

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 22nd March - Lent 5



#### Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, 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 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, Joyce Dennison, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Isabelle Vickers, Joeseph Dacosta, Jenny Tougher 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 Will Leising (Funeral at St Bartholomew's 12noon Thurs 26th March), and Bennett Appleyard (Funeral at Landican 1.00pm Mon 30th March)

### 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 Mar** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

**Sunday 29th Mar** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
**Palm Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

**Maundy Thursday - 2nd April** 7.00pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

**Friday 3rd April** 10.00-11.00 Messy Easter at St Chad's - you need to book your place  
**Good Friday** 2pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's

**Sunday 5th April** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
**Easter Day** 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

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## Old testament reading: Ezekial 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

## New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### Future Events

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

[timewells.co.uk/itineraries/8428-bodnant-gardens-and-betws-y-coed](http://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](http://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](http://www.timewells.co.uk), if you book can you let Julie DeBoorder know and she can maybe help with lifts to Hamilton Square*

*To celebrate Cheryl's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday she is inviting you to drop in for tea and cake at St Chad's on Thursday 16 April between 2pm and 4pm. The greatest gift for Cheryl on the day will be your presence, but if you would like to give something further she is asking for donations towards a Home Communion set for the parish.*

## **GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45**

### **All: Glory to you O Lord**

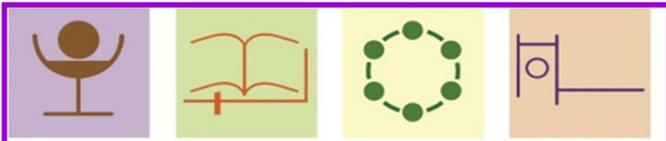
Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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



## 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, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



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 Freephone  
 24 hr Helpline  
 0808 2000 247  
**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**

# 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

## 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.

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: 116796

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**