

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 3rd January– Christmas 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

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around 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 parish: Please pray for Revd Jane on her sabbatical and for visiting clergy who will minister to us during the next three months.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop William Brown Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and
Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Please pray for all at Manchester Airport, those who work there as well as those flying from there and for the Transformation Programme, just beginning, which by 2025 will provide an airport infrastructure which will serve the North-west and beyond for the 21st century. Please pray for the Chaplaincy as we continue our ministry to the whole airport community.

David Ottley, Chaplain.

Services TODAY – Christmas 2

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

Services next week

Wednesday 6th January (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ or Epiphany 1

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

Notices and Announcement

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

• **Riding for the Disabled Association**
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.

• **Men's Breakfast** Saturday 9th January, 8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

• **SOSO** Tuesday 5th January, 8pm at St Chad's.

• **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 20th January for 10 pin

bowling at Bromborough. More details to follow. All Welcome.

• **Giving by Text.** We are now registered with Just Giving, so if you would like to make a donation to Church by text then all you need to do is text "BART16" and the amount you wish to give to 70070. e.g. text BART16£10 to give ten pounds.

• **Recycling Christmas Cards** By simply popping into your local M&S and dropping your cards into the collection boxes, customers can help the Woodland Trust to turn unwanted waste into much needed trees and preserve the UK's wildlife habitats.

• **Recycling Christmas trees** - Please visit
<https://charityxmastreecollection.com/>

And enter your post code to find out when
your tree can be picked up and recycled.

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 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

Readings for Today	Readings for 10th January
Jer 31:7-14	Is 43:1-7
Eph 1:3-14	Acts 8:14-17
John 1:(1-9)10-18	Luke 3:15-17,21-22

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