

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
4th February - The second Sunday before Lent**



Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church: may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
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 the schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for your PCC - planning for APCM - pray for people to
join the PCC or become a Churchwarden

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Specific requests
for Luke and all his family, and another Luke)

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),
Baby Isabelle Vickers, Margaret Fletcher, Graham Barley and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of Barbara Davies (Funeral 1.30pm Fri 9th Feb at Landican)

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be used with mo-
bile phones to
make donations to
Church using a
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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

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| Sun 4th February | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's |
| Sun 11th February | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chads |
| Sun 18th February
With Bishop Julie | 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's |

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**Old Testament Reading:
Proverbs 8:1,22-31**

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

**New Testament Reading:
Colossians 1:15-20**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA



200 MILES ON FOOT. . . WHY? . . . CURIOUS?

HEAR THE TALE OF THE JOURNEY. . . .

8PM THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

ST CHAD'S CHURCH, ROSLIN RD, IRBY CH61 3UH

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Last Sunday we announced that we will be having a curate joining our team in July. Gaynor lives in Upton and worships at St Mary's alongside her husband Malcolm who is the Youth worker there.

Subject to satisfactorily completing her training and all legal formalities being fulfilled, Gaynor will be ordained deacon on 30th June at Chester Cathedral. She will be a self-supporting minister and permanent deacon. Gaynor works part-time as a nurse at Arrowe Park hospital. She will be working in our parish for 1½ days a week plus Sunday mornings. Gaynor will continue to live in her family home in Upton, and her husband Malcolm will continue in his role at St Mary's.

Please pray for Gaynor as she completes her training and prepares for her ordination.

Saturday 16th March 2023



10.00am – 12.30pm
at Jean Heath's, Home
'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road

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

with Bring & Buy,
Craft Stall and
ShoeBeDoo



Irby Heart Bomb

Hearts for everyone

Put up **hearts** everywhere

Join in the **joy**

Everyone is **Loved**

February 10th – March 2nd



A warm welcome for all at the WARM HUB

Every Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm

at St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby,
CH61 3UB (Tel: 648 8169)

Free refreshments, free wifi, disabled access,
and a chance to chat with friends.

Guest Speaker on 4th Tuesday of the
month - talks start at 10.30am

Tuesday 27th February :
Meet Roy the Barn Owl

Everyone welcome for what promises to be a
really interesting and entertaining session.

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Our recent gift aid claim should bring in £7500 for the churches. Thanks to all our donors. If any gift aid donor has changed address or eligibility to gift aid has changed can you please let Chris Turnbull know, via the office.

VISION SUNDAY FEEDBACK

The PCC is really grateful to everyone who completed the Vision Sunday Feedback sheets. Immediate responses are scattered through this month's magazine*. The PCC is reflecting upon some of the other feedback (around social action and Sunday services) and working on others (actively looking for a toilet solution at St Bartholomew's and working on building stronger links with school).

LENT GROUPS - PAGE 9

WARM HUB, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS - PAGES 10 AND 15

ARTY PARTY (Booking essential - limited places) - **PAGE 12**

LUXMURALIS AT CATHEDRAL FOLLOWED BY MEAL OUT

(9 people already going) - **PAGE 13**

BOOK RECOMMENDATION - PAGES 5 AND 11

QUIET DAY (4 people already going), **RETREAT** (4 people already going) - **PAGE 14,**

TOTS AND TINIES - PAGE 36

FOODBANK - PAGE 11

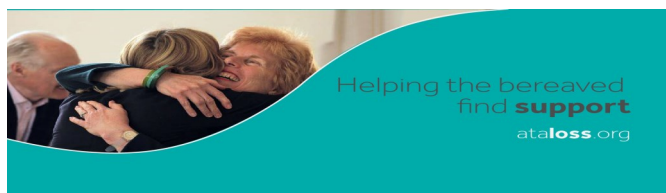
The magazine also contains:-

A message from Ailsa (p6-7), Pause for Lent with the Padre (p8), Sundays at 7 (p18), Community Heart Bomb (p18)

And some monthly articles:-

Introduction to books of the Bible, Reflected Faith, God in the sciences and God in music

* If you have received this notice sheet in church you will also have been given a copy of the magazine. If you have received this notice sheet by email, the magazine will also have been attached to the email. If you are looking at this notice sheet on our website, you can also find the magazine there <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/>



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**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**