

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
11th February - Sunday next before Lent**



Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change
and save.

This we ask through 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 - planning for APCM - pray for people to join the PCC or become a Churchwarden
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Specific requests for Luke and all his family, and another Luke)
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, Margaret Fletcher, and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: For the family and friends of Graham Barley

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 11th February

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chads

Sun 18th February
With Bishop Julie

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

Sun 25th February

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chads

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Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces..

New Testament Reading: 2 Cor 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

GIVE IN LENT



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD THIS LENT

In the 6 weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local people and families facing hardship.

The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations we're receiving. Please donate an item or two from our shopping list, if you can.



**SHOPPING LIST
TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Chocolate
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT**

Please place your donations in the box by the office door at St Chad's

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1167967.

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

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.

Tuesday 27th February 2024

Meet Roy the Barn Owl

Roy will be accompanied by a team of adults (including Matthew Smale) from the Royden Project which is a Social Services centre for adults with a Learning Disability based at the walled garden in Royden Park. The team has been learning falconry skills and they, with Duncan their care leader, will be demonstrating how to fly Roy. Roy has been trained for several years now and is often taken to schools to demonstrate her (!) skills. We can provide a separate room for anyone not comfortable with a bird flying free.



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



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

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

18th

May

£30pp

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

29th
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.

ARTY PARTY

BY REBECCA LE BROCC



There are currently 12 people booked in for the Arty Party.

Booking will close on Thursday 15th February due to the materials needing to be ordered in advance. Please book your place ASAP if you want to come.

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

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

St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH



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February 10th – March 2nd



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



The Children's Society

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Saturday 16th March 2023

10.00am – 12.30pm

at Jean Heath's, Home

'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



All Welcome to a **COFFEE MORNING**



FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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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