

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 25th October 2015 – Bible Sunday**



Welcome to Church today.
We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Children are Welcome at our Services

In St Chad's, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

In St Bartholomew's, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect for today

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change
and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the World.

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

For our school: Please pray for Mrs Peters as she prepares to retire. Please pray for Mr David Burrows as he prepares to transition into his new role as Head Teacher of Dawpool Primary School.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop John Hiromichi Kato, Tohoku; Bishop Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata, Tokyo (Japan).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for a lively, faithful use of the Bible.

Services TODAY – Bible Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 29th October (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day 4th Before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Evening of Remembrance	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

• **Christmas Cards for sale.** £2.50 per pack.
Profit to church funds.

• **Crosstalk** The **November** magazine is available at the back of church.

• **SOSO** Tuesday 27th October, 8pm at St Chad's.

• **Pumpkin Party** Saturday 31st October, 6.00 - 7.30pm at St Chad's. Family fun, party games, pumpkin crafts, treats and a Bonfire. £2.00 per child - payable on the night. Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin. Please let Revd Jane know if you are coming. No witches, wizards, ghouls or other scary costumes-Thank You!

• **Postage stamps** - as Christmas approaches, 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.

• **Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** on Sunday 1st November 2015, 6.30pm at St Chad's. An opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have died in the past year (or longer). Please see magazine for more information.

• **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 7th November, 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby.

• **PCC Meeting** on Monday 9th November, 7.30pm at St Chad's.

• **Wellspring** on Monday 16th November, 8-9pm at the Rectory.

• **Felting Group - Spirituality through Textiles** at St Chads Church Irby on Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 3pm. Oct 27th, Nov 10th and 24th and December 8th.

There will be a charge of £4 per Session.

For more information see magazine and to secure a place contact Chris Branch 0151 632 6121 branchbcd@yahoo.co.uk

- **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 28th November, 1-4pm at St Chad's. **Please let Julie DeBoorder know if you can help in any way 6486331 or debs1313deb@btopenworld.com**

Please start to collect good as new/unwanted gifts, books/DVDs/CDs (no videos), jewellery, toys in good condition, soft toys for kids 'take a ted'. (These items can be delivered to the office from Tuesday 3rd November). Raffle prizes- who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize? Small glass items (to be decorated and sold), small jars that will take a tea-light for the children to do glass painting. For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating: handmade crafts, homemade preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc.,

- **Advent Songs of Praise – Sunday 29th November, 6.30pm at St Chad's.** Following the two very successful Songs of Praise Style Services which we held in September, I would like to invite you to choose a hymn for a similar service for Advent. All of our hymn books have seasonal indexes at the back, so take a look at the Advent section and nominate a hymn. In order for this service to be at its best we would need some people willing to introduce one the hymns – this involves saying a few sentences about why you chose it, why you like it, are there any words within it that help/encourage you in faith etc. You will need to give your hymn choices (and whether you would be willing to introduce this hymn) to Revd Jane by Sunday 8th November so that the service can be prepared. (Please see magazine for more information).

- **Dawpool Primary School** – Foundation 2 entry September 2016 – There will be an Open afternoon for parents and children to visit school on Wednesday 4th November 2015 from 2-3pp. Anyone requiring Revd Jane to sign the Church Attendance part of the application form will need to give it to Revd Jane before Christmas.

- **Room at the inn?** Charity **HOST** is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! Visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

- **Mothers' Union** Provincial Thanksgiving Eucharist in Chester Cathedral at 2pm on Tues 10th November 2015. Bishop Peter is presiding and the preacher is Mothers' Union Central Chaplain, Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. We are greatly privileged to be hosting this Triennial Thanksgiving Service for York Province. Lynne Tembey, our Worldwide President and Barbara Taylor, our Provincial President, will also be there together with the massed choirs of MU in York Province! If you would like to be part of this very special event please send your ticket requirements to Dawn in the cathedral office as soon as possible before the end of September. You cannot just turn up, you do need a ticket. If you would like to be in the choir please also tell Dawn. The office number is 01244 400491 and email is mothersunionchester@care4free.net.

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: John 5:36b-47

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Jews: 36‘The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. 37And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, 38and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

39You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. 40Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41I do not accept glory from human beings. 42But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. 43I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 1 st November
Is 55:1-11	Isaiah 25:6-9
2 Tim 3:14-4:5	Rev 21:1-6a
John 5:36b-47	John 11:32-44

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