

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 11th January 2015 - Baptism of Christ

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 18th January - Epiphany 2

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

The PCC will meet at St Chad's on January 12th. The agenda includes:

- Possible developments and other improvements arising from the recent surveys of the congregations;
- A grant from the Local Authority to improve the kitchen at St Chad's (unfortunately a lot less than the expected costs of what is needed);
- Information about the reconstitution of school governing bodies under government reforms;
- Developments in the Open Door project;
- A report by a Business Consultant, Robert Preston, on the financial affairs of the parish.

If any member of the congregations wishes to comment on any of these topics before the meeting, please speak to a member of the PCC.
Graham Barley (Hon PCC Secretary)

Raise Money for Church by Enjoying a Night at the Theatre!

The Carlton Players have Charity Performances of their plays at The Little Theatre in Birkenhead. The plays for this season are:-

- Tuesday 3 – Saturday 7 February 2015 – "The Hollow" by Agatha Christie
- Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 March 2015 – "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Goodrich and Hackett

For every ticket purchased for the **TUESDAY** performance they will give us 50% of the proceeds. Tickets are £8.00 and students are £6.00, so we receive £4.00 and £3.00 respectively. When you book your ticket, **you MUST quote "St Bartholomew's Thurstaston"** in order for us to receive this money. More information about the plays and the theatre can be found at www.carltonlittletheatre.co.uk and tickets can be purchased either on line or by e-mailing boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk or phoning 647 6593.

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

Home for Good Come to an evening of information and inspiration about adoption and fostering in association with Christian charity, Home for Good, Adoption Matters and Wirral Borough Council on Thursday 26th February, 7.00-9.00pm at The Hope Centre, Fishers Lane, Pensby. See poster for more information.

'SOSO' Community Choir Tuesday 13th & 27th January, 8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's. £4 per session.

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.

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Gospel Reading: (Mark 1:4-11)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Notices cont.

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

Used Postage stamps 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.

The Children's Society 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.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as
Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

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

Readings for 18th January

1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20)
Rev 5:1-10
John 1:43-51

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the families & friends of the victims killed in the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris. Please continue to pray for all those affected by disasters over the Christmas & New Year period.

For the parish: Please pray for the PCC meeting on Monday 12th January.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the families & friends of Octavia Deverill (Service of Thanksgiving, 11.45am, Fri 23rd Jan at St Bart's), Donald Kendrick (Funeral, 1.15pm, Thurs 15th Jan at St Bart's) and Norman Jones (Funeral, 12 noon, Wed 21st Jan, Landican).

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

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Stanley Fube, Langtang (Jos, Nigeria).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

The churches of Brazil have given us a powerful image for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, one that reminds us of what we have learnt on our ecumenical journey, but one that challenges us to go deeper in our understanding of one another as we pray for unity of all Christians as Christ himself prayed.

Revd Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. www.ctbi.org.uk