

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Please pray for the families and friends of the Brazilian people killed in the Colombian air crash.

**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 Alexei Hurst & Nicola Morris to be married at St Bartholomew's on Friday.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Bishop Ravikumar Niranjana, Karnataka North, South India.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

Please pray for the Diocesan Lay Conference-Mission Impossible. More details on this notice sheet.

## Services TODAY – Advent 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
4.00pm	<b>Christingle</b>	<b>St Chad's</b>

## Services next week

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

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

## Notices and Announcement

- **Thank you** to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair. £1100.64 was raised.
- **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.
- **Crosstalk the Dec/Jan magazine** is available at the back of church priced 50p. For subscribers, please note that 2017 subscriptions are due.
- **Advent's Angels.** Come and discover more at the Rectory at 8pm on Thursdays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December. See magazine for more information and speak to Revd Jane if you are planning to attend.
- **Mohammad Eghtedarian at St Mary's Upton 6.30-8.00pm Dec 4th 2016 – Admission Free:**  
Revd Mohammad Eghtedarian is an astonishing individual. Brought up a Muslim, he left his home city of Shiraz and travelled across Europe seeking asylum. Destitute and terrified, he was offered help and support by Christians. Before being granted asylum in the UK, he spent 4 months in a detention camp near Gatwick airport. "Every day was challenging and beautiful. Challenging because I didn't know if they would deport me, beautiful because I was in the Lord's hands. I promised the Lord: if you release me, I will serve you."  
Mohammad was ordained in 2015 and is curate in Liverpool Cathedral where he oversees Sepas, a Persian congregation. It and he are a remarkable story.

- **Christmas music from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> century** by Liverpool Renaissance Singers at Birkenhead School Chapel on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.
- **COMEDY AND CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS** - The Filling Station is hosting an evangelistic evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Bushell Hall Bidston Road, Oxton, CH43 2JD. for you to invite all your friends to. We will also be having the local Salvation Army Band to play carols and to sing along to. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and cake. Free Admission.
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome. £5 per session.
- **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](http://www.chester.anglican.org/ebulletin)
- **Advent retreat at Foxhill** on Tues 6<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December. Cost £105 including meals. See magazine for more information. To book contact Foxhill on 01928733777 or email [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto: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>
- **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 10<sup>th</sup> December (Speaker Robin Oake). Only £10 per ticket. For more information visit [www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk), phone 0151 347 5658 or speak to Matt James on 07817625122 or [mjames@doctors.org.uk](mailto:mjames@doctors.org.uk)

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## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

1In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

4Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Is 11:1-10	Is 35:1-10
Rom 15:4-13	James 5:7-10
Matt 3:1-12	Matt 11:2-11

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