

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

1st March - Lent 2



Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Families and friends of June Dean (Funeral at St Bartholomew's 1.30pm Thurs 19th March), Will Leising, Frances McAloon (Mother of Tracy, cleaner at St Chads) and Bennett Appleyard

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 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

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

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New Testament Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17**All: Glory to you O Lord**

³ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.



To
All of Muriel's friends at Church.

Church and 'her Church family' meant a great deal to Muriel.

Thank you for supporting her in so many different ways over the years.

Thank you for coming to the funeral if you were able to join us. It was lovely meeting you all and putting faces to the names that we have heard over the years.

Love and best wishes,

Adele, Alastair and Alicia
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Coffee Afternoon

2 - 4 pm Sat 7 March



Family fun and goodies

Cakes and Bring & Buy

All proceeds to these charities



St Chad's Hall, Roslin Rd CH61 3UH

Tel: 0151 648 1816 email: office@thurstaston.org.uk

Donations for the Bring and buy to be brought on the day or dropped at the office, opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am-12.30 pm

Donations of cakes to be brought on the day, can you let Julie Deboorder know if you are intending to bring some. (email: jules2121jule@gmail.com, phone: 07599186893

Future Events

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 Hamilton Square

A massive thankyou from Rev Gaynor for the lovely gifts, flowers and cards. Your love and support has been much appreciated. Thankyou again to Rev Jane for all her support and for organising the leaving service and the lovely cake. I will miss you all and continue to pray for everyone at St Bartholomews and St Chads .

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 March 2026
Riding for the Disabled

All free of charge

PLACES OF WELCOME Member of Places of Welcome
Member of Warm welcome Spaces

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 **Wirral Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

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. **1** 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 **1**
- Tinned Fruit **1**
- Tinned Vegetables **1**
- Tinned Potatoes **1**
- Tinned Meat **1**
- Toothbrushes **1**
- Tinned Rice Pudding **1**
- Tinned Spaghetti **1**
- Shampoo **1**
- Sanitary Towels **1**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Bring to St Chads and Kate will drop off at the foodbank **1**
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1167967 **1**

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**

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