

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 18th December 2011 - 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

Next Weeks Services

Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	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 inbox? 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

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. Please sign list at back of church if you intend to come for the drinks & nibbles.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

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.

Wirral Wide Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7th January 2012 at the Leverhulme Hotel. Arrival can be from 8am onwards, eat at 8:30am and Andy Hawthorne OBE will speak from just after 9am. Contact Matt James for further information and to book by 23rd December. www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk.

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

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Gospel Reading: (Luke 1:26-38)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

27to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

29But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

30The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

31And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

32He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

33He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

34Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

35The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

36And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

37For nothing will be impossible with God.'

38Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Readings for Today

2 Sam 7:1-11,16
Rom 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Readings for 25th December

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the blessing of peace around the World today and in the New Year to come.

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:

Wyoming - (Province V1, USA)

The Rt Revd Bruce Edward Caldwell.