

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 6th April - Lent 5



## Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his  
passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's  
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and 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 schools in our parish.

### For our Church:

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.  
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Jane  
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, especially Charlie and Alfie and  
for a squadron soon to be deployed.  
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 Paul Checkland (Leslie Worrall's cousin), Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd  
Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Brenda Halifax, Phil Hales, John Reynolds, David  
Peat (Archies brother), Margaret Fordham, Muriel McKie and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For baptism families:** Rosalie (25th May), Grace (24th August), Elijah and Evelyn (26th October)

**For wedding couple:** Lynne Gamet and Eddie Fewtrell (Wedding Sat 12th April)

**For the bereaved:** Families and friends of Joyce Ratcliffe (Funeral 2pm Tues 15th April at Irby  
Methodist Church), Wendy Blackmore (Funeral Wed 16th April)

## 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 6th April**

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

**Sun 13th April**

**Palm Sunday**

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

**See next page for Holy Week Services**

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## Old Testament Reading:

### Is 43:16 –21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

## New Testament Reading: Phil 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Thursday 17th April**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**11.00am Eucharist at**  
**Chester Cathedral**  
**7.00pm Communion**  
**at St Chad's**

**Friday 18th April**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**2.00pm "Hour at the**  
**Cross" at St Bart's**

**Sunday 20th April**  
**EASTER DAY**  
**9.00am BCP Com-**  
**munion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Communion**  
**at St Bart's**

## GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

**12** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Saturday 26 April 2-4pm**

**St Chad's Hall, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH**

## Baby & Child First Aid course



This course is delivered by Catherine, a fully qualified and insured trainer, level 3 Award in First Aid at Work, First Aid Instructor, Adult and Paediatric, Automated External Defibrillation Instructor, PGCE in Education.

Affordable and accessible paediatric first aid course for parents, expectant parents, grandparents, childcare providers and anyone else who looks after and cares for children 1-12 years old.

**Course covers chocking, CPR, recovery position, defibrillator, seizures and burns**

**£25 per person - limited spaces**

**Book online**

**[www.littlelambsfirstaid.co.uk](http://www.littlelambsfirstaid.co.uk)**

There will be refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Catherine's daughter's handmade gorgeous, crocheted animals.

## PASSION PLAY

**MEOLS COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**6pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**St John The Baptist Church**

**Great Meols**

**Entrance free**

**All Donations to:**

**KidsKonnnect**  
Registered Charity Number: 1062863

## Prayer for Myanmar

God, our strength and our refuge, We pray to you for the people of Myanmar. We hold in mind those who are injured or have been bereaved. We ask your protection for everyone awaiting rescue. May those who have lost homes and belongings be comforted. May emergency workers and medical staff be safe as they pour their energy into saving the lives of others. May the international community respond quickly to support those affected.

God, our strength and our refuge, Be with our global neighbours today. Amen

## Revelation for Everyone – 24 Weeks!

**Every Wednesday from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> July (inclusive)  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)**

**7.30-9.00pm St Chad's Extension**

**All Welcome to join in this Bible Study**

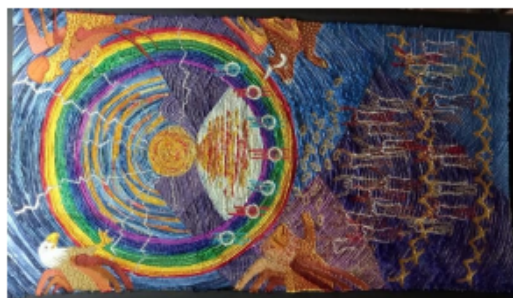
Clearly not everyone would manage every week due to holidays and other commitments, but it would be helpful if you were committed to being at as many sessions as you can.

**ISBN: 9780281068654**

**You will need to buy your own copy of the book.**

Putting on this Bible Study was inspired by the group of people who went to the "Threads through the Bible" Exhibition at Liverpool Cathedral in February 2025, who were challenged by the series of embroideries "Threads through Revelation" and wanted to understand more about this book of the Bible.

**The Archdeacon of Chester, Mike Gilbertson did his doctoral thesis on the Book of Revelation, and he will be giving us an Overview of the book of Revelation in an introductory session on 30<sup>th</sup> April and will return at the end of our study (5<sup>th</sup> November) to answer questions and help us reflect on what we have learned.**



*Words from the back cover of the Study Book:-*

*"Many regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid, and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. As a result, people who are quite at home in the Gospels, Acts and Paul's letters find themselves tiptoeing around Revelation with a sense that they don't really belong there. But they do! This book offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation. Here we see how the powerful forces of evil can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah, which continues to inspire and strengthen his followers today."*





# 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 22nd April**

**Jenny Schwarz**  
"A close look at London's iconic  
buildings"

All free of  
charge



The Warm Hub  
belongs to a  
growing national  
network of  
Places of Welcome



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

It is becoming increasingly important that

- we reduce the amount of cash and cheques that we handle
- and increase the number of donations made through PGS, standing orders, or using electronic payment devices, etc.

The reason being that the PCC is being charged to bank cash and cheques over a certain limit each month, and we have reached that limit a few times in the last year.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider your donations to church and for all financial support that is received. Your donations enable us to work towards our vision of serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby.

**Donations of Flowers for Church:** You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! Please sign up at the back of church. You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

Money for your donation (with your contact details and the date for your flowers) should be given to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS indicating that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.



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

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**  
Together with Trussell

**Ending hunger  
together**

## Give in Lent

### Help support your food bank this Lent

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish  
Tinned veg/fruit  
Cooking sauces  
Coffee/tea  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Soup/Cup-A-Soup  
Biscuits  
Tinned pudding  
Jam  
Tinned potatoes

0151 638 7090

[www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk)

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Everyone's  
Responsibility**

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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)