

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
10th May - Easter 6**



Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to
your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your
love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal
life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK – PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Community:

- all who serve us in our local community, for local businesses and community groups.
- all children and young people preparing for and taking tests/exams.

Our Church:

- victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.
- Archbishops Sarah & Stephen, Bishops Mark; Julie & Sam, Archdeacons Mike & Jane
- Revd Ailsa Whorton and The Army Foundation College, Harrogate
- Revd Malcolm Cowan and others serving in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

The world:

- all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

The Sick:

- Joseph Dacosta , Margaret Fordham, Alan Jones (Brother of Dot Turner) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Baptism families:

Wedding couples: Sam and Jo (29th Aug)

The bereaved: Family and friends of Doreen Jones (funeral 1.00pm Wed 3rd Jun at St Bartholomew's)

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 10th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

Sunday 17th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 24th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's

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First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Second New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

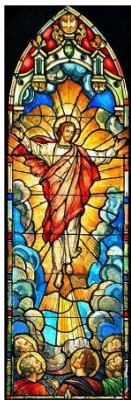
¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

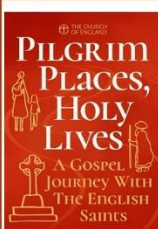
¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ



**THURSDAY 14th May -
ASCENSION DAY -
Invitation to join with
people from Birkenhead
Deanery for Service of
Communion at 6.45am
on Bidston Hill (meeting
by the Windmill)**

**Refreshments served at
St Oswald's Bidston
after the service.**



**Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm at St Chad's
EVERYONE WELCOME**

You will need a booklet (cost £4),
please ask Revd Jane to reserve you a copy.

This summer, the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey towards God.

Each of us has our own story, but we are also part of bigger stories. The greatest story ever told is that of God becoming human in Jesus to offer us a transforming relationship with him. Through these reflections, we will see how this amazing story took root in Anglo-Saxon England, and how those who responded to it became signposts to God. They not only changed the world around them but can still challenge, inspire, and encourage us today.

13th May - Welcoming the Gospel

The Venerable Bede and St Bertha of Kent

20th May - Living for the Gospel

St Cedd of Lastingham and St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne

27th May - Trusting the Gospel

St Frideswide of Oxford and St Etheldreda of Ely

3rd June - Light of the Gospel

St Alcuin of York and St Hild of Whitby

School of Theology 2026

Want to grow in your faith? Want to be equipped to engage with some of the biggest questions facing Christians today? Want to journey alongside a welcoming, lively, worshipping community?

CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE 21st CENTURY - (6.30-9.15pm) at Christ Church Chester

Sun 7 June **Purpose & the Christian Life**

Sun 14 June **Identity, Authenticity & Gender**

Sun 21 June **Christian Ethics at the Beginning & End of Life**

Sun 28 June **Christianity & Politics**

Teaching will be delivered by Rev Canon Dr Michael Leyden, Dean of Emmanuel Theological College and very soon to be Bishop of Penrith. He is an experienced teacher, pastor and theologian.

Tickets and more info can be found here: <https://schooloftheology2026.eventbrite.com>

6.30pm Sunday May 10th Jacqui Parkinson - St Mary's Upton - Sundays @ 7

Sundays@7 is a series of informal evenings, interviewing people with a story to tell. Join us for a relaxed and informal evening of dialogue with our special guest. Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm until 7:00pm when we will move on to the main event: a conversation with a person who has an extraordinary story to tell.

Jacqui's background is in performance arts: teaching drama and then setting up the Lantern Arts Centre in South West London. She now works as a textile artist, delighting in the powerful overarching story of the Bible, using fabric and stitch to produce spectacular panels.

Her principle interest is in bringing the message of God's love to everyone: providing inspiring scriptures, affirmations, questions, encouragement and pleasure - and sometimes bringing a little bit of fun as well as serious theology.

She has now completed a trilogy of exhibitions under the heading **"Threads through the Bible"** which is on display at **Chester Cathedral from May 8th - June 28th**

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.



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

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

Please continue to collect and 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



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



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".

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
26th May 2026
Jenny Schwarz: The Challenge - Ending Polio Worldwide

All free of charge






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