

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad Thurstaston and Irby 21st April - Easter 4



## Collect

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise  
again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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 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

### 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 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 21st April 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**

**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**

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

## **New Testament Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

## **New Testament Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **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?

We need PCC Members, Church Wardens, Treasurer and Deanery Synod Representatives. Forms are available in both churches. More information on the website (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/being-a-pcc-member/>) and some current members shared their thoughts on page 16 of the March edition of Crosstalk (<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/2024-magazines/>)



## GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### 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"

To The Congregations at St Bart's and Chads.  
I just wanted to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received when working alongside the same this year. It has been really lovely to meet so many of you and thank you all for your support. Please keep our soldiers in your prayers. I may be absent for a while now but you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Every Blessing Ailsa J.

#### 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](mailto: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  
0151 648 8169

*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.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND APCM  
SUN 28 APRIL in St Chad's, 6.30pm**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** - are available on the Website

(<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/pcc-annual-report.php>),

Please ask if you would like a paper copy - available in church.

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**