

# Crosstalk 60p

The Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew with St Chad  
[www.thurstaston.org.uk](http://www.thurstaston.org.uk)



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester

August 2025



See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28



**Sunday 28th September**  
**9.00am BCP Communion**  
**at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Communion with**  
**Junior Church at St Chad's**  
**ALL WELCOME**

This year we will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 28th September.

We will be making a collection for:-

- our local Foodbank - More details next month
- Christian Aid

If you would like to help the Flower Team to decorate church for harvest festival, please contact Dawn Rudd (648 0209).

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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)

**Safeguarding is**  
**Everyone's**  
**Responsibility**

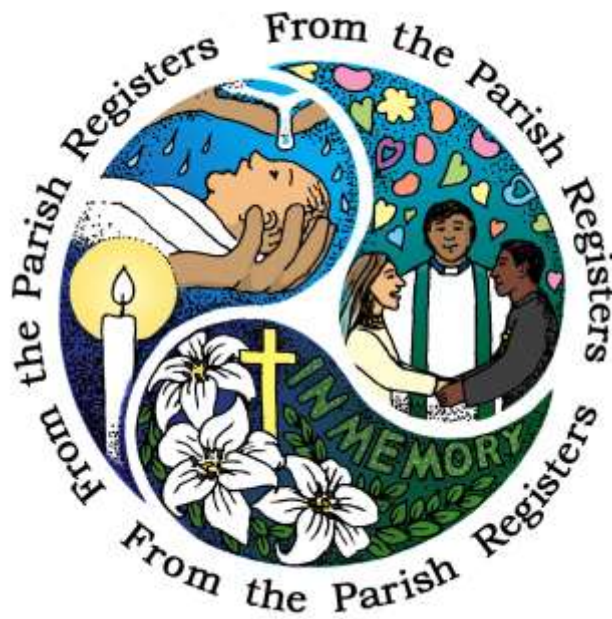
\*\*\*\*\*  
\* "Your magazine needs you" \*  
\* Please send your contributions \*  
\* (eg. Poems. Prayers, interesting \*  
\* articles etc.,) \*  
\* to office@thurstaston.org.uk \*  
\*\*\*\*\*

The views and opinions expressed in the articles in this magazine are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the editor, the Rector or the PCC.



## Contents

4	<i>From your Rector</i>	16	<i>God in the Sciences</i>
5	<i>Holiday Destination Quiz</i>	17	<i>God in the Arts</i>
6	<i>Poem - could you submit one?</i>	18	<i>Mouse Makes</i>
7	<i>Book Reviews</i>	19	<i>Wordsearch</i>
8	<i>The Nicene Creed: The Incarnate Jesus</i>	20	<i>Church Flowers / Tots and Tinies</i>
9	<i>Ruth's reflections</i>	21	<i>Warm Hub</i>
10 & 11	<i>The Bereavement Journey</i>	22	<i>Hall Hire/Facebook</i>
12	<i>What the Big Idea— 1 Corinthians</i>	23	<i>Irby Artists</i>
13	<i>Reflecting Faith - Saying Farewell</i>	24-26	<i>Advertisers</i>
14	<i>Open Garden Saturdays</i>	27	<i>Contacts List: Who's Who</i>
15	<i>St Beartholomew's Day</i>	28	<i>August Services</i>



**Baptisms**

**Weddings**

**Funerals**

**25th July Kenneth Roy Thomas**

## From Your Rector

*'There Must Be More to Life Than This'. These words from Freddie Mercury of Queen will resonate with many of us, when we are looking to get more out of life, even as Christians. At a deeper level, we want to see and hear more clearly what God is doing in our circumstances. The Transfiguration of Jesus, which we remember this month, helps us to consider this issue (Luke 9:28-36).*

*Jesus was transfigured alongside Moses and Elijah, 'As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.' (29). To understand our circumstances, firstly we need to see Jesus as God wants us to see Him. The disciples' eyes were opened to see Jesus' divinity. The presence of Moses and Elijah confirmed Him as God's promised Messiah. By helping us the grasp who Jesus really is, this event powerfully calls us to entrust our lives into Jesus' hands to experience His presence and power.*

*Secondly, if we are to make sense of our circumstances, we need to hear what God says about His Son. A cloud covered them and 'a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.'" (35). God affirmed His love and call on Jesus as His beloved and chosen Son. Do we hear God speaking these same words to us? When we know that we too are loved and accepted by God, this transforms our understanding of our lives.*

*Whatever our circumstances, they can be transformed by what we see and hear. Open your eyes to see a transfigured world. Open your ears to hear a transfiguring voice. Open your heart to become a transfigured life.*

*'No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same.' (Philip Yancey)*

Rev'd Jane



# Holiday Destination Quiz

During the school summer holidays, here's a few clues (some cryptic) to holiday destinations near and far.

1. What tropical island, east of Java, is a holiday destination of over 1 million tourists annually?
2. Milk Containers? (5)
3. In which city would you find Copacabana beach?
4. Wise bedfellow? (9)
5. Which two cities did the original Orient Express travel between?
6. Mother's Entrance? (7)
7. In which Asian countries would you spend the following currencies?  
a) dong b) rupiah c) taka d) baht
8. Drinking ale in front of the posh hotel? (7)
9. Which ancient kingdom of southern Portugal is now a popular holiday resort in the modern district of Faro?
10. A type of salad vegetable? (3)
11. Which European country provides beach holidays on the islands of Krk, Rab, Pag and Brac?
12. The males species in front of the whale? (7)
13. Which lake is called the "jewel of the Italian lakes"?
14. BBBBBBBBBBB ? (5)
15. What theme park at the Walt Disney World resort in Florida has areas called Future World and World Showcase?
16. You'll need this when you change the lock? (7)
17. Which island in the S.E. Caribbean Sea is also known as the Island of Spice?
18. No! She did it of her own accord. (7)
19. Where in Britain would you find a large waterwheel and popular tourist attraction called the Laxey Wheel?
20. Where the sun goes down on a fantastic horse? (6-5-4)

Answers in next month's magazine



Here is a little amusing poem.

**We would love to have a page of poems in our September magazine submitted by you, based on your summer experiences in the garden, or other places you visit.**

Send them to [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

### **The Apple Rhyme**

**Apples ripe and apples red,  
Grow they high above my head.  
Alack-a-day! For I am small  
And apple-trees are mostly tall;  
Dreary me! But what is sadder,  
Nobody can find a ladder!**

From a poem by Madeline Nightingale

### **Spelling**

Teacher: Donald, how do you spell crocodile?

Donald: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's incorrect.

Donald: Maybe it is, but you asked me how I spell it.



### **To a Fish of the Brook**

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;  
And when an angler for his dish,  
Through gluttony's vile sin,  
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee OUT  
God give thee strength, O gentle trout,  
To pull the rascal IN!

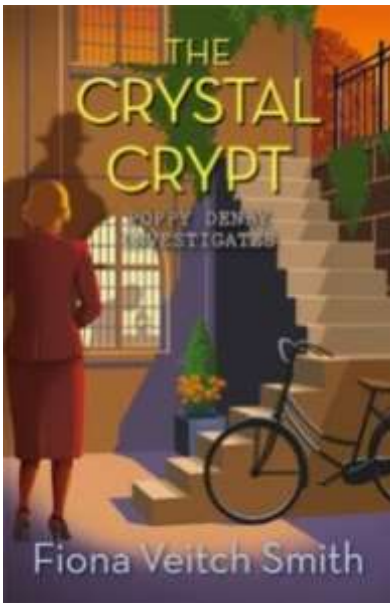
*By John Wolcot (Peter Pindar) 1738 – 1839*





## The Crystal Crypt

By Fiona Veitch Smith. SPCK £9.99



Set in the 1920s, Reporter sleuth Poppy Denby is asked to investigate the mysterious death of an up-and-coming female scientist in an Oxford laboratory known as the Crystal Crypt. The official verdict is that Dr June Leighton died in a tragic accident, but Dr Leighton's lab assistant believes it was murder. However, when Poppy discovers that the colleague has spent time in a mental institution and has an unresolved murder in her own past, Poppy wonders if she is being misled. But then, another female academic is attacked, and Poppy herself becomes a target.

## Summer's out at Hope Hall

By Pam Rhodes, SPCK £9.99

Hope Hall thrums with activity under the summer sun. Sea Cadets march in the yard and happy chatter issues from English-as-a-Foreign-Language classes while the weekly Food Bank reaches out to those in need.

Kath is determined to honour the origins of Hope Hall, which was founded in memory of those lost during the two World Wars. It's all-hands-on deck as the centenary celebrations continue, but Kath's efforts set her on a collision course with Celia Ainsworth, a descendant of the family that donated the land. Added to this, a mysterious homeless man proves tricky for Sheelagh to identify, and a handsome stranger looks set to lead Kath a merry dance... This deeply moving story celebrates the power of hope.



## **The Nicene Creed part 3: The Incarnate Jesus ?**

*For us men and our salvation He came down from heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.*

In this study we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the ministry of Jesus on earth.

*'For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven':* Jesus came down to earth to save us all. Salvation involves healing and rescuing us from the wrong things in our lives, which result in death itself. The Creed demonstrates the importance of having a proper understanding of Christ that safeguards the gospel of salvation. *'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'* (Luke 19:10).

*'by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man':*

Although the word *'incarnate'* doesn't appear in the New Testament, it expresses the meaning of Jesus' birth. Heresies of the time included Adoptionism (i.e. Jesus became God's Son only at His baptism) and Docetism (i.e. Jesus appeared to be human, as a fully divine being). The incarnation affirms that the divine son, was conceived in Mary's womb by the power of the Spirit and born in time as a human being: *'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.'* (Luke 1:35). If Jesus was not conceived both fully divine and human, the Christian understanding of salvation is lost.

*'For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried':*

In the Creed we move straight from Jesus' birth to His death, which is the climax of His ministry. Jesus dying for our sins on the cross lies at the heart of God's plan of salvation. The mention of Pontius Pilate roots our faith in history and reminds us of the important part people played in God's plan. *'He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.'* (1 Peter 2:24).

What is the place of the incarnation in your understanding of the Christian Faith?



## Ruth's Reflections

Hello again, first of all I must apologise for missing last months magazine. I do have a good reason. I had mentioned previously that I was going to Portugal with two friends on a coach tour of The Douro Valley. We had a really lovely time, the food and company were excellent and the tour guide was very helpful and informative. We visited several Vineyards and had wine tastings at them. I must admit that I have developed a liking for Port! We were ferried around by coach but how the driver managed some of the hairpin bends I really don't know! The views from the coach were fantastic, I did take a lot of photographs on my phone as I didn't take my big camera with me. Now back to my excuse! Travelling home, we arrived at the airport in Porto to be informed that the plane was delayed, about an hour and a half later we finally boarded to be further informed to be told that there would be a further delay of at least another hour!. This was due to the violent thunder storms over the south of England. It wasn't bad waiting on the tarmac as we were allowed to move around and were also invited to go and see the cockpit if we wanted, which was very interesting. We finally arrived back at Gatwick and after being picked up by our Taxi we finally arrived home at 7.00 am, 24 hours after we left our hotel. Unfortunately I had also caught a nasty cold and chesty cough and didn't think of writing anything until it was too late.

Since I got back I have done a few things but I have spent most of the last 2 weeks watching Wimbledon. A couple of weeks ago I went with the W.I. to the Arley Hall Flower Show, near Norwich. and we had a lovely time. It was a hot sunny day and the strong breeze was very welcome to cool us down. We were able to go round the house which was very interesting. The grounds there are extensive and beautiful and lovely to walk around. There were also a lot of garden displays and stalls and I went a bit mad and bought myself a wooden seat for the garden (I did need one!)



I haven't been able to go out with any of the photography outings, they all so far have clashed with other commitments I had.


Ringling has continued as usual although it has been a bit hot at times.

I do have several things coming up, including the W.I.'s annual Fish and Chip supper.

Well I will stop now and get this sent off, in time this month!!

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Ruth.



Grief is hard.  
Death can impact  
all of life.

The Bereavement  
*Journey*  
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films  
and discussion  
**for *anyone* bereaved *anytime***

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:  
**[thebereavementjourney.org](http://thebereavementjourney.org)**

Running soon:

At: St. Chad's Church,  
Roslin Road, Irby  
CH61 3UH

Monday Evenings  
8th Sept - 20th Oct 2025

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Price £10 (for full course)

Booking via:  
[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)



Rev Gaynor and a team of helpers will be running a course entitled The Bereavement Journey in September and October at St. Chads. The course is run in over 400 locations in the UK both in person and online. The course is provided by Ataloss a Christian charity which also offers UK wide signposting for bereavement. It is a safe space for those over 18 who have been bereaved whether recently or in the past to process their loss, consider the implications of their bereavement and to discern next steps. It comprises of a 7 session series of films and discussion groups gently guiding people through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement. Session 7 is an optional session exploring faith questions that arise in bereavement from a Christian perspective.

For more information contact Rev Gaynor via the church office or via email

[revdgaynor@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:revdgaynor@thurstaston.org.uk)

For more information on the course visit [www.thebereavementjourney.org](http://www.thebereavementjourney.org) or

[www.Ataloss.org](http://www.Ataloss.org)



# What's the Big Idea?

## An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament : 1 Corinthians

*'When people become Christians, they don't at the same moment become nice. This always comes as something of a surprise' (Eugene Peterson).*

After founding the church in Corinth Paul spent a year and a half with them, showing them how to live out this new life as a community of believers. Corinth was a major commercial centre in Greece and a crossroads for travellers and traders across the Empire. Its people placed a high premium on wisdom, but Corinth was also known for its immorality. Little wonder that the church was plagued with so many problems! However, after Paul left the church factions developed, immorality was rife, and worship had become a selfish grabbing for the supernatural. Paul's letter, written around AD 55 in Ephesus, is a response to these problems.

It is clear that, although the church was gifted (1:4–7), it was immature and unspiritual (3:1–4). Paul's purpose for writing was to:

instruct and restore the church in its areas of weakness, correcting erroneous practices such as divisions (1:10–4:21), immorality (ch. 5; 6:12–20), litigation in pagan courts (6:1–8) and the abuse of the Lord's Supper (11:17–34).

correct false teaching concerning the resurrection (Ch. 15).

This letter is very relevant for us today, as we are also powerfully influenced by our cultural environment. Many of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still with us. Yet despite the problems, Paul's focus remained on knowing Christ in His life and trusting in the power of the cross: *'For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.'* (2:2).



## Reflecting Faith: Saying 'Farewell'

Last month we considered how we are welcomed at the beginning of a church service, as we come together to enter into the real presence of God.

This month let's consider how we say 'goodbye' at the end of the service.

For the leader of the service doesn't just say something like, "Thanks for coming, lovely to see you - have a great week." Rather, there's a promise and a blessing for each of us as we take what we have 'received' from the service into the world.



So the crunch question is: what do you get out of coming to a church service?

The ideal is: You have been met with a friendly welcome followed by music you love, played at the perfect speed with no squeaky singers in the congregation. Then, an inspiring sermon which gives you something to think about for the coming week. After that, prayers that speak of what is on your heart and what you have heard on the news that week. Finally, good fellowship and a cuppa after the service, where you can feel part of 'them', rather than ignored because you are only visiting.

Following all that good stuff, you go out of the church with a spring in your step!

Of course, in the real world not all those boxes get ticked.

But still we can go to church with hope, and ideally, we leave it in peace. The time that we spend together is the 'easy' bit. The real challenge begins when we go out the door and back into the daily round of home life and work. But we can be sure that we do not leave God at the church door. He always comes home with us, and He is there to help us throughout the coming week. That is why we can indeed 'go in peace'.

### ***This month***

When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's closing words and your expected responses to them. How heartily can you agree with them? How do they make you feel?

# **Open Garden Saturdays**

**St Chad's Garden  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Relax in the garden with a cuppa & a natter  
safe space and activities for children  
(children accompanied please)**

**AUGUST**

**2, 9, 16 and 30**

**St Chad's, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH**

**Telephone Church Office 648 8169**



# Ready, Teddy, Go!

2pm to 4pm

Saturday 23rd August 2025

Celebrate St **Bar**tholomew's Day



bring your teddy  
and watch them  
parachute off  
the church spire!

**Great family  
fun afternoon,**

**children's raffle,  
tea and cake,  
lucky dip.**

Any queries—please contact  
Parish Office  
[office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)



**St Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane,  
Thurstaston, CH61 0HW**

## God in the Sciences : Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they weren't about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers "Where is your faith?" It's not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don't get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God's help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

'Peace' in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand.

I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!



## God in the Arts: : John Henry Newman

In the 1830s a group of academics came together to promote a new identity for the Church of England. To them the church was not just a department of state for the government to control, but part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

Among that group in what became known as the Oxford Movement was John Henry Newman. In 1816, when he was 15, he had a profound religious conversion. Six years later he was elected a Fellow of Oriel College and after ordination became the Vicar of St Mary's, Oxford. When he was touring Italy and southern Europe in 1833, he wrote a poem, which became a popular hymn, 'Lead, kindly Light.' Newman was anxious to return home to do God's work for his church, and in this poem he prayed that he would be ready to follow that light of God, come what may.



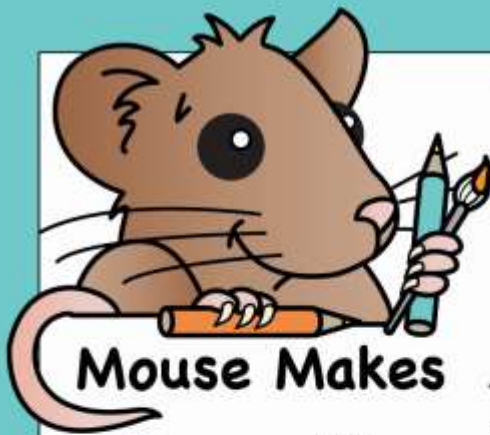
But Newman realised that the more he defended the Church of England, the more he found himself drawn to become a Roman Catholic. He wrote about that struggle of conscience and mind in his 'Apologia.' In 1845 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1879 was honoured as a cardinal. He died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of this month in 1890.

In 1875 a visitor meeting Newman described him as 'very kindly, with a sort of grave simplicity which coming from so old a man, has in it something inexpressibly touching...He looks very aged, with an air of melancholy, as of one who has passed through terrible struggles, yet of serenity, as of one who has found peace.' There is a portrait of Newman in Manchester Art Gallery by W T Roden which captures something of the sadness and resignation that struggle had caused him, forcing him to leave friends and colleagues in the Church of England.

In the National Portrait Gallery in London there is a wonderful collection of paintings and photographs of Newman. The portraits of Newman range throughout his life culminating in a painting by his cousin, Emmeline Deane, of March 1889. It is a sensitive portrayal that invites the viewer to look beyond the scarlet robes and ring of the cardinal to the face of a pilgrim whose search for the light to guide and illuminate had taken him on what was a long and difficult path. There is a dignity and a gentleness there, but also strength and resolution.

When Newman died in the following year, his pall was embroidered with his motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur': 'Heart speaks to heart'. The heart of God speaking to the human heart to bring guidance and light. Newman followed that voice and light throughout his life. It was a journey that led him from the shadows and images of this world into the radiance of God's eternal light. That thought was inscribed on his memorial tablet – a reminder that we are all called to journey like John Henry Newman, seeking the light to guide and following that light in faith and perseverance.





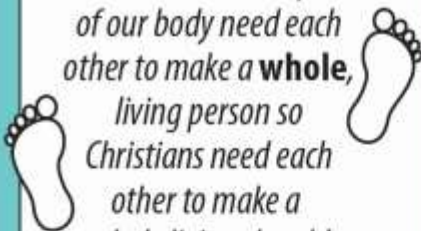
"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!



K N E E S  
J O W H O L E  
T E E T H H Q J V  
E A F H E A D O E  
Y C F M A N Y I R  
H E B O D Y N Y  
C E Y E S D E F  
H T K C P M D I  
R U Q U I O I N  
I N F T R U F G  
S I M O I T F E  
T O G E T H E R  
O N O S E A R S  
N G D B Q I E N  
G I W O U A N F  
V U F A P A R T S M  
K E T L R L M V Y D  
B W S L E G S Q E B

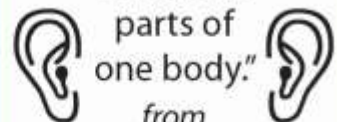
Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY  
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE  
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS  
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are many, we are one body in **union** with Christ, and we are **joined** to each other as **different** parts of one body."

from Romans 12:1-7



## Wordsearch for August 2025

The story of the Transfiguration is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). On that day, high up on a mountain, Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. For Jesus' face began to shine as the sun, and his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses, suddenly appeared, talking with him.

Overwhelmed, Peter offered to build three tabernacles on that holy place, one for each. But God's 'tabernacling', or God's *dwelling* with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on being in the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a bright cloud covered them, and a voice spoke, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciples should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

*Why did Moses and Elijah appear?* They represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they were handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

### Transfiguration

High

Mountain

Glimpse

Glory

Shine

Sun

Garments

Dazzling

Appeared

Moses

Tabernacles

Holy

Dwelling

Shrine

Presence

Jesus

Bright

Cloud

Mankind

Listen

Law

Prophets

Handing

fulfilment



## Donations of Flowers for Church

You can make a donation  
“in memory of”, “in celebration of”  
or just because you like seeing flowers in church!



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. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am  
(Term Time Only)



£1.50 for one Adult and one child - All Welcome

Additional children £1.00  
Additional Adults £0.50



Parents/Carers will be  
responsible for their child(ren)  
during the sessions

For further information  
please contact **Allison**  
via the Parish Office 648 8169



# 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***

***Guest Speaker  
Tuesday 26th August  
Building Schools in Nepal***



**The Warm Hub  
belongs to a  
growing national  
network of  
Places of Welcome**



## **Jigsaw Library**

Over the time that Warm Hub has been operating, we have been gifted many jigsaws. While we always have a jigsaw in progress at Warm Hub, there are many waiting for us to use in the future. Rather than these jigsaws just piling up, with the winter nights ahead we would like to make these jigsaws available for individuals to borrow and then return to us. We can't vouch that all the jigsaws are complete as they are donated to us but if you would like to borrow one then we can make them available on a Tuesday morning when the Warm Hub is open - 9.30 to 12.30 at St Chad's

Susan Smale



You can make donations to Foodbank by placing items (non perishable food and toiletries) in the box by the office door at St Chad's.

# Need a Meeting Room?

At St Chad's we have a large hall  
and some smaller rooms.

Booking Enquiries should be made by emailing  
**hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk**

For more information and prices please go to the website  
<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/hall-and-room-hire/>



St Bartholomew's and St Chad's  
on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

If you are already on Facebook it is easy to find and "like" the page. Just search for "stchadsstbarts" or "St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston, with St. Chad's, Irby" and you will find us.

If you "like" the page you will receive notifications when we add events and other informative posts.

From our page you can also share individual posts and events with others you may think would like to hear about us and our events.

Please do share this page with your friends.

You do not have to be on Facebook to view our posts.

We also have a Twitter Feed:-

**@StBartsStChads**



*Did you know.....*

*.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.*

*They decided to hold an exhibition of paintings by local Irby residents. The exhibition was so successful that the artists decided to join together to form an "Irby Artists Association".*

*....and the rest, as they say, is history!*

*The Irby Artists are proud to have had such a long association with St Chad's.*

*We welcome new members and actively provide support to those wishing to try their hand at painting & drawing, with weekly Monday afternoon sessions, indoors during the winter, and outdoors in the summer months, and two exhibitions of members works per year.*

*For more information, contact the Chair:*

*Alan McMahon, Text:07889 404917*

*Or Email: [almac48@virginmedia.com](mailto:almac48@virginmedia.com)*



# **billy hill curtains ltd.**

**Still going strong in  
BIRKENHEAD MARKET  
after 75 years!**



**Nets • Roller Blinds  
Wooden Venetian Blinds  
Curtains • Curtain Poles & Tracks  
Pelmets • Roman Blinds**

*Free Measuring &  
Expert Fitting Service Available  
1000's of **Clearance Fabrics**  
Starting from £1mtr.*

**If you can't  
come to us,  
we will come to you!**

Home visits available

Please **call 0151 647 8604** or  
**Mike on 07792 009505**

**billyhillcurtains@yahoo.com**   
**www.billyhillcurtains.co.uk** 



# Help St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby raise FREE funds when you shop online!



Every time you shop, you'll raise a donation for us and **it won't cost you a penny extra!**

**OVER 2,700  
RETAILERS TO  
CHOOSE FROM...**

**TESCO**



**Argos**

**amazon.co.uk**

**John Lewis**  
johnlewis.com

**M&S**

**Viking**

**ASDA**

**Expedia.co.uk**

## 1. Sign up to easyfundraising

Got to

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby)** and follow the simple steps to sign up.

## 2. Hit the shops

When you shop online, visit easyfundraising first, click through to the retailer and shop as normal. Everything costs exactly the same

## 3. Earn donations

With every purchase you make you'll raise a donation from the retailer. Your donations are then transferred to **St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby**

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk



**Visit:** [easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby)



**Gary Furlong**  
**Tree and Hedge Services**  
**07759284091**

## Accounts Un Limited

Patricia Brady ACMA

Personal Tax Returns .  
 Company Accounts . VAT Returns

Home Visits . Friendly &  
 Confidential Service  
 648 4379 or 07968 908779

## BIRKENHEAD MONUMENTAL LTD

QUALITY MEMORIALS, RENOVATIONS,  
 ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS ETC.

CALL FOR FULL COLOUR BROCHURE,  
 PERSONAL ATTENTION OFFERED.

**Telephone: 0151 608 2578**

## IRBY MOTOR COMPANY

CARS BOUGHT AND SOLD  
 SERVICE & REPAIR - FREE LOAN CAR

**SERVICE: 0151 648 0200**

**SALES: 0151 648 5488**

**R N I B**

See differently



Please collect your Postage Stamps  
 throughout the year for RNIB  
 (Royal National Institute Blind).

**A Big Thankyou for all the stamps  
 that have been collected this year,  
 there has been a huge response**

If you would like to purchase advertising space  
 in this magazine please telephone

St Chad's Church Office on 0151 648 8169 or  
**E-mail: [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)**

Advertising space is sold in good faith.  
 The Parochial Church Council and/or Editor can take no responsibility for the quality  
 of goods or services offered.



## Contacts

<b>RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner</b>		<b>PLEASE NOTE: Rector's Rest Day - Tuesday</b>
The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB		
Telephone: 0151 648 1816 ( <i>Day off Tuesday</i> )		E-mail: <a href="mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk">rector@thurstaston.org.uk</a>
<b>CHURCH OFFICE: Mrs K Butler St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH</b>		
Telephone: 0151 648 8169. E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk">office@thurstaston.org.uk</a>		
OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 9.30am - 12.30pm (term time)		
<b>PARISH WEBSITE:</b>		<a href="http://www.thurstaston.org.uk">www.thurstaston.org.uk</a>

<b>Churchwardens</b> Vacant <a href="mailto:churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk">churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>Verger</b> Mr Jon Oliver <b>648 1754</b>
<b>Curate</b> Revd Gaynor Kydd <a href="mailto:revdgaynor@thurstaston.org.uk">revdgaynor@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>Organist</b> Mr Craig Vickers <b>648 7405</b>
<b>Associate Minister</b> Revd Ailsa Whorton CF (Chaplain to the Forces, Army). <a href="mailto:revdailsa@thurstaston.org.uk">revdailsa@thurstaston.org.uk</a> Ailsa works full time and will reply to emails when she is able around her work commitments <b>678 4733</b> (Evenings only and messages will be passed on to Ailsa via her husband Derek)	<b>Bellringing - Tower Captain</b> Dr Peter Robson <b>648 6691</b>
<b>Reader Emeritus</b> Mr Alan Jones <b>648 1400</b>	<b>Flowers for both Churches</b> <b>Team Co-ordinator Dawn Rudd</b> <b>648 0209</b>
<b>PCC Secretary</b> Cheryl Goddard <a href="mailto:pcc-secretary@thurstaston.org.uk">pcc-secretary@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>
<b>PCC Treasurer</b> Vacant <a href="mailto:pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk">pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>Junior Church (3-10) and Seniors (11-16)</b> Mrs Julie Deboorder <b>648 6331</b>
<b>Parish Safeguarding Officer</b> Mr Chris Williams <b>07956621731</b> <a href="mailto:safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk">safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>Rainbows/Brownies/Guides</b> <a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk">www.girlguiding.org.uk</a> or Freephone <b>0800 1 69 59 01</b>
<b>Electoral Roll</b> c/o Church Office <b>648 8169</b>	<b>CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>
<b>St Chad's Hall Booking</b> <a href="mailto:hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk">hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk</a>	<b>Christian Aid Representative</b> Vacant
	<b>Children's Society Representative</b> Mrs Jean Heath <b>648 6015</b>
	<b>Leprosy Mission Representative</b> Julie DeBoorder <b>648 6331</b>
	<b>Adoption Society Representative</b> Mrs Chris Rostock <b>648 1112</b>

### Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding, please telephone the Rector,  
Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816  
or the Church office on 0151 648 8169.

# August 2025 Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 3rd August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 10th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 17th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 24th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church
Sun 31st August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 7th September	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

## Prayer for August 2025

Heavenly Father,  
August – summer holidays and sunny skies. All should be well and yet, around the world all is *not* well!  
Every day, it seems, new wars begin, catastrophes occur, world politicians play power games – and people suffer. It can feel overwhelming and we want to bury our heads in the sand, rather than build sandcastles on the beach. Help us Lord, to look up; to see things with Your perspective; to remember that Jesus warned us that in this world we will have trouble. Then help us to remember that He told us to take heart, because He has overcome the world.  
Father, help us to savour the summer, as we put our trust in You – our strength, our hope, our ultimate and unfailing security.  
In Jesus name,  
Amen.