

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
19th November - Second Sunday before Advent**



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards
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 and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Matthew (Elizabeth Barton's son), Elaine Kavanagh, Baby Isabelle Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Peggy Evans (Funeral 1.30pm Mon Dec 4th at St Barts)

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 19th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts

Sun 26th November **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's

Sun 3rd December **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts

Church Office: Mrs K Butler, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH Tel 648 8169.
Website: www.thurstaston.org.uk E-Mail: office@thurstaston.org.uk
Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading:

Zeph 1:7,12-18

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'

¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

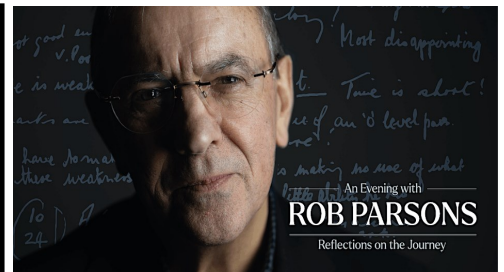
¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM 90:1-8

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge ♦
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed, ♦
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: ♦
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦
which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; ♦
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; ♦
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you ♦
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.



An evening with Rob Parsons
"Reflections on the journey"
7.30pm Wed. 29th Nov.
Kings Church, Victoria Fields,
Birkenhead, CH42 0PF

Revd Jane and several others are
going to this. You can buy your own
ticket from this link: [https://
www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/
touevents/an-evening-with-rob-
parsons/](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

New Testament Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL READING: Matt 25:14-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." **21** His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." **23** His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." **24** Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." **26** But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Baby Isabelle



The doctors took Isabelle off her ventilator on Tuesday 14th November and the surgeon said that she had reached a very positive milestone - seven days, post surgery, with no complications, thereby indicating that the surgery was sound. Wonderful news! They have her lying on her tummy at the moment to avoid a build up of secretions, as she is sedated and has yet to learn to swallow.

Thank you for your continued prayers.



Anne & Craig

Please continue to collect and bring your used **RNIB** stamps to Church.

RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone

24 hr Helpline

0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a **safe space**

A warm welcome for all at the **Warm Hub**

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.

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.

Tuesday 28 November
Warm Hub Guest Speaker
Helen Parkinson



All about Bee Keeping

Session includes honey and honey products to sample and buy – so do bring a little cash if possible!

everyone welcome for what promises to be a really interesting and entertaining session!



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



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

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