

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 30th November 2014 - Advent Sunday

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15pm | Baptism | St Bart's |

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

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| 10.15am Wed | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
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Sunday 7th December - Advent 2

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 9.30am | Morning Worship | St Chad's |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion | St Bart's |
| 4.00pm | Christingle Service | St Chad'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!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported the Christmas Fair. Total raised to be announced.

Christmas tree Volunteers please to decorate the Christmas tree after the 9.30am service on Sunday 7th Dec, during coffee time.

Christingle Service 7th December, 4pm at St Chad's. Everybody of any age welcome.

Advent/Christmas Service 2pm Tues 9th Dec at Irby Methodist Church. Irby Methodist Women's Fellowship invite everyone (male and female) to join them for this service.

Christmas Afternoon Tea & Entertainment Wednesday 10th December, 2pm at St Chad's, featuring Professional Magician, Steven Cooil. Admission £5, (includes free entry into the raffle). Tickets from Alan Jones, Leslie Worrall, June Dean or the Church Office. For further details or transport requests please contact 648 1400.

'SOSO' Community Choir Tuesday 2nd & 16th December, 8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's. £4 per session.

The Dec/Jan parish magazine 'Crosstalk', is available at the back of church.

English pre-Reformation in honour of Mary and the Nativity. Renaissance Music Group & Chester Viols, on 7th December, 8pm at Liverpool Cathedral Lady Chapel. Tickets £8, conc. £5, at the door or from Cathedral Shop 0151 702 7255 www.cathedralshop.com Parking £4. See poster for more information.

Weekly Giving Envelopes are available for both churches. It is helpful to the church to receive weekly donations, so anyone interested in joining the envelope scheme, please contact me either in church or on 625 0089 or at sjturn@liv.ac.uk. For those who are UK taxpayers the church can get a 25% increase in the value of donations if they complete a gift aid form and also to save finding cash each week, donations can be made by standing order. Forms are available from me and I am happy to answer any questions. If not gift aiding it is helpful to donate by cash rather than cheque. Many thanks, Chris Turnbull.

Parish Weekend Away 16th-18th October 2015 at Cloverley Hall. There are invitation letters and booking forms at the back of church. This will be a good weekend for people of all ages and we hope that many of you will want to join us. Please fill in the booking form and return with deposit to Chris Smale, Revd Jane or the parish office as soon as possible.

Dawpool Pre-School Spaces are filling up fast, so please call the Pre-School on 07835096171 to reserve your child's space.

Used Postage stamps With Christmas approaching, just a reminder to collect your used postage stamps for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

Church Office: Mrs C Rostock, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH

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REVD JANE TURNER 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday)

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Gospel Reading: (Matt 13:24-37)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 24‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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

Is 64:1-9
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Readings for 7th December

Is 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for clean water and sanitation for all.

For the parish: Please pray for Violet Brickles to be baptised at 11.15am today at St Bart’s and her parents Mark & Helen.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Joyce Kathleen Lovelock.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Stephen Venner, Falkland Islands (Falkland Islands) (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for all who work in the mass media, and for all facing rapid workplace change because of developing technologies.