

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
14th January - Epiphany 2**



**Collect**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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  
Please pray for the schools in our parish.

**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 (Specific requests for Luke and all his family, Claire and Adam, Krysti, Ben, Shannon, Becca, Arthur, Louise)  
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 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**

**Sun 28th January**

**9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads  
3.00pm Baptism of Zoe Pollock at St Bartholomew's**

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## Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## New Testament Reading: Rev 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
<sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.'

Ever wanted to try a Retreat and not been sure about going on your own. Some of us are going to Foxhill for this Retreat with Bishop Sam. If you'd like to come let Revd Jane know and she'll send you a booking form. If the cost is prohibitive, Foxhill have a bursary fund, you can contact them directly by emailing [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:foxhill@chester.anglican.org)

29<sup>th</sup>  
November  
- 1st  
December

£220pp

### Advent Retreat - *Longing for Light*

led by the Rt Revd. Sam Corley,  
Bishop of Stockport

Ahead of all the busyness of Christmas,  
a chance to step aside in order to be  
renewed in hope as we reflect on how  
the coming of God in Christ  
is good news for all the world.

## GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51

All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

### A warm welcome for all at the WARM HUB

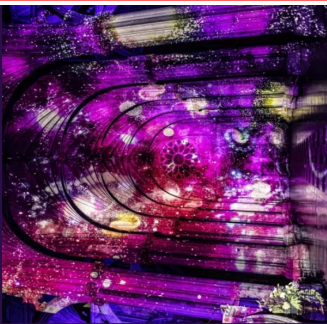
Every Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm at St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UB (Tel: 648 8169)  
Free refreshments, free wifi, disabled access, and a chance to chat with friends.

Guest Speaker on 4th Tuesday of the month - talks start at 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd January: Steve Jeffrey - A life at sea!

Everyone welcome for what promises to be a really interesting and entertaining session.

# 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.

Some of us are going to Foxhill for this Quiet Day. If you'd like to come let Revd Jane know and she'll send you a booking form. The cost includes lunch. If the cost is prohibitive, Foxhill have a bursary fund, you can contact them directly by emailing [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:foxhill@chester.anglican.org)

**Bible Art Journaling**  
**Pam Robinson**  
 An introduction to Bible art journaling, suitable for absolute beginners.  
 Seek to draw closer to God as you work with mixed media and messy art. Through the day we'll think about blessings - how God has blessed us and how we can be a blessing to others.  
 No artistic ability necessary - you can't make mistakes!

Saturday  
 18<sup>th</sup>  
 May  
 £30pp

# Breakfast

## Bring & Buy

Saturday 20th January

9.30am -11.30am

**Toast & Teacakes**

**Hot** and **COLD** drinks



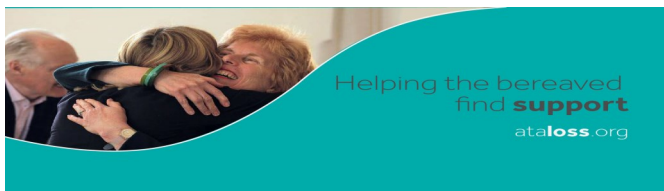
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Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church.

**R N I B**

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

See differently



### Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone  
 24 hr Helpline  
 0808 2000 247  
 Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

# ARTY PARTY

BY REBECCA LE BROCC

Friday 8pm

15 March

St Chad's Hall



Following a guided tutorial (all art supplies provided), by the end of the night you will have created your own acrylic painting on canvas for you to take home as a reminder of your fantastic night.

Price is £18.00 payable on booking. Wine, hot drinks & snacks provided.

Book via Church Office  
 open Tuesday to Thursday mornings  
 call 0151 648 8169  
 or email [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

\*\*\* Places limited book early \*\*\*

St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH



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

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**