

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 27th 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 the homeless in this cold weather.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Ruth Dann, Hilary Bradshaw and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the parish: Please pray for Mark Bartley & Ali Mitchell to be married at St Bartholomew's on Friday.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Dean Wolfe, Kansas (VIII, The Episcopal Church, USA).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Almighty God, the beginning and end of all that is or ever will be,
we praise you that you give us insight into your ways
in human dimensions that we can understand.

Give us awareness through hopeful small beginnings of your destiny for your people.

Teach us to keep our vision fixed on your purposes,
and never to be content with dismal and small estimations of life.

We ask it through the grace of him who is Lord of all Life.

Services TODAY – Advent Sunday

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

Services next week

Wednesday 30th November (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 4th December – Advent 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE	St Chad's

Notices and Announcement

●Banner for St Chad's 50th Anniversary:

Do you have any tiny buttons or beads in shades of green that you could donate to this project? Please hand in to parish office or speak to Beverley Appleyard or Revd Jane for more details. If you would like to help in the creation (sewing) of this banner, then again, please speak to Beverley or Revd Jane.

●**Christmas cards** for sale in both churches. £2.50 per pack. All profit to church funds. Please take a look.

●**Christingle** Service at St Chad's on Sunday 4th December at 4pm. This is an all age service and all congregations from both churches very welcome. **Collecting candles available at the back of both churches.**

●**Advent's Angels.** Come and discover more at St Chad's at 8pm on Thursdays, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December. See magazine for more information and speak to Revd Jane if you are planning to attend.

●**Thank you.** I am delighted to report the total from The Children's Society house boxes was £939.29 and three new box holders this year! If anyone would consider having a box, please contact me, Jean Heath on 648 6015.

●**Leprosy Mission.** I would like to thank both congregations for your donations towards the work of the Leprosy Mission. This year we have raised £222.41. The work of the mission brings hope to people suffering from this cruel disease and its consequences, which couldn't happen without your generosity. For this I thank you. Pat Hulme.

●**Thank you** to all who supported coffee morning at Jean Heath's. £810.00 was raised for RDA (Riding for the disabled).

- **Are you ready for Mission Possible?** Your chance to make a difference! Register your place on the 2017 diocesan lay conference. For a limited period of time one **free** place is being reserved for each parish (we will try to share this free place between however many people want to go). We would like as many parishes as possible to be part of the conference at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1AU. We are looking to have delegates attending from all parts of the diocese. . Please put the dates in your diary now and let Revd Jane know that you are interested. Friday, 19 May to Sunday, 21 May 2017. For more information about this and the previous notice go to www.chester.anglican.org/ebulletin
- **Advent retreat at Foxhill** on Tues 6th-Thurs 8th December. Cost £105 including meals. See magazine for more information. To book contact Foxhill on 01928733777 or email foxhill@chester.anglican.org
- **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.
- **Please collect your Postage Stamps** over the Christmas period and throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.
- **Easy Fundraising With Christmas** approaching and on-line spending increasing, don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** on Tuesday 6th December, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome. £5 per session.
- **Dawpool (C of E) Primary School** Anyone applying under Church criteria **MUST fill in a Supplementary form** which can be downloaded from the Admissions tab of the school website. If you require Revd Jane to sign your form then please hand it to her and she will return it to school on your behalf.
- **Men's Breakfast** at Thornton Hall Hotel, 8am-10am on Saturday 10th December (Speaker Robin Oake). Only £10 per ticket. For more information visit www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk, phone 0151 347 5658 or speak to Matt James on 07817625122 or mjames@doctors.org.uk

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 36'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 4 th December
Is 2:1-5	Is 11:1-10
Rom 13,11-end	Rom 15:4-13
Matt 24:36-44	Matt 3:1-12

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