

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 25th May - 6th Sunday of Easter



#### Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of 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, and for all children and young people sitting tests and exams.

##### 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, Brenda Halifax, Phil Hales, John Reynolds, David Peat (Archies brother), Margaret Fordham, Muriel McKie, Bennett and Ren Appleyard and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For baptism families:** Rosalie (25th May 3pm at St Barts - Steven and Phillippa have invited anyone from the church family to join them for this service), Grace (24th August), Elijah and Evelyn (26th October)

**For the bereaved:** Family and friends of Jes Frost, Pauline Wright and Eira Jones (Funeral 27th June in Canterbury)

#### 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 25th May	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's
Sunday 1st June	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's
Sunday 8th June	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

## Reading: Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

## Reading: Rev 21:10-22:5

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup> He also measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. <sup>18</sup> The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth cornelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL READING: John 14:23 - 29

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

**Christian Aid  
Week  
70K in May**



Cheryl has completed this challenge to walk 70k (approx 44 miles) during May. Sponsors still welcome - sponsor form at the back of church - all monies raised will be donated to Christian Aid.

**Thursday 29th May  
Ascension Day  
6.45am Morning  
Service  
on Bidston Hill  
(by the Windmill)**

*Bring a chair  
if you wish to be seated!*  
Light refreshments will be  
available afterwards at St  
Oswald's Bidston.



# ARTY PARTY

BY REBECCA LE BROCC

**Friday 7pm**

**13 June**

**St Chad's Hall**

Tuition and all you need to create your own oil  
painting masterpiece on canvas.

Price is £20 payable on \*booking which includes  
snacks, soft & hot drinks, bring your own  
alcohol, glasses provided.

Book via Church Office open Tuesday to  
Thursday mornings, Tel:0151 648 8169 or  
email: [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

\* Places limited book early

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





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



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24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247

**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**

# A warm welcome

for all  
at the

# Warm Hub

**Guest Speaker Event this month**  
**Tuesday 27th May - Ukrainian Dancers**  
**The performance will start at 11.00am**

**Open to everyone, so please drop in!**

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

**0151 648 8169**

**Tuesdays 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.**



**Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access**

**and a chance to chat with friends.**



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Members of Warm Welcome Spaces [www.warmwelcome.uk](http://www.warmwelcome.uk)



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

TINNED MEAT  
TINNED FISH  
TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)  
TINNED CUSTARD  
TINNED FRUIT  
JAM  
SHAMPOO  
FEMALE HYGIENE  
TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE  
DEODORANT

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**