

# 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 2nd February 2014 - Candlemas

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 Service

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
<b>Sunday 9th February - 4th Sunday before Lent</b>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	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

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## Notices and announcements!!!

**Funeral of Revd Ian Morris:** 2.15pm Thursday 6th February, St Hildeburgh, Hoylake.

**Thank You** on behalf of the gardening team to the one person who has kept the garden at St Bart's looking beautiful throughout the Winter, so a big thank you to Brian Jones.

**Parish Outing** to Lichfield Cathedral and The National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 17th June 2014. Everyone welcome. Cost £15.00. More details in the parish magazine. Book your place ASAP. Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones, or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.

**The February Magazine** is now available at the back of church. If you have your magazine delivered, subscriptions for 2014 are now due. See magazine for how to pay. If you do not have a magazine delivered, then please pick up a copy or contact the office (648 8169), to arrange to have it delivered. It is full of information about forthcoming events and interesting articles. Only 40p.

**EMU 'Zumba Gold'** Wednesday 5th February 8pm at St Chad's. A half hour session of a modified Zumba with low impact moves Suitable for all abilities.

**Mothers' Union** At our meeting on February 6th, 2.15pm at St Chad's, Colin Ratcliffe will be giving us 'A Foretaste of Spring', from The Keukenhof Gardens near Amsterdam. Ladies & Gentlemen - All are welcome.

**'Wellspring'** Monday 17th February 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to listen to God and to pray.

**PCC Meeting** The PCC have an away day on the 8th February and the next scheduled meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 10th February, 7.30pm at St Chad's. If you have any items of concern or questions about the life of the church, that you would like the PCC to consider, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.

**Sunday 2nd March St Chad's Day** Special services to celebrate our patron saint at **10.30am** at St Chad's and **11.15am** at St Bartholomew's. Please join us for a 'Bring & Share' lunch at **12.30pm** at St Chad's. 8.00am service as usual. There will be no evening service. (There will be family games/crafts at St Chad's between 10.30 service and lunch so there is no need for people to go home in-between).

**Commemorating 100 years** since the beginning of World War 1 on Saturday 12th July at St Chad's. There will be:- Displays of artwork, information about the men recorded on our War Memorial, a family history enquiry table, a display about "Animals in the War", refreshments. More information in the parish magazine.

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## Gospel Readings: (Luke 2:22-40)

### All :Glory to you, O Lord

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

25Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

33And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ 36There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

### *Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

*Amen*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond  
words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever

*Amen*

**Readings for  
Today**  
Malachi 3:1-5  
Heb 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**Readings for  
9th February**  
Is 58:1-9a  
1 Cor 2:1-12  
Matt 5:13-20

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

**For the World:** Please pray for the victims of the civil war in Syria.

**For the parish:** Please pray for the PCC as they prepare for their away day on 8th February.

**For the bereaved:** Please pray for the families and friends of Rev. Ian Morris and Mrs Elsie Davis.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Margaret Mude and Betty Withy. Please pray for those in hospital.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**  
Archbishop Bernard Ntahtouri, Archbishop of Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**  
Pray for those preparing the Diocesan Lay Conference (16th to 18th May) and for all who will attend.