

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
12th July – Trinity 6**



Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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, Pete Higgin 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 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

Sunday 26th July 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior church

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Old Testament Reading: Is 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:1-11

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ 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, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ 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.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**All: Glory to you O Lord**

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Support for Styal Prison – Donations welcome:-

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

RNIB

See differently



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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Member of Warm welcome Spaces