

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

13th September – Trinity 15



Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching
and give to your people knowledge of
your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but
fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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, Barbara Whitehead, Pete Higgins, Meira Jones-Evans, Roger Jackson and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Baptism families:

Wedding couples:

The bereaved: Family and friends of Jean Barzey (Funeral Fri 18th Sept 10.00am at Landican South),

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 Chad's

Sunday 13th Sept **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

Sunday 20th Sept **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 27th Sept **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
HARVEST **10.30am Holy Communion with Juior Church at St Chad's**

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Contact Details: safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk or telephone 648 6691

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

New Testament Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹⁴ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

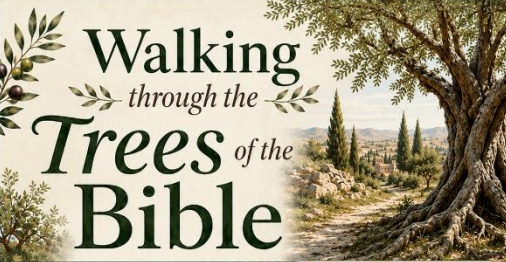
All: Glory to you O Lord

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Society Collection boxes or donations: Please bring to St Bartholomew's or St Chad's for counting, or contact Jean Heath (648 6015), who will collect from your home.
Our Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 17th October 2026 at 10am till noon at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, with Shoe-B-Do, Bring and buy, Cakes and Crafts. All welcome!



Walking through the Trees of the Bible

Wednesdays at St Chad's
7.30–9.00pm

Sept 2nd	Olive Leaf, Fig, Oak
Sept 16th	Acacia, Almond, Ebony
Sept 30th	Palm, Frankincense, Pine
Oct 14th	Balsam, Myrtle, Bay
Oct 21st	Cedar, Wild Olive, Willow
Oct 28th	Myrrh, Apple, Poplar
Nov 4th	Pomegranate, Broom, Sycamore
Nov 11th	Terebinth, Carob
Nov 25th	Good and Evil, Life

The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
PSALM 136:1-6

YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN COPY OF THE BOOK
(THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS)
Both books have the same content, so you can purchase either one.



Walking through the Trees of the Bible: A Devotional
ISBN-13: 979-8761818675



Walking through the Trees of the Bible
ISBN-13: 979-8778541818

A time to grow in faith as we explore God's Word through His creation.

Christianity Explored St Chad's Extension 7.30pm Sunday Evenings

27th September
1st October
25th October
1st November
8th November
22nd November
29th November

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to join this group - this will ensure enough resources for everyone.
rector@thurstaston.org.uk
Tel: 0151 648 1816

Over seven conversations, Christianity Explored offers an introduction to Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

Combining a short film with guided discussion, Christianity Explored helps you engage directly with what Jesus said and did. Explore his identity, his mission, and the invitation he offers in a way that's clear, grounded, and open to everyone.




POP UP Church

You are invited!

A fun, welcoming place for the whole family! Come along for an hour full of iSINGPOP songs, crafts, games and simple ways to explore faith together.

Where?
St Chad's Church
Roslin Road
CH61 3UH

When?

Sunday 20th September 4:00PM	Sunday 18th October 4:00PM	Sunday 15th November 4:00PM
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Find out more...
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HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 27 September 2026 • 12:30pm

St Chad's Church
Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UB

MENU

MAIN COURSE
Irish Stew (already GF) with bread roll
Served with:
• Beetroot
• Red Cabbage

Vegetarian Irish Stew and/or Gluten Free Bread Roll available on request when purchasing your ticket.

DESSERT
Selection of Cakes (all GF)

CHILDREN'S BUFFET

- Sausage Rolls
- Pizza
- Chicken Goujons
- Selection of Sandwiches

DRINKS

Tea, Coffee and squash provided.
Please bring any other drinks you may wish to enjoy (e.g. alcohol).

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- RAFFLE
- QUIZ
- COLORING COMPETITION
- CHILDREN'S TABLE WITH GAMES & CRAFTS

TICKETS
ADULTS: £8.00
CHILDREN: £6.00

BOOK YOUR TICKETS
For more information and bookings:
office@thurstaston.org.uk
0151 648 8169

Everyone Welcome!

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 is 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
0151 648 8169**

**There are a range of activities including
quizzes, Games, jigsaws,
Crosswords etc**

22nd September

Dr. Judi Wolf

'The History of Bidston Observatory and Ocean Science'

**All free of
charge**



Member of Places of Welcome



Member of Warm welcome Spaces

