

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
20th September – Trinity 16



Collect

Lord of creation,
 whose glory is around and within us:
 open our eyes to your wonders,
 that we may serve you with reverence
 and know your peace at our lives' end,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that love is the fulfilling of the law:
 grant that we may love you with our whole heart
 and our neighbours as ourselves;
 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
- Schools and other places of education, and those who work and study there.

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:

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 20th Sept

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 27th Sept
HARVEST

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion with Juior Church at St Chad's

Sunday 4th Octo

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew'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

PSALM 145

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| <p>1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.</p> <p>2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.</p> <p>3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.</p> <p>4 One generation shall praise your works to
another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.</p> | <p>5 They shall speak of the majesty of your
glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.</p> <p>6 They shall speak of the might of your
marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.</p> <p>7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant
kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.</p> <p>8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.</p> |
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New Testament Reading: Phil 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

All: Glory to you O Lord

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN COPY OF THE BOOK

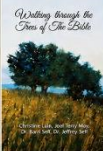
(THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS)

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

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 104:16

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
11th October
25th October
1st November
8th November
22nd November
29th November

Please let Reud Jane know if you would like to join this group – this will ensure enough resources for everyone.
rektor@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 message and the way that's clear, grounded, and open to everyone.

WHAT IF



THERE REALLY WAS GOOD NEWS?

Christianity Explored

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:

- Beefroot
- 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


COLOURING COMPETITION


CHILDREN'S TABLE WITH GAMES & CRAFTS

TICKETS

ADULTS: £8.00

CHILDREN: £6.00

→ Everyone Welcome! ←

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

For more information and bookings:

office@thurstaston.org.uk

0151 648 8169

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.

When?

Sunday
20th September
4:00pm

When?

Sunday
18th October
4:00pm

When?

Sunday
15th November
4:00pm

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

Find out more...
office@thurstaston.org.uk

SUPPORTED BY **POP**

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



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

