

# 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 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	<b>Carol Service at Irby Methodist</b>	

### Next Weeks Services

#### Mid-week Services

<u>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></u>	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 25<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**NO SERVICE** on Wednesday 26th December

### Sunday 30th December - Christmas 1

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

## Notices and announcements!!!

**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.

**Children's Society** Thank you to all the box holders who collected a total of £781.92.

**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.

**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.

**Treasurer required** Chris Eden has handed in his notice as treasurer for personal reasons. We need a new treasurer as soon as possible. The role can be split into several component parts. If you think you could help in a small way, please speak to Revd Jane.

*Notices continued overleaf...*

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## Gospel Readings: (Luke 1:39-45)

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

39Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

**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**

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

#### **Readings for 30th December**

1 Sam 2:18-20,26  
Col 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the family & friends of the schoolchildren and adults so tragically killed in Newtown Connecticut. Please pray for an end to the killings of health workers carrying out polio vaccinations in Pakistan. Please continue to pray for peace in Bethlehem.

**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:  
Koforidua (Ghana)-(West Africa)**  
The Rt Revd Francis Quashie.

#### Notices cont...

**M.U. Communion Service** with Rev Jane on Thursday 3rd January, 2.15pm at St Chad's.

**"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.