

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th July – Trinity 5**



Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably
ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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), Amanda Fletcher, Barbara Whitehead and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Baptism families:

Wedding couples: Sam and Jo (29th Aug), Anna Lecoustre and Chris Thompsom (31st Aug, in Kettering)

The bereaved: Family and friends of Eryl Williams (Funeral 10am at St Barts on 24th July)

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 5th July 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Sunday 12th July 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's**

**Sunday 19th July 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**

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Old Testament Reading: Zech 9-9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
 Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
 Lo, your king comes to you;
 triumphant and victorious is he,
 humble and riding on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the
 earth.¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of
 my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the
 waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of
 hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you
 double.

New Testament Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I
 hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that
 do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my
 flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do
 not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells
 within me.
²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight
 in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of
 my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I
 am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places
 and calling to one another,
¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
 we wailed, and you did not mourn."
¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of
 Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of
 tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'
²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you
 have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to
 infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over
 to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the
 Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you
 rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
 and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Family Fun Day at New Ferry Butterfly Park - Saturday 11th July 2-3.30pm meet at the park

There will be a guided mini beast hunt, pond dipping and craft activity, Parent/Carer(s) to supervise their own child(ren). This is free activity with donations to the park welcome

Please let Julie DeBoorder know names of children & adults to book a place by **Saturday 4th July** (more details to follow when booking) Email: Jules2121jule@gmail.com Phone: 07599186893

Support for Styal Prison – Would be grateful to receive:

Baby clothes - birth to 18 months, **Clothing for the women for interviews** or going to work in preparation for their release from prison, **Journals/notebooks (non-wired)**, and **Fleece blankets**

Please see July Crosstalk magazine (page 10) for more details

We will collect donations at St Chad's and arrange to deliver them to Styal during prison's week in October

Ebola Virus appeal for our Partner Dioceses in DR Congo

Bishop Mark has launched an appeal to help our Partner Dioceses to combat the dreadful Ebola virus. More details on the diocesan web site and link to make donations if you wish. <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/news-1/ebola-virus-appeal-for-our-partner-dioceses-in-dr-congo> Anyone without the ability to donate online is welcome to put money in an envelope marked DR Congo and Revd Jane will ensure it gets to the right place.

NEWS from your PCC

Following a PCC Away Day on 30th May, the PCC met again on Monday 29th June. Our aim was to identify three areas of ministry on which to focus for the next few years. And we are now ready to share them with you:-

1. To increase our work with children and families initially by introducing a new monthly service called PopUp Church (<https://www.isingpop.org/popupchurch>)
2. To think about the possibility of St Bartholomew's becoming a Pilgrim Place based on Archbishop Stephen's initiative (<https://faithinthenorth.org/pilgrim-places/>) and to increase prayer opportunities.
3. To be more outward looking – initially by increasing our understanding of Revd Ailsa's work at the Army Foundation College and understanding how we can support her and the young soldiers whom she serves.

All of these will need to be explored further and worked on. Watch this space for more details as we move forwards. If you are particularly interested in any of these and would like the opportunity to be more involved as we plan, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.



Dawpool Primary are trying to add to their RE artefacts – they would love to build up a collection of crosses from around the world (and the

UK) which will help them to explore global Christianity. Do you have a cross at home that you no longer use or need that you could donate? Are you going on holiday over the Summer, could you look out for a cross and possibly purchase one to donate to school? Revd Jane is happy to receive these and pass them on.

Four weeks looking at Colossians

St Chad's Extension - Everyone welcome.

Wednesdays 7.30pm (finished by 9.00pm)

June 24th – Chapter 1, July 1st – Chapter 2

July 8th – Chapter 3, July 15th – Chapter 4

It would be helpful if you brought a Bible (there are some at church if you don't have one or forget). Preparation for each session – read the chapter. Each week we will share in discussion around verses, words or phrases that we found interesting / helpful, and things we found challenging / want to understand more about this chapter.

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
0800 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
28th July 2026
Barbara Greenwood

"Phoebe Mylchreest - Story of an extraordinary woman"

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