

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 20th April - Easter Day



Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and
hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his
risen life;
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 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: Family and friends of Mike Glasby

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

Sunday 20th April
Easter Day

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's
10.30am Communion at St Bart's

Sunday 27th April

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads with Junior church

Sunday 4th May

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

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New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look [a](#) into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, [b](#) 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Old Testament Reading: Is 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be
heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will
be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their
fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of
my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work
of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^[e]
for they shall be offspring blessed by
the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.



8 May 2025

We're marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), when the nation will unite to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe. Around the country, events will be taking place to pay tribute to those involved in that conflict, as well as reminding us to pray and work for peace in our communities and in the world.

At 6:30pm, St Bartholomew's Church bells will ring out - an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the peace that so many sacrificed their lives for during the Second World War.

At 7.30pm at St Bartholomew's - A Short Service with hymns, readings and prayers.

If you are unable to get to church you are invited to join in by

Lighting a Candle

to remember loved ones who fought in the war:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/light-candle>

**If anyone would be willing
to do a reading at this service
please let Revd Jane know.
Thank You.**



Revelation for Everyone – 24 Weeks!

**Every Wednesday from 30th April to 30th July (inclusive)
and 3rd September to 5th November (inclusive)
7.30-9.00pm St Chad's Extension
All Welcome to join in this Bible Study**

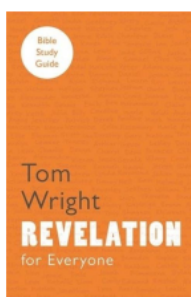
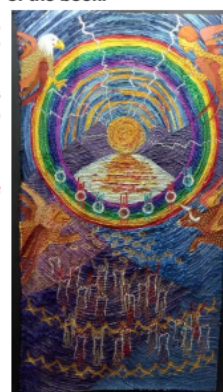
Clearly not everyone would manage every week
due to holidays and other commitments, but it would be helpful
if you were committed to being at as many sessions as you can.

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 30th April and will return at the end of our study (5th 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."

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 choking, CPR, recovery position, defibrillator, seizures and burns

£25 per person - limited spaces

Book online

www.littlelambsfirstaid.co.uk

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



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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 **R N I B** 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



Helping the bereaved find support
ataloss.org

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

Warm Hub - Tuesday 22nd April - 9.30-12.30pm

A warm Welcome for All - St Chad's, Roslin Rd

Guest Speaker: Jenny Schwarz

"A close look at London's Iconic Buildings"

Talk starts at 10.30am.



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

SHOPPING LIST

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

SHAMPOO

FEMALE HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE

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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**