

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 6th December – Advent 2**



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,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first
coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World:

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 family & friends of Doug Baron.

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 Jacob W Owensby, Western Louisiana (VIII, The Episcopal Church, USA).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for toymakers and playleaders, that they may serve the special needs of our children and young people, that they will make toys that they will love and help them to love, and pray for our public and cyber spaces that they may become safe for our children's play.

Services TODAY – Advent 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
4.00pm	Christingle	St Chad's

Services next week

Wednesday 9th December (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3

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

Notices and Announcement

- **Christingle** Volunteers needed to help at 2.30pm at St Chad's **TODAY** to make up oranges for the Christingle service at **4.00pm**.

- **Thank you to all Children's Society Boxholders.** The total this year was £791.72. Although this is slightly up on last year, we have lost a number of boxholders for various reasons and would dearly like to increase the number. If any individuals or families are interested in having a box to collect small change (or larger!), would they please get in touch with me, (Jean Heath) Barbara Kozer or Elaine Kavanagh.

- **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.

- **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 15th 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 13th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church.**

8.00am, 11.15am MW as normal.

● **Sun Dec 20th 6.30pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's.**

8.00am, 11.15am HC as normal.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
6and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Advent Candle Lighting - Second Sunday of Advent (Prepare)

Our Advent journey continues as we get ready to meet the promised Lord.

As we light the second candle, we are reminded that we must prepare our hearts and minds. (Malachi 3:1-4)

God prepares the way for all to be saved; together we anticipate the day of his coming. Lord of hosts, you are coming to purify our hearts and refine us so that we may be pleasing, living offerings to you. As we prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ, may we bring honour and glory to your name – and may we prepare the way for others to meet you. Amen.

Readings for Today	Readings for 13 th December
Malachi 3:1-4	Zeph 3:14-20
Phil 1:3-11	Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18

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