

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd March - Lent 3**



Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
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 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 Sean, Zoe, Arthur, Luke, Adele, Vlodya)
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, Archie Peat, Katy (relative of Revd Ailsa) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: For the family and friends of Graham Barley (following his funeral on Fri 1st March)

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 3rd March

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 10th March

Mothers' Sunday

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Worship at St Chads

Sun 17th March

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
3.00pm Baptism of Otilie Williams

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Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-22

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Sun 24th March **PALM SUNDAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

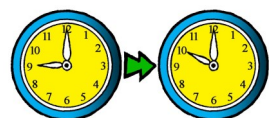
Thursday 28th March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Communion at St Chad's



Friday 29th March **GOOD FRIDAY**

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

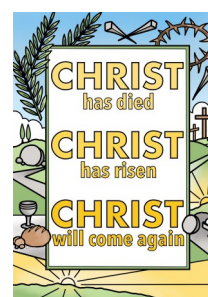


Don't forget clocks go forward at 1.00am on Easter Day (March 31st)

Sun 31st March **EASTER DAY**

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am All Age Communion service at St Chad's



Your PCC needs you.

As we approach our Annual Parish Meeting, Would you consider putting your name forward for election to the Parochial Church Council?

Here's an invitation from some current PCC members:-



When it was suggested that I might consider being part of the PCC I almost laughed. Me! I wasn't even sure what the PCC did. But, in for a penny, in for a pound I decided to give it a go. So glad I did. I have learned so much about how a church is run. I realised that everyone has something to give to help the smooth running of our church, however little they may think it is. It would be wonderful to see some young faces at these meetings to give new ideas and thoughts for the future. So why not come and join us, we would love to see you.

Pat Neil

I have been a member of the PCC for over 15 years, and I thoroughly enjoy the experience. Of course, it was with some trepidation when first joining; I thought it would be extremely serious and quite "highbrow" and thus I questioned my abilities, and what I would be able to offer. However, of course the meetings do have a serious element to them, after all it is the operation of the church that we review and decide upon, but there is an excellent camaraderie between the members and everyone's opinion matters and is listened to. There are the sub committees that people are invited to attend that have themes, such as finance, and peoples' skills set are matched towards these. The sub committees report into the main PCC and can influence the decisions made there.

Do I make this sound very time consuming and particularly demanding? It isn't, but I find being a PCC member both very informative and enjoyable. Please do join us if you are able.

Janet Trigg

A PCC member is similar to being a shareholder of a company, (without the remuneration). PCC members make decisions on how the church is run and it gives a person an insight into a wide range of topics on which decisions have to be made. They include financial affairs, when the lightning conductors have to be checked, maintenance of church buildings, church service patterns and many more.

It is not time consuming as we only meet about 5 or 6 times each year, sometimes there are similarities to "the Vicar of Dibley" at times, we don't always agree but generally we conduct business in a civilised and courteous manner, respectful of each other's opinions and views. There is an urgent need for fresh members, maybe younger members who wish to guide the parish (Thurstaston and Irby) to grow God's church and swell our churches again.

You may not have done this before, but it is very rewarding and you will be guided by those around you. If you feel you have the skills or want to learn more, please contact any PCC member to discuss what is involved.

Malcolm Studholme

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 in St Chad's, starting at 6.30pm

During the two meetings, we will hear reports on the activities and finances of the church during 2023. We will also appoint members of the congregations as Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives.

The first meeting is the Meeting of Parishioners and is very brief. The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

More information in March edition of Crosstalk

Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills, etc. The PCC finance sub-committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but would value and appreciate having someone to act as Treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.



Please speak to Revd Jane or the Interim PCC Secretary (Cheryl Goddard) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil, Cheryl Goddard) if you think you could help.



The Children's Society

making childhood better

Saturday 16th March 2023

10am -12.30pm

at Jean Heath's, Home

'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



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



with Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Craft Stall & ShoeBeDoo

Any contributions (cakes etc) will be very welcome.

Flowers at both Churches

We are looking to put together a **team of people who would like to help with flowers for church festivals** at both St Chad's and St Bartholomew's (Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas). Please let Revd Jane know if you would be interested in joining this team.

We are also looking for **volunteers to put flowers in church for Sunday services** (maybe you'd like to do this to celebrate a birthday or remember a loved one or ...). You do not need to be able to do a posh arrangement (although those are welcome from those who can). Flowers placed in a vase are most welcome. Due to Revd Jane's asthma we ask that you don't use strongly scented flowers (lilies, hyacinths, stocks etc). There will be a rota placed at the back of both churches. Please sign up for the date that you would like to do. You are welcome to claim back the cost of the flowers by submitting your receipt to the parish office.

If you appreciate having flowers in church Sunday by Sunday and for festivals and would like to make a **donation towards the cost of flowers**, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Flower fund" and place it in the offertory basket at any service, or hand it in to the parish office. If you wish to donate online via BACS you can go to our website for details (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/welcome.php>), it would be helpful if you then sent an email to the treasurer (pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk) to let them know the donation amount and that it is to be recorded in the flower fund.

Mothering Sunday Posies

We will be putting together
the Mothering Sunday daffodil posies
on Saturday 9th March
at 10.00am at St Chad's

Young and Old are invited to come and help.



If you have any greenery in your garden that could be used in the posies, please drop it off at St Chad's by 10.00am on the day, or contact Julie DeBoorder on 07599 186 893 who will arrange to collect it from you.

Confirming Faith

Sunday 21st July 2024

Some may want to think about being baptised.

Those who have been baptised may wish to be confirmed.

Those baptised and confirmed already can make “a renewal of baptismal vows”.

The service is about making promises to be a follower of Jesus. We particularly encourage anyone who has “come back to faith” over the past couple of years to take one of these options.

Please talk to Revd Jane to explore more.

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is about deepening your relationship with God, directing your life more closely to Christ, and relying on the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts to lead the incredible life of faith and service to which God is calling you.

As a way of preparing for Confirmation, we will ask you to attend a preparation course which will be starting after Easter. Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to be a part of this group.



Receiving Holy Communion

Sometimes, I am aware of some members of the congregation who are not sure what to do when they come to the communion rail during communion services.

Those who are confirmed* are invited to receive bread and wine. It helps if you hold your hands out to receive bread as this takes away any confusion. If you are unsure about this please speak to Revd Jane.

If you have not been confirmed then you are invited to come to the communion rail, keeping your hands below the rail, and we will place a hand on your head and pray a simple prayer of blessing for you.

Please see above if you would like to consider Confirmation.

* or have been received into membership of Christian churches of other denominations (e.g.

A warm welcome at the **Warm Hub**

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169

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

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Yellowstone Park, USA
– in winter



The Warm Hub
belongs to a

growing national net-
PLACES OF WELCOME

March Crosstalk (Parish Magazine)
Now Available - in church and on the website
Lots of interesting articles and information

This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.



Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church. **RNIB** See differently
RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



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 TOP TEN ITEMS

- Chocolate
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti



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**