

The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Sunday 11th December 2011 - Advent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bart's
6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services

Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 18th December - Advent 4

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Nativity Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Joint Carol Service	St Bart's

Junior Church at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available for children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove your child from the service, please note that there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer

Would you like to receive
this notice sheet every week
direct to your e-mail in-
box? If so, please send an
e-mail request to the parish

Notices and announcements!!!

2nd Irby Rainbows who meet at St Chad's on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm, are looking for another adult who would like to help on a regular weekly basis. Rainbows are aged between 5 and 7 years old, and there are currently 16 in the pack. It would be great if you could join us! Please contact me if you would like any extra information: Karen Fearn tel: 07795547664 or email fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas and New Year Services

Sun Dec 18th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church, 6.30pm Joint Carol Service at St Bartholomew's. 8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sat Dec 24th 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's, 5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's. As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces! 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas.

Sunday December 25th - Christmas Day, 8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's - weather permitting retired Clergyman can get to Church! 9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's. You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else. 11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY.

Sunday January 1st 10.30am Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's. 12noon "Drinks and Nibbles" at St Chad's

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Sunday January 8th 10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist, 8.00am and 6.30pm as normal. NO 9.30am or 11.15am service.

M.U. 'Epiphany Communion and Tea' at St Chad's on Thursday 5th January at 2.15pm.

EMU 'Tea & Toast, Bring & Buy' at St Chad's on Saturday 14th January, 9.30am-11.30am.

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Gospel Reading: (John 1:6-8,19-28)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
9This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'
10He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'
11And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'
12Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'
13He said,
'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',
as the prophet Isaiah said.
14Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.
15They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'
16John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,
17the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'
18This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*

Readings for Today

Is 61:1-4,8-11
1 Thess 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

Readings for 25th December

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for Servicemen and women serving in war torn places.

For the parish: Please pray for David Furlong & Lisa Thomson having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Betty Crocker, Marian Mansbridge, Karen Ormsby, and those known to us.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Western North Carolina - (Province IV, USA)

The Rt Revd Granville Porter Taylor.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Stepping Hill Hospital

Brenda Lowe.