

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

1st February - Epiphany 4



Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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: Hettie Davies (26th April)

For Wedding Couples: Annabelle and Mark (21st Mar), Abbie and Oli (2nd May), Sam and Jo (29th Aug)

For the bereaved: Family and Friends of Rosemary Southwood (Funeral at Blacon Crem Mon 9th Feb at 10.40am), Muriel McKie (Funeral at St Barts 12noon on Wed 11th Feb), Oliver Farrall (Funeral at St Barts 1.30pm on Wed 18th Feb)

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

Sunday 15th Feb **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

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

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹ 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹² But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³ Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.' ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 1:18-31

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

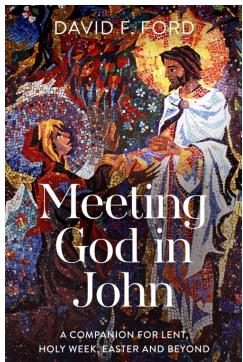
All: Glory to you O Lord

² On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ³ Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ⁴ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁵ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁶ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁷ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁹ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ¹⁰ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹¹ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹² Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

POTTERY

Demonstration

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Pottery**



7.30pm St Chad's Hall

Friday 20 February

St Chad's, Roslin Road CH61 3UH
Tel: 0151 648 1816 email: office@thurstanston.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.



Future Events

Saturday 7th March 2-4pm, St Chads Hall

Coffee afternoon in aid of Celandine Wood and Leprosy Mission

Friday 20th March 7.30pm, St Chads Hall

The Samaritans listening with out Judgement

***Thursday 16th April Bodnant Gardens and Betws-y-coed**

timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8428-bodnant-gardens-and-betws-y-coed

***Saturday 25th April Harrogate Spring Flower Show**

timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8358-harrogate-flower-show

*** These are both day trips with "Timewells" to book your place call 0151 526 3209 or www.timewells.co.uk, pick up is from Hamilton Square**

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

**There are a range of activities
including quizzes, Games,jigsaws,
Crosswords etc**

**Guest Speaker
24th February 2026
Oboe Quartet**



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 **R N I B** bring your used stamps to Church. RNIB request that, if possible, 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



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 Thurstanston.

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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**