

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 25th January - Epiphany 3



#### Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd Gaynor), Phil Hales, John Reynolds, Robin Blythe, June Dean, Joyce Dennison, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Isabelle Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For baptism families:** Archer (January)

**For the bereaved:** Family and Friends of Muriel McKie (Funeral at St Barts 12noon on Wed 11th Feb), and Oliver Farrall

#### 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 25th Jan** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

**Sunday 1st Feb** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

**Sunday 8th Feb** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad'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: Isaiah 9:1-4**


<sup>9</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**New Testament Reading:****1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God  that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4 :12-23****All: Glory to you O Lord**



<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

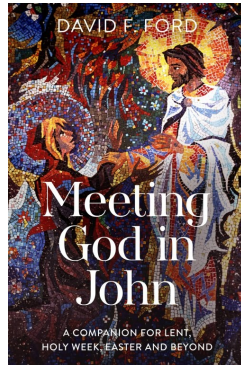
<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus  went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news  of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

**Lent Group  
Everyone Welcome**

You will need to  
purchase the book:-  
**Meeting God in John**  
by David Ford  
ISBN: 978-0-28108-963-5



**Wednesdays at St Chad's  
7.30-9.00pm**

**25th Feb** Chapter 1  
The Big Picture: Meaning, love, Jesus

**4th March** Chapter 2  
Identity: "Who are you?"

**11th March** Chapter 3  
Desire: "What are you looking for?"

**18th March** Chapter 4  
Home: "Where are you staying?"

**25th March** Chapter 5  
Glory: Meeting God in John

**Could you volunteer  
to be a Sacristan/Server  
to be a Sidesperson  
to be on the Readings Rota  
to be on the Prayer Rota  
to be on the Coffee Rota  
to help with Junior Church**

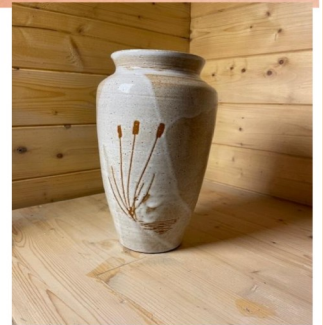
**We would love to encourage  
more people to step out in faith  
and offer themselves  
to serve our church community.**

**Training and support available  
for all roles. For more information,  
please chat with Revd Jane or  
anyone who already does one of  
these roles.**

**POTTERY**

**Demonstration**

**Ian  
Pickavance  
Irby  
Pottery**



**7.30pm St Chad's Hall  
Friday 20 February**

**St Chad's, Roslin Road CH61 3UH**

**Tel: 0151 648 1816 email: [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)**

**Fancy a weekend away?  
22-24th May 2026 at Scargill House**

**Several of us have already booked.**

**See flyers at the back of church for more  
information or the February Magazine.**



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

**Please see Page 5 of the December edition of  
Crosstalk for more details.**

**Could you volunteer to be a  
Foundation Governor  
at Dawpool Primary School**

**Please see the letter from Mrs Helen Griffiths,  
Headteacher, on Page 11 of the December  
edition of Crosstalk.**



# A warm welcome at the Warm Hub

**Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Open to everyone, so please drop in!**

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH  
0151 648 8169

**The first session of 2026 will be  
on  
Tuesday 6th January**

**Guest Speaker  
27th January 2026  
RSPB Burton**



Member of Places of Welcome

Member of Warm welcome Spaces



**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



Helping the bereaved  
find support  
ataloss.org

## Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone  
24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247

**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**



## 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".



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**