

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

15th February - Sunday next before lent



Collect

Holy God,
 you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
 set straight our crooked hearts,
 and bend our wills to love your goodness
 and your glory
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God,
 we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
 may we who are partakers at his table
 reflect his life in word and deed,
 that all the world may know his power to change and
 save.
 This we ask 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 victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.

Please pray for Archbishops Sarah and Stephen, 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 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 15th Feb 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's Bishop Mark Preaching
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's Bishop Mark Preaching

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18th Feb 10.30am Communion at St Chad's

Sunday 22nd Feb 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
 10.30am Communion at St Chad's with Junior church
Opportunity to say Thank You to Revd Gaynor (before she moves to next stage of her curacy) at the 10.30am service

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

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Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult, ♦
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together, ♦
against the Lord and against his anointed:
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder ♦
and cast away their cords from us.'
- 4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to
scorn; ♦
the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath ♦
and terrify them in his fury:
- 6 'Yet have I set my king ♦
upon my holy hill of Zion.'
- 7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; ♦
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I
begotten you.
- 8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance ♦
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron ♦
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; ♦
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his
feet, ♦
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 12 Happy are all they ♦
who take refuge in him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

All: Glory to you O Lord

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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



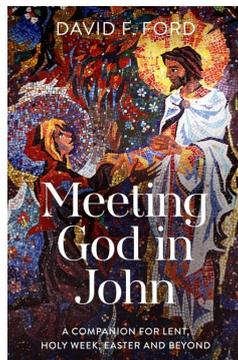
Several of us have already booked.

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

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

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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

A warm welcome at the Warm Hub

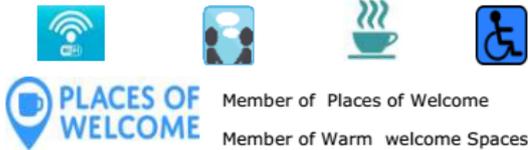
Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
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There are a range of activities
including quizzes, Games, jigsaws,
Crosswords etc

Guest Speaker
24th February 2026
Oboe Quartet



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

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 Judgment

*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, if you book can you let Julie DeBoorder know and she can maybe help with lifts to Hamilton Square

GIVE IN LENT



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD THIS LENT

In the 6 weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local people and families facing hardship.

The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations we're receiving. Please donate an item or two from our shopping list, if you can.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Meat
- Toothbrushes
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Shampoo
- Sanitary Towels



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Bring to St Chads and Kate will drop off at the foodbank

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1167967



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone

24 hr Helpline

0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

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