

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

16th Nov - Safeguarding Sunday (2nd before Advent)



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of peace, we thank you that by sharing bread and wine, we are more aware of your love for us and for all humanity. Guide us when encountering those in distress, loving as you love, and being prompted to action. May we share in keeping your precious ones safe and cared for. 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 Rt Revd Sarah Mullally - Archbishop of Canterbury designate

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, Robin Blythe, June Dean, Joyce Dennison, Muriel McKie, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Peter Samson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Jude (23rd Nov), Archer (January)

For the bereaved: Family and friends of David Wood (Funeral at St Barts Mon 17th Nov 2.30pm) and Sarah (known as Jean) Harding (Funeral at St Barts Thurs 20th Nov at 11.15am)

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 16th Nov 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
Safeguarding 10.30am 10.30 am All Age service at St Chad's
Sunday

Sunday 23rd Nov 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

Sunday 30th Nov 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's

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

New Testament Reading: James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

All: Glory to you O Lord

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Could you help with
making Gift Aid Claims
on behalf of the Church Council**

We are looking for someone who can take over the Thurstaston PCC Gift Aid Secretary position from Chris Turnbull who says:-

I have been making gift aid and GASDS (gift aid small donations scheme) claims on behalf of Thurstaston PCC since 2014. Due to my health concerns it maybe that before long I become unable to continue as gift aid secretary and it is my intention to stand down in the tax year 2026-2027.

Someone who can take over is essential as in the past the income to the PCC from this work amounts to about £10000 per annum - though this will reduce considerably as joining the parish giving scheme (see over for details) has considerably reduced the value of gift aid claims the gift aid secretary has to make. I would help to train up someone who is not up to date with gift aid and GASDS.

This is a volunteer role and we would need the person to be willing to complete a Basic DBS check as part of the recruitment process.

There is a job description available.

Please contact Chris for an informal conversation if you want to know more.

turnbullcj@gmail.com

Or 07768 636 202

Advent Angels

An invitation to come and relax together in the busyness of Advent.
7.30 – 9.00pm St Chad's Extension
EVERYONE WELCOME

We will start with a cup of tea/coffee and an invitation to make a simple angel, we will spend some time together looking at what the Bible teaches about angels, and we will finish each evening with an invitation to share prayer requests.

Wed 3rd Dec: Angels in the Bible

Wed 10th Dec: Angels among us

Wed 17th Dec: Mary and Joseph encounters with Angels

O Come Emmanuel Reflections for Advent

Revd Jane has two copies of this Book at the reduced price of £7.50.

Let Revd Jane know if you would like to purchase one from her.

THANK YOU to everyone who placed an "Embrace" Christmas Catalogue Order. The total of all orders was £502 and they are due to be delivered soon. I'll get them to you as soon as I can. Cheryl.



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 25th November**

Laurence Kingsbury—Interesting Islands

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**