

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 16th December - Advent 3

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 23rd December - Advent 4

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Carol Service at Irby Methodist Church	

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 office

Notices and announcements!!!

Dec 24th 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's.
5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's.
11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's.

Dec 25th - Christmas Day If you need a lift or could offer a lift to the Christmas Day Service, please sign the list at the back of church.

10.00am Family Communion at St Bartholomew's.

Sun Dec 30th & Jan 6th All Services as Normal.

THANK YOU to everyone who gave money to Revd Jane, on Sunday 9th December or at MU on 6th December, for her friend Rohan in Sri Lanka. Thanks to your generosity Revd Jane was able to do a bank transfer on Monday morning of £430.00 (three times his monthly salary!) See below, e-mail received from Rohan.

Dear Jane, I am so very Thankful to you and the kind hearted ones who donated the Money. This will help us for a long period. God Bless you. Rohan.

General Synod Decision on Women Bishops: Bishop Peter invites YOU to an open meeting for Laity at Foxhill (Tarvin Rd, Frodsham, WA6 6XB) on 31st January 2013 7.00 for 7.30pm. The primary purpose is to enable Bishop Peter and others to listen to a range of opinions and reaction from within the diocese, and to discuss ways in which the question of women in the episcopate might now be taken forward.

Unused Christmas Cracker Crowns required for family service on January 6th. If you are the kind of family that pull the crackers and don't wear the crowns, then can you please keep them and pass them to Revd Jane or bring them with you to the 9.30am service on January 6th. Thank You.

Treasurer required Chris Eden has handed in his notice as treasurer for personal reasons. Ideally we need a new treasurer by the end of the year. If this could be you or you can suggest someone, please speak to Revd Jane.

Notices continued overleaf...

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Gospel Readings: (Luke 3:7-18)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

7John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

10And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' 11In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' 12Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' 13He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' 14Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Zeph 3:14-20
Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Readings for 23rd December

Micah 5:2-5a
Heb 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the family & friends of Jacintha Saldanha after her tragic death.

For the sick: We continue to pray for those known to us.

For the bereaved: Please pray for Karen Fox & her family on the loss of Karen's mother.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Kisangani-(Congo)

The Rt Revd Lambert Botolome.

Notices cont...

"Save the Date" for a quiz night at St Chad's on 2nd Feb at 7.15pm.

To be organised by Viv Hutchison.

There will be light refreshments and a raffle and the winning teams will receive a small prize after battling it out over a variety of rounds. Tickets will cost £3 each and will be available after Christmas. Any surplus funds will be donated to church funds. So put the date in your diary and join us for a fun evening.

Crosstalk The Parish magazine for Dec/Jan is available at the back of church.