

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 29th December 2013 - Christmas 1

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
Sunday 5th January - Christmas 2		
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
10.30am	Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church	
6.30pm	Holy Communion	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!!!

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.

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Gospel Readings: (Matt 2:13-23)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

13After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' 14Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' 16When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

19When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' 21Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an
earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

Isaiah 63:7-9
Heb 2:10-18
Matt 2:13-23

Readings for 5th January

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Eph 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9)10-18

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

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Mathayo Kasagara, Lake Rukwa (Tanzania)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for all that makes for a profound and engaging use of the Bible amongst us.