

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

21st September - St Matthew



Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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 & Sam, Archdeacons Mike & Jane

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and The Army Foundation College

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), Phil Hales, John Reynolds, Margaret Fordham, Robin Blythe, June Dean, Joyce Dennison, Muriel McKie, Gaynor Whorton (Revd Ailsa's sister-in-law), Caroline Cranny and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Elijah and Evelyn (26th October), Jude (23rd Nov)

For the bereaved: Family and friends of David Peat (Archies brother)

A Prayer for the Holy Land for 21 September 2025

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum,
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Aug. 2025

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 21st Sept **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bart's

Sunday 28th Sept **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
HARVEST 10.30am 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior church

Sunday 5th Oct **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

Old Testament Reading:
Proverbs 3:13-18

¹³Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with
her.
¹⁶Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay hold
of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

PSALM 119:65-72

65 You have dealt graciously with your servant, ♦
according to your word, O Lord.
66 O teach me true understanding and
knowledge, ♦
for I have trusted in your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, ♦
but now I keep your word.
68 You are gracious and do good; ♦
O Lord, teach me your statutes.
69 The proud have smeared me with lies, ♦
but I will keep your commandments with my
whole heart.
70 Their heart has become gross with fat, ♦
but my delight is in your law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, ♦
that I may learn your statutes.
72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me ♦
than a hoard of gold and silver.

New Testament Reading: 2 Cor 4:1-6

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13

All: Glory to you O Lord

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION

Can you please return any children's society boxes to Jean Heath for counting. They can be returned to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's, or to Jean, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, CH61 2XF.

If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time.

Saturday 11th October 2024

10am -12.30pm at
'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road

All Welcome to a

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

with Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Craft Stall,
Raffle , Shoe-B-do etc



CHARITY GIFTS & CARDS CATALOGUE

Autumn/Winter 2025



Gifts Supporting the Middle East

Shop ethically with our range of unique gifts, many of which are Fairtrade, fairly-traded or eco-friendly.

All proceeds help support our Christian partners in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore dignity for excluded and marginalised communities.

There are a dozen of these catalogues in circulation. We would encourage you to show your support for this charity by ordering some Christmas Cards or small gifts. Please fill in the loose Order form enclosed within the catalogue (and not the one on the back page). Cheryl Goddard will be coordinating and placing the order, so please put your order form and the correct money in an envelope and pass it to her with the catalogue so that it can be put back in circulation. All orders need to be in by Sunday 2nd November. Cheryl will then place the group order and circulate your products as soon as they are received.

HARVEST DONATIONS SHOPPING LIST 2025

- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Cereal
- * Long Grain Rice
- * Jam
- * Deodorant
- * Coffee
- * Toothpaste

**We have plenty of
BEANS & PASTA
Thank You!**

**Any of these items for donation
can be brought to either service
or the Harvest Lunch. Thank You.
There will be a speaker from the
Foodbank at the 10.30am Service.**



This year we will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 28th September: 9am BCP HC at St Barts and 10.30am HC with Junior Church at St Chads We will be making a collection for:-

- our local Foodbank AND for Christian Aid

If you would like to help the Flower Team to decorate church for harvest festival, please contact Dawn Rudd (648 0209).





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.

RNIB request that, if possible, See differently 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 23rd September

Double life of a Firewoman & Hoylake Lifeboat Coxswain

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
Members of Warm Welcome Spaces 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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**