

# 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 1st December 2013 - Advent Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
4.00pm	Christingle	St Bart's

### Next Weeks Services

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
<b>Sunday 8th December - Advent 2</b>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bart's
3.00pm	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!!!

**M.U. Christmas meeting** 5th Dec, 2.15pm at St Chad's. Come along and listen to Dawpool School Choir. All Welcome.

**Dawpool School Christmas Bazaar** Friday 6th December 10.00-11.30am & 2.00-4.00pm. The Chair of FODS (Friends of Dawpool) would be delighted if members of the congregation were able to pop in to school for this event.

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 7th December 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby Village.

**TV Programme:** The Bible is firmly back on the national agenda this December, thanks to an epic new TV series THE BIBLE showing on Channel 5 (first episode is 30th November 9pm) To help you (and our church) to engage with this unique opportunity, SU has created two fantastic free resources, The Bible Bank app and Walking with the Bible e-book. Find out more and download your free copy from [www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk). You can click on the link to the TV Programme.

**Community Christmas Lunch** Christmas Day Lunch will once again be served in the St Bridget's Centre, West Kirby for anyone wishing to share in community on this special day. If you, your family, your neighbours or anyone you know would welcome fellowship and a good meal on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December please contact Rev Mike Loach, curate at St Bridget's Church, on 0151 625 3341, email at [mgloach@gmail.com](mailto:mgloach@gmail.com) There is no charge for the event, but places are limited.

### **TOP YOUTH BAND AND CHOIR TO PLAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF WIRRAL FOODBANK**

7.30pm on Saturday 14th December 2013, at St Luke's Methodist Church, Hoylake.

**Wirral Schools' Concert Band** - the Wirral's premiere youth ensemble - will play a lively programme of Christmas Classics and well known works from stage and screen. The band will be ably assisted by **Sounds Central Young Voices**, a choir also drawn from schools across the Wirral. This Concert is supported by 'Churches Together in Hoylake and Meols' and by Sainsburys, with **ALL** proceeds in aid of the **Wirral Foodbank**. Admission on the door: Adults £5 plus one item as a gift for the Foodbank; Children £2 plus one item as a gift for the Foodbank. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. **Please put this date in your diary and look forward to a great evening!**

**Breast Cancer Care** A special Carol Service to encourage and support all whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. Tuesday 17th December, 7pm at St Michael's Pensby. Further information from 0151 648 2404 or 929 5743

**Saturday 14th December** The Military Wives Choir 6.30pm at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.

**Thurstaston & Irby Calendar** Calendars available for purchase from back of church or parish office.

**Dawpool C of E Pre-School** Places are still available. Contact Carol Marwing, Manager on 07790311340.

*Notices continued overleaf...*

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## Gospel Readings: (Matt 24:36-44)

### All :Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 36‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### *Notices cont...*

#### **Christmas Services**

#### **Sunday 15th December**

9.30am Nativity Service at St Chad's.

#### **Christmas Eve 24th December**

4.00pm Crib Service & 5.00pm Crib Service, 11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bart's.

#### **Christmas Day 25th December**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Bart's.  
10.00am Family Communion at St Chad's.

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Amen*

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

#### **Readings for Today**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Rom 13:11-14  
Matt 24:36-44

#### **Readings for 8th December**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Rom 15:4-13  
Matt 3:1-12

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

**For the World:** Please pray for victims of abuse.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Thomas & Daniel Keegan, to be baptised at St Bartholomew's next week at 3.00pm.

**For the sick:** Please pray for Gill Turner (Bp Geoff's wife) and Barrie Jones. Please pray for those in hospital.

#### **From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Bishop William Michie Klusmeyer, West Virginia (III, The Episcopal Church, USA)

#### **From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

Pray for those who are ill, those living with infection, communities hard pressed by HIV occurrence, and all who are working for change.