

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 22nd December 2013 - Advent 4

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 9.30am | Family Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 3.00pm | Baptism | St Bart's |
| 6.30pm | Carol Service | St Bart's |

Next Weeks Services

Christmas Eve

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| 4.00pm | Crib Service | St Bart's |
| 5.00pm | Crib Service | St Bart's |
| 11.15pm | First Communion of Christmas | St Bart's |

Christmas Day

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

Sunday 29th December - Christmas 1

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

Notices and announcements!!!

Sunday 5th January 10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church. No 9.30am service at St Chad's and no 11.15am service at St Bartholomew's. 8.00am & 6.30pm services as normal.

Thurstaston & Irby Calendar If you haven't yet got your calendar, please hurry, supplies are running low.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 4th January 2014, 8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.

Mothers' Union Our next meeting has been postponed for one week until **Thursday 9th January at 2.15pm**, when Joyce Ratcliffe will be our speaker. Please do come along and join us.

Food for thought? Pilgrim - A course for the Christian Journey. You are warmly invited to join a group for people who want to learn more about the Christian Faith. Thursday Evenings 8-9pm at St Chad's starting on January 9th for 6 weeks. More info on the flyers at the back of church.

PCC Meeting The PCC will meet on Monday 13th January, 7.30pm at St Chad's. If you have any items of concern or questions about the life of the church, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.

Wellspring Monday 20th January 2014, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to pray.

'Saturday Evening Worship' 25th January, 6.00pm-7.30pm at St Chad's. Session of worship with a band. Modern Worship, including music by Matt Redman, Tim Hughes and Rend Collective Experiment. Fun & reflective songs. All ages welcome!

'Pop in and Pray' 25th January, 5.00pm-8.00pm, in St Chad's extension, with quiet music and some prayer suggestions. Pop in for 5 minutes or for as long as you wish and take the opportunity to have some quiet time for you and God.

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

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

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Gospel Readings: (Matt 1:18-25)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

18The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' 24When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Isaiah 7:10-16

Rom 1:1-7

Matt 1:18-25

Readings for 29th December

Isaiah 63:7-9

Heb 2:10-18

Matt 2:13-23

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: As we remember the birth of Jesus, we continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.

For the parish: Please pray for Mark Cunningham & Charlotte Lasley who were married at St Bartholomew's on Friday. Please pray for Nathan Geer, to be baptised today at 3pm and his parents Ian & Katherine.

For the sick: Please pray for Betty Withy. Please continue to pray for baby Thomas Keegan & Barrie Jones. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Laurence Yutaka Minabe (Yokohama (Japan))

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

May the Holy Child,
unrecognised, yet a gift to all;
poor, yet bringing the riches of grace;
excluded, yet offering love without limit;
tiny, yet holding the whole world in his heart;
be born among us.