

# 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 6th January - Epiphany

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

### Next Weeks Services Mid-week Services

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
<b>Sunday 13th January - Baptism of Christ</b>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	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 office

## Notices and announcements!!!

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

**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.

**Wellspring** January 17th 8-9pm at The Rectory - An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

**EMU 'Tea & Toast/Bring & Buy'**, 9.30am-11.30am on Saturday 19th January at St Chad's.

**EMU** New Year meal, Wednesday 23rd January, venue and time to be decided.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 2nd February, 8.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.

**"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.

**Robin Hood** presented by West Wirral Gang Show Theatre Group, starring Sophie Wolstencroft and William & Georgia Brady. 31st Jan, 1st & 2nd Feb 2.00pm & 7.30pm 2013 at St Andrews Church Hall, Graham Road West Kirby. Ticket Hotline: 677 6525, Concessions £3, Adults £4. 10% Discount on bookings of 10 or more tickets.

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

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## Gospel Readings: (Matt 2:1-12)

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

1In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 2‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ 3When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6“‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ 9When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Collect**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey’s end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by  
your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

#### **Readings for Today**

Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:1-12  
Matt 2:1-12

#### **Readings for 13th January**

Is 43:1-7  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17,21-22

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

**For the World:** Please continue to pray for peace in Bethlehem.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Chloe Stirling to be baptised at St Bartholomew’s on Sunday. Please pray for Paul Roberts and Hannah Smith & Mark Brindley & Lydia Sullivan having their banns read at St Bartholomew’s on Sunday.

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

**For the bereaved:** Please pray for all those who miss their loved ones at this special time of year.