

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
7th January - Epiphany 1**



Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn
by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike

Please pray for your PCC - next meeting 15th January

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Amanda Fletcher, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Baby Isabelle Vickers, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For 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 Chads

**Sun 7th January
Vision Sunday**

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

**Sun 14th January
Vision Sunday**

**9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads**

Sun 21st January

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

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Old Testament Reading: Is 60:1-6

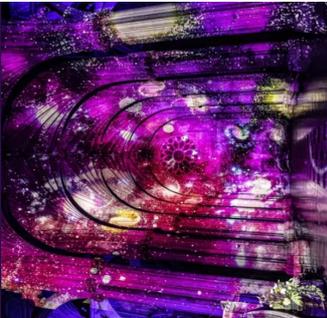
60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

New Testament Reading: Eph 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Discovery by Luxmuralis



Chester Cathedral

Wed 21st - Sat 24th Feb.

Adults £9.50

Under 16's £6.00

Book Tickets at

<https://chestercathedral.com/events/event/10764/2024/02/22>

Revd Jane has booked a ticket for 5.45pm on Thursday 22nd February and plans to go to Pizza Express afterwards (7.00pm). You would be welcome to join her - please purchase your own ticket, and let Revd Jane know BY SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY that you have done so indicating whether you would like to join her at Pizza Express afterwards. Revd Jane will book a table at Pizza Express for all who wish to go. You may of course choose to book on another day or time if that's easier for you.

Discovery is a spectacular immersive journey for people to walk through and explore the Cathedral in a new light. It invites you to fully immerse yourself in the artwork, and consider what humans have achieved in our place in the world.

The installation will give you the opportunity to ponder our relationship with the planet Earth and beyond. Installations of sound and light art that will take you on a journey through space, see galaxies emerge above you and to explore humanities ambition to adventure beyond.

Visitors have the chance to see original footage of the rocket launch, explore the creation story and the Big Bang within the sacred space, then view the final image of Earth as if looking back from space under a galaxy of stars.

Other elements of Discovery are designed to enable people to explore and contemplate the contributions of science and human understanding of the physical world around us.

The artwork will explore chemistry and biology and interpret artistically the scale of molecules cells and DNA as well as exploring the history of science and its contributions to humanity, while reflecting upon famous scientists past and present.

The architectural beauty of Chester Cathedral will be exposed and enhanced by the artwork projected throughout as you walk through the light artworks and installations.

The artistic collaboration known as 'Luxmuralis' which means 'light murals' in Latin, create large scale, site specific installations taking art and creativity to varied spaces across the UK and Europe.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Vision Sunday

7th Jan 9am & 10.30am at St Bart's
14th Jan 10.30am at St Chad's (All- Age)

See Separate Flyer for full details

Irby Methodist Church

Covenant Service

10.30am Sunday 7th January

The congregation of Irby Methodist Church would be delighted to welcome any members of our church to join them at Irby Methodist Church for this very special annual service.

A warm welcome

for all

at the

Warm Hub

All free of charge

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
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Tuesdays 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.
(No speaker December)

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Warm Hub Guest Speaker

Steve Jeffrey

A Life at sea!

everyone welcome for what promises to be a really interesting and entertaining session!



Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access and a chance to chat with friends.



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

Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information



Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church.

RNIB

RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath

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



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

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