

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 23rd November - Christ the King



#### Collect

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good  
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
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 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, Isabelle Vickers 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 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**

**Sunday 7th Dec**     **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
                             **10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's**

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### **Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**23** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### **New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<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.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43**

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

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

#### **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 fortunately joining the parish giving scheme (see over for details) has meant that most Gift Aid claims are handled directly by them, thereby reducing the number 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Angels in the Bible

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Angels among us

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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



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?**

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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 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](http://www.warmwelcome.uk)



## **Warm Hub Tuesday 25th November**

The talk promises to be a fascinating look at the some of the world's more remote places. It will be accompanied by photos and maps in a 'slides show' put together by Malcolm Studholme. Laurence and Malcolm are both regular members of the church community at St. Bartholomew's so it would be especially good to support them on Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Warm Hub takes place at St. Chad's, opens at 9.30a.m. for socialising and refreshments etc. and the talk itself will start at 10.30a.m. The whole event is entirely free although we are grateful for donations which are shared between the guest speaker and the Warm Hub itself.

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)



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Everyone's  
Responsibility**