

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd Mar - St Chad's Day and Sun 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 schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Jane
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 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 Paul Checkland (Leslie Worrall's cousin), Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd Gaynor), Dawn McKenna (sister of Revd Gaynor), Archdeacon Jane, Jane Fellowes (Dot Turners daughter), Mike Jones, Beryl Goodall, Brenda Wilson, Brenda Halifax, Phil Hales, John Reynolds and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For baptism families: Clara (23rd March), Rosalie (25th May)

For the bereaved: Families and friends of June Bibby (Funeral 1.30pm Thurs 20th March at St Barts), Betty Michael (Funeral 10th March - Warrington), Fr Mark Tuner - Vicar of Hooton

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 2nd March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

**Sun 9th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chads**

**Sun 16th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts**

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Old Testament Reading: Ex 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Cor 3:12—4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

LIVING HOPE



Lent Groups

11.30am-12.30pm
St Chad's Main Hall

OR

7.30-9.00pm

St Chad's Extension

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like to join one of these groups and she will give you the booklet that we will be using. The booklet offers daily Bible Readings, pictures, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help you grow in hope and faith during Lent.

Wed 5th March - Start of Lent: What is hope?
Exploring what hope means in the context of the Christian faith.

Wed 12th March - Week 1: Imperfect
Exploring how we hold on to hope in lives that are messy and a world that is imperfect.

Wed 19th March - Week 2: Together
Exploring the ways joining with others allows us to find hope ourselves and offer hope to those who need it.

Wed 26th March - Week 3: Trusting
Exploring what it means to trust in the hope God promises, even when we feel uncertain about the future.

Wed 2nd April - Week 4: Noticing
Exploring how we can deepen our hope by noticing signs of what God is doing.

Wed 9th April - Week 5: Courage
Exploring how being rooted in hope can give us courage to face difficulties and seek change.

Wed 16th April - Holy Week: Transformed
Exploring how God can transform even the most broken situations.

RDA
Riding for the Disabled Association



It's what you **can** do that counts

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT

BRING & BUY

REFRESHMENTS



Friday 21 March

7.30pm St Chad's hall

ALL PROCEEDS TO RDA

St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years, every Church of England parish is required to create a new electoral roll, and this year (2025) is the year in which that happens. **Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 2nd March 2025.**

Sunday 9th March

Our Old Testament reading includes this verse from Deuteronomy 26:-

"take some of all the firstfruits of what you grow in the land that God, your God, is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place God, your God, sets apart for you to worship him."

You are invited to bring tins of fruit to the 10.30am service which having been offered to God will then be shared with the Foodbank.



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 25th March 2025

Ken Pye
"Wirral Anecdotes"



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



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

- It is becoming increasingly important that
- we reduce the amount of cash and cheques that we handle
 - and increase the number of donations made through PGS, standing orders, or using electronic payment devices, etc.

The reason being that the PCC is being charged to bank cash and cheques over a certain limit each month, and we have reached that limit a few times in the last year.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider your donations to church and for all financial support that is received. Your donations enable us to work towards our vision of serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby.

Donations of Flowers for Church: You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! 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.



WONDERFUL NEWS! TESCO IS SUPPORTING US.
If you shop in Tesco (Heswall, Pensby and a few others), please use the blue token to vote for us:-
Thurstaston PCC Warm Hub, Irby
vote for us lots of times! mid-January until the end of March.

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

SHOPPING LIST
TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED FRUIT
JAM
SHAMPOO
FEMALE HYGIENE
TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
DEODORANT

Helping the bereaved find support
ataloss.org

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