

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 29th November – Advent 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

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for an end to acts of terrorism.

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

For the bereaved: Please pray for the Perry family on the loss of Chris' father.

For our schools: Please pray for the Christmas message to shine through the end of term plays and services.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Ng Moon Hing, West Malaysia; Bishop Charles Samuel, Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia; Bishop Jason Selvaraj, Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia (South East Asia).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for the mission thinking and action of all God's people. May we be vibrant messengers of the gospel.

Services TODAY – Advent Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Advent Songs of Praise	St Chad's

Services next week

Wednesday 2nd December (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
4.00pm	Christingle	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

● **Advent Songs of Praise – TODAY 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 this service. All welcome.

● **Christingle** Volunteers needed to help at 2.30pm at St Chad's on Sunday 6th December to make up oranges for the Christingle service at **4.00pm.**

● **Crosstalk** The Dec/Jan magazine is available at the back of church for 50p.

● **Dawpool Primary School – Foundation 2 (Reception) entry September 2016 –** Anyone requiring Revd Jane to sign the Church Attendance part of the application form will need to give it to Revd Jane before Christmas.

● **Leprosy Mission** Thank you to all those who have generously donated towards the work of the Leprosy Mission over the year. The total raised is £316.76p. This mainly comes from the annual collection of the missionary boxes, but also from the one off collection we did in both churches in the summer, when the government doubled the money raised, an extremely worthwhile exercise.

I have a few people who have asked if they can give me an annual cheque for the mission rather than have a box. This is absolutely acceptable, and indeed donations throughout the year are received with warm thanks.

Thank you again for your support and generosity which allows the Leprosy Mission to continue their core work of funding the treatment and rehabilitation of individuals, families and communities affected by leprosy.

● **Riding for the Disabled Association** On behalf of the Foresters' Horn Group, many thanks to all those who have provided used stamps for the RDA collection this year. We are still collecting and, with Christmas approaching, we should be grateful if everyone could remember to save their stamps and put them in the box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's. Jean Heath.

● **Wirral Foodbank Volunteers needed:** Occasional volunteers to give perhaps a couple of hours every few months to assist with collections of food at their local supermarket. Greeters give out "shopping lists" of food that the warehouse is short of, whilst other colleagues receive and pack the food in one of the Foodbank vans.

Regular Volunteers who can give a couple of hours regularly either weekly or monthly to assist with the warehouse and distribution teams. Drivers are in very short supply and we would welcome drivers with clean driving licences to assist not only with the supermarket collections but also to deliver the collected food to the 15 Distribution Centres across the Wirral.

How to Volunteer: Download a Volunteer Application form and a Confidentiality agreement from our website www.wirral.foodbank.com.

Regular volunteers will need to supply 2 references, though those who wish to help with supermarket collections need not. Return the completed forms to Wirral Foodbank.

● **SOSO** Tuesday 1st December, 8pm at St Chad's.

● **Felting Group - Spirituality through Textiles** at St Chads Church Irby on Tuesday afternoon 1pm - 3pm on December 8th.
There will be a charge of £4 per Session.

● **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.

● **Sun Dec 6th 9.30am Holy Communion**
4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St. Chad's
8.00am, 11.15am HC as normal.

● **Sun Dec 13th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church.**
8.00am, 11.15am MW as normal.

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: Luke 21:25-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 25‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

29Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, 35and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Advent Candle Lighting - First Sunday of Advent (Promise)

Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun

As we light the first candle, we are reminded of God’s promise of a Saviour.

(Jeremiah 33:14-16)

God’s promise of hope is for all people; together, we anticipate the day of his coming.

Holy God, you have promised to bring salvation and justice to your creation. As we wait for the arrival of the Saviour, may we live as those who have already been saved by your grace – and may we share that grace with others. Amen.

Readings for Today	Readings for 6 th December
Jer 33:14-16	Malachi 3:1-4
1 Thess 3:9-13	Phil 1:3-11
Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6

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