

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
28th April - Easter 5**



Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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 schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards - Specific request for Sean
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital
Please pray for those preparing for confirmation - Annabelle, Diane and Emma
Please pray for children and young people preparing for and taking exams

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, Baby Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Kate Butler, Meira Jones-Evans and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Families and friends of Mike Patten and Brian Jones

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 28th April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church at St Chad's
3.00pm Baptism of Isabelle Vickers
6.30pm APCM at St Chad's

Sun 5th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 12th May 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age service at St Chad's

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New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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.

The money for your donation should be given to the parish office.

Your **cash or cheque** donation should be placed in an envelope with your contact details and the date that you have signed up for.

You can donate by **BACS transfer** (followed by email to the office stating the amount you have donated and the date that you have signed up for.) indicating that it is for the Flower Fund.



Ness Gardens Saturday 11th May

This was a lovely outing last year in June, so we have repeated it, but in May for a change of vista and climate, we were melting last time!

Enjoy the company and a stroll around the beautiful gardens, take picnics or use the excellent café, up to you. We will meet in St Chad's carpark at 10 am and car share. We plan to leave the gardens around 3.30/4pm. See poster for details of costing.

To book a place please contact **Pat Neil**, please say whether you will offer to drive or if you require a lift.

Please contact **Pat Neil** in church or via email pat.neil@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 07761942566

Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th May between 10am and 12 noon at Irby Methodist Church. Refreshments including toast, teacakes and biscuits (Gluten free available). Possibly a small cake stall. Concluding with a short time of prayer. Everyone welcome. There will be envelopes available and Gift Aid form.

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

TUESDAY 23rd April 2024

**Peter Cobley -
Introduction to Family History**



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



**ORDINATION OF GAYNOR KYDD
10.30am Sunday 30th June
at Chester Cathedral**

Following her ordination as deacon, Gaynor will be a part time (1.5 days a week, plus Sunday mornings) NSM (non stipendiary minister) in our parish. Anyone wishing to attend the Ordination Service (which will be approximately an hour and three quarters long) should let Revd Jane know ASAP. There is no guarantee of seats being available and there will be the option of viewing the service from home via the Cathedral's Youtube.

Dawpool WI - Remembrance Poppies

Dawpool WI are planning a display of Poppies for Irby Village for November. If you would like to support them by knitting poppies or supplying red (poppy colour) wool, please speak to Elizabeth Barton. The knitting pattern is available at the back of church.



Water Aid Cake Sale - Massive thank you to all who came last Thursday to hear the talk about water aid. It was a great evening. Thank you also to those who bought cakes and crafts and made donations. The total amount given to Water Aid was £260.00"

This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.



Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church. **RNIB** See differently

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



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.

Items we urgently need are:

- * Tinned Fish
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tinned Vegetables
Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn
- * UHT Milk
- * Tinned Rice Pudding
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Tomatoes
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Deodorant
- * Shampoo



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**