

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

22nd February - Lent 1



Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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:

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 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

Sunday 8th Mar 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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17 ,3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ² The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11

All: Glory to you O Lord

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

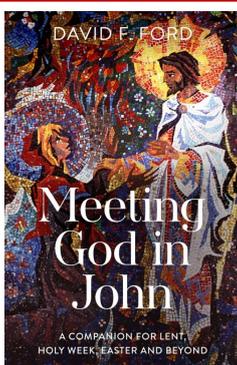


Several of us have already booked.

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

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 without 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, if you
book can you let Julie DeBoorder know
and she can maybe help with lifts to Ham-
ilton 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



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

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



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