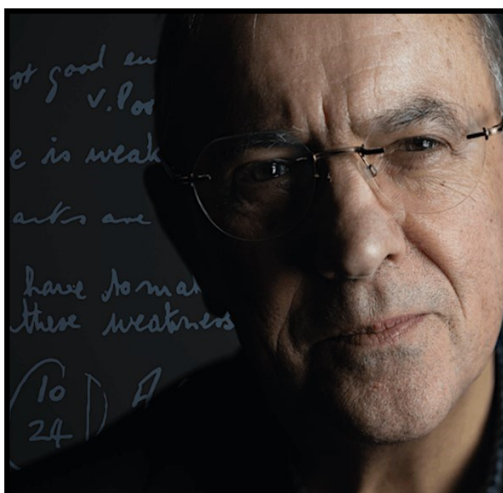
GOSPEL READING: Matt 21:23-32

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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/touevents/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.

A warm welcome
for all
at the
Warm Hub

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

All free of charge

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



Several people have booked. If you want to share lifts please let me know and I'll try and co-ordinate this. Revd Jane (648 1816)



THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH
TELEGRAPH ROAD, HESWALL, CH60 0AJ

ADULT £12 CHILD (UNDER 18s) £6

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Following the most interesting talk from the representative of The Leprosy Mission, we have some Leprosy Mission Catalogues in circulation selling Christmas Cards, fairly traded gifts, plus much more. Catalogues are available at every church service with an order form inside. By purchasing from the catalogue you will be supporting Leprosy Mission as one of our nominated Harvest Festival charities. If you wish to make a purchase Cheryl is collating orders. We encourage you to look through the catalogue to support Leprosy Mission. **Complete the official order form and return the catalogue for further circulation with your completed order form and cash to either Revd Jane or Cheryl. The closing date for orders is Sunday 15th October.** If your order is £60 or more you may wish to order direct as this will not incur postage, but if you wish Cheryl to add your order to the bulk purchase she will be happy to deal with it for you.



Photography Presentation

Monday 23 October 8pm at St Chad's, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

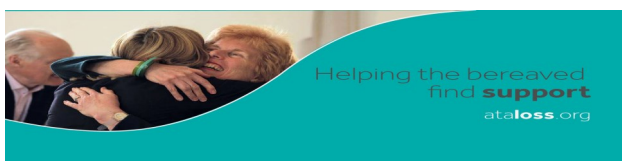
"A Year of Photography"

Local photographer, Roger Ellison returns by popular demand to talk us through some of his recent photos. He will entertain us with a wonderful evening of beautiful scenes and wildlife captured, along with some interesting tales. Plus, he shows us some unexpected and more unusual assignments that challenged his photography.

Admission £2 which includes refreshments.

A selection of cards and prints will also be on sale.

Enquiries to Church Office Tel: 648 8169



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**