

# 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 4th January 2015 - Christmas 2

8.00am Holy Communion St Bart's  
10.30am Joint Ecumenical Service at Irby  
Methodist Church  
Next Weeks Services

### Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 11th January - Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion St Bart's  
9.30am Holy Communion St Chad's  
11.15am Morning 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!!!

**Unsure what to do with your Christmas Cards** Why not recycle? Christmas card collection boxes will be in M&S stores again from January 2 to January 31 2015 and money generated through the card recycling scheme will fund the planting of new trees throughout the UK., by The Woodland Trust. Collection boxes will also be placed in over 1,000 Sainsbury's stores until 14 January 2015 for the purpose of recycling unwanted Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Any cards left in these collection boxes will be recycled by Sainsbury's, which will then make a donation to the Forest Stewardship Council UK (FSC) based on the volume of cards collected.

**The 2015 Parish Calendar** is available at the back of church. £5 each, or collect from the Church office, during office hours.

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

**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.

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 10th January 2015, 8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.

**Wellspring** Monday 19th January, 8pm at The Rectory.

**Home for Good** Could you foster or adopt? Help us find a home for every child who needs one. See bookmarks at the back of church for more information or visit [homeforgood.org.uk](http://homeforgood.org.uk) Home for Good Works together with Care for the Family which is a Christian Charity.

**The Children's Society** house boxes raised £750.58. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. As a number of box holders have been removed from the list this year for various reasons, we would like to encourage all those who don't yet have a house box to take one for their small change or bigger! Contact Jean Heath on 648 6015, Elaine Kavanagh on 648 1721, or Barbara Kozer on 648 3523 for a box and registration form.

**Tots and Tinies need your help** – Are you available on a Thursday morning? Could you come and help to prepare children's snacks and cups of tea for parents/carers? Could you come and welcome people as they arrive and record them on the weekly register and then sign them out again as they leave? Revd Jane or Kate Preston can give you more details. Please ask if you think you could help support this valuable community outreach.

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**Gospel Reading: (John 1:(1-9),10-18)**

**All :Glory to you, O Lord**

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. 4What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') 16From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Collect**

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.

*Amen*

**Post Communion Prayer**

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly King,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.

*Amen*

**Readings for  
Today**

Jer 3:7-14  
Eph 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9),10-18

**Readings for  
11th January**

Gen 1:1-5  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the situations worldwide in the news.

**For the community:** Please pray for all parish activities re-starting in the New Year.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Alex Thompson and Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the Diocese:** The new Bishop of Stockport - and the first woman bishop in the history of the Church of England - will be the Revd Libby Lane, currently Vicar of St Peter's, Hale, and St Elizabeth's, Ashley.

Libby's appointment was announced by No.10 Downing Street on Wednesday 17 December. She was introduced at Stockport Town Hall. She will be consecrated as the 8th Bishop of Stockport at a ceremony at York Minister on Monday 26 January 2015.