

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 20th July - Trinity 5



#### Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all  
godly quietness;  
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.

##### 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\*, Phil Hales, John Reynolds, David Peat (Archies brother), Margaret Fordham, Robin Blythe and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

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

**For the bereaved:** Family and friends of Roy Thomas (Funeral 11.30am Fri 25th July Landican South)

\*Update from Archdeacon Jane: On 14th July I received the news from my oncology team that I am cancer-free! The surgery and chemotherapy have worked, and I am so thankful and grateful for your continued prayers and support. As I wrote to a friend recently, 'even as a positive and determined person of faith I didn't realise the shadow cancer was casting over my soul. The light is stronger now and the end of the tunnel is in sight'. I'm now being referred back to the colorectal surgical team to begin the process of stoma reversal, which I hope can happen soon. Prayer is powerful. God is good. Jesus saves!

#### 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 July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bart's

**Sunday 27th July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior church


**Sunday 3rd August** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bart's

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

### **Old Testament Reading: Gen 18:1-10a**

<sup>1</sup>18 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures  of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

### **New Testament Reading: Col 1:15-28**

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ .

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42**

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

## PSALM 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? ♦  
holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life ♦  
and does the thing that is right;
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart ♦  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend ♦  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, ♦  
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour ♦  
and never goes back on that word;
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, ♦  
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things ♦  
shall never fall.

Grief is hard.  
Death can impact  
all of life.

The Bereavement  
*Journey*  
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films  
and discussion  
**for anyone bereaved anytime**

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:  
[thebereavementjourney.org](http://thebereavementjourney.org)

Running soon:

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

Monday Evenings  
8th Sept - 20th Oct 2025

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Price £10 (for full course)

Booking via:  
[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

## Summer Saturdays are back !

This was a successful venture last year and enjoyed by all ages and is being repeated again this year, **10.30am –12.30pm 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th August**

Please come along for a natter and a cuppa and enjoy the garden at St Chads, there will be a safe space and activities for children (children accompanied please). If it's wet we will use the hall. .

## Thank you

My grateful thanks for sponsorship for Christian Aid, to walk 70k during May.

A total of  
£570 was  
raised.

Cheryl



## THANK YOU

Revd Jane is very grateful for all your support in her sponsored swim. She has now completed 3 of her target 4 miles. **If you have sponsored via a form at the back of church, it would be really helpful if you could now bring your money to church (preferably in an envelope to enable Revd Jane to keep careful track of who has paid).**

If you still wish to donate, it's not too late - the Just Giving page currently stands at £799. With the sponsor forms in addition, I am thinking the final total could be somewhere close to £1000, which was beyond anything I imagined when I decided to do this.

Scan the QR code to donate via the Just Giving Page



**Alzheimer's  
Society**







## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

### SUPPORTING ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST CHAD'S CHURCHES

**Donations to the churches are essential for us to maintain the buildings and contents, and continue our mission in Irby and Thurstaston.**

One off donations can be made by putting cash on the plate, or by using this QR code with your mobile phone to access The Parish Giving Scheme.



We also welcome new regular givers through the same QR Code. You can make monthly donations which are backed by the direct debit guarantee and can be inflation linked if you so wish.

If you prefer to set up your donations using a paper form or via the website, please ask the minister or the sidespeople, who will be able to give you a pack containing all the information you need including "Frequently Asked Questions".

**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



### Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone  
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 22nd July  
Blood Bikes**

**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.**



Members of Places of Welcome [www.placesofwelcome.org.uk](http://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk)

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**