

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

28th September - Harvest



Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the
kingdom: by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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, schools 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, Harrogate

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, Caroline Cranny and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

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

For the bereaved: Family and friends of David Peat (Archies brother), David Williams (friend of Ailsa -
funeral 30th Sept)

Saturday 11th October 2025



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

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 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

Sunday 12th Oct 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am 10.30 am All Age Communion at St Chad's

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

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

Mary's Meals



Hear all about this
worthy charity
16th October 7.30pm
St Chad's Hall

Donations to the charity's funds
gratefully received



St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

GOSPEL READING: John 6:25-35

All: Glory to you O Lord

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Harvest of hope

The climate crisis is destroying harvests and threatening food security.

In Sierra Leone, as crop yields fall, farmer Maryama is pushing back to provide for her family. By joining a Christian Aid funded community savings and loans project, Maryama has found financial stability and unity. She says: 'It's a blessing for us ... this will help us support our kids to be educated.'

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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".

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.

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 28th October**

Wirral Foodbank

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



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**