

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
25th February - Lent 2**



**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of  
ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended  
from all adversities which may happen to the  
body, and from all evil thoughts which may as-  
sault and hurt the soul;  
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 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 Sean and Claire)  
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, Jean Barzey and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** For the family and friends of Graham Barley (Friday 1st March: Funeral 10.30am at Landican followed by a service of thanksgiving 11.30am at St Bart's - you are welcome to attend either or both services)

**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 25th February**      **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
                                 **10.30am Communion with Junior Church at St Chads**

**Sun 3rd March**            **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
                                 **10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Sun 10th March**         **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**Mothers' Sunday**       **10.30am All Age Worship at St Chads**

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## **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**

7 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

## **New Testament Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup>Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-38**

### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Your PCC needs you.

As we approach our Annual Parish Meeting, Would you consider putting your name forward for election to the Parochial Church Council?

Here's an invitation from some current PCC members:-



When it was suggested that I might consider being part of the PCC I almost laughed. Me! I wasn't even sure what the PCC did. But, in for a penny, in for a pound I decided to give it a go. So glad I did. I have learned so much about how a church is run. I realised that everyone has something to give to help the smooth running of our church, however little they may think it is. It would be wonderful to see some young faces at these meetings to give new ideas and thoughts for the future. So why not come and join us, we would love to see you.

Pat Neil

I have been a member of the PCC for over 15 years, and I thoroughly enjoy the experience. Of course, it was with some trepidation when first joining; I thought it would be extremely serious and quite "highbrow" and thus I questioned my abilities, and what I would be able to offer. However, of course the meetings do have a serious element to them, after all it is the operation of the church that we review and decide upon, but there is an excellent camaraderie between the members and everyone's opinion matters and is listened to. There are the sub committees that people are invited to attend that have themes, such as finance, and peoples' skills set are matched towards these. The sub committees report into the main PCC and can influence the decisions made there.

Do I make this sound very time consuming and particularly demanding? It isn't, but I find being a PCC member both very informative and enjoyable. Please do join us if you are able.

Janet Trigg

A PCC member is similar to being a shareholder of a company, (without the remuneration). PCC members make decisions on how the church is run and it gives a person an insight into a wide range of topics on which decisions have to be made. They include financial affairs, when the lightning conductors have to be checked, maintenance of church buildings, church service patterns and many more.

It is not time consuming as we only meet about 5 or 6 times each year, sometimes there are similarities to "the Year of Dibley" at times, we don't always agree but generally we conduct business in a civilised and courteous manner, respectful of each other's opinions and views. There is an urgent need for fresh members, maybe younger members who wish to guide the parish (Thurstaston and Irbly) to grow God's church and swell our churches again.

You may not have done this before, but it is very rewarding and you will be guided by those around you. If you feel you have the skills or want to learn more, please contact any PCC member to discuss what is involved.

Malcolm Studholme

## Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills, etc. The PCC finance sub-committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but would value and appreciate having someone to act as Treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.



Please speak to Revd Jane or the Interim PCC Secretary (Cheryl Goddard) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil, Cheryl Goddard) if you think you could help.

## Festival Flowers - More Information in March Crosstalk

### *Mothering Sunday Posies*

We will be putting together the Mothering Sunday daffodil posies on **Saturday 9th March at 10.00am at St Chad's** Young and Old are invited to come and help.



If you have any greenery in your garden that could be used in the posies, please drop it off at St Chad's by 10.00am on the day, or contact Julie DeBoorder on 07599 186 893 who will arrange to collect it from you.

# 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



**Saturday 16th March 2023**



The Children's Society  
making childhood better

10am -12.30pm

at Jean Heath's,

Home

'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road

All Welcome to a  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
FOR THE  
**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

with Cake Stall, Bring & Buy,  
Craft Stall & ShoeBeDoo

Any contributions (cakes etc) will be very welcome.



Send a card to a soldier in "A" Squadron of 1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Ailsa's Regiment) Choose a card, write a note in it "Dear Serving Soldier ...." Send them words of encouragement, as they come to the end of a sixth month period of extreme cold weather training in Poland. Tell them who you are and that you know Ailsa as she is licensed to our parish.

**THESE NEED TO BE GIVEN TO REVD JANE BY END OF FEBRUARY.**

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.

### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

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



**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](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**