

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 4th May - 3rd Sunday of Easter



#### Collect

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and  
fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, 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, Alfie, Sean, Bruce and Dav-32 and for all from the Regiment in Kosovo.  
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 the bereaved:** Family and friends of Jes Frost, Pauline Wright and Eira Jones

#### 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 4th May**                      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
   **10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's**

**Sunday 11th May**                      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
   **10.30am All-Age at St Chad's**

**Sunday 18th May**                      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
   **10.30am Morning Worship at St Bart's**

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## **Reading: Acts 9:1-6**

<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

## **GOSPEL READING: John 21:1-19**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Reading: Rev 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.’

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!’

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!’

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## Time For You

Guided relaxation followed  
by a free spa guided facial  
or hand softening treatment



Treat yourself  
to an hour of  
pure  
pampering

**7.30 pm 22nd May**

St Chad's Hall, Roslin Rd, Irby CH61 3UH

To book your FREE place - contact the office:-  
0151 648 8169 or office@thurstaston.org.uk



**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>



# 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 27th May**

**"Summer Singalong"**



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



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



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
DEODORANT



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



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**