

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
28th January 2018 – Epiphany 4**



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

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of
the earth and your messengers to
every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders
in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the staff and leaders of the NHS as the number of people attending A&E increases.

For the Parish: Please pray for the Family Service planning group that new people feel called to join.

For the sick: Please pray for Roger Dennison, David Cunnington, Alec Ball, Anna Drysdale, Alison Harris and Muriel McKie. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Marjorie Mitchell, Funeral Tuesday 30th January 2pm Landican and for the Family and Friends of Beryl Fleming, Funeral February 14th 1pm Landican.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for story-tellers and for an insightful use of story amongst us.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Archbishop Francisco De Assis Da Silva, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South-Western Brazil

There will be a collection during our services today to help break the chains of leprosy

Services TODAY – Epiphany 4

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

Services next week

Wednesday 31st January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 4th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chads
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

Family Service Planning Group: This group meets once a month to plan the family services. It will next meet on Monday 5th February at 8.00 pm at the Rectory to plan the March family service. We would very much welcome some new people to join this group – all ages welcome, especially those who have primary school aged children. The people who are part (or have been part) of this group are Chris Smale, Gemma Willerton, Helen Perry and Helen Williams. Please feel free to speak to them about what's involved, or ask Revd Jane if you are interested. This is your opportunity to influence the future of our family services!

Cross Talk Subscription for 2018 these are now due for 2018, if you see your deliverer please pay them. Alternatively either post a cheque payable to Thurstaston PCC or cash for £6 to the office with your Name and address.

EMU– Next meeting Wednesday 21st February – 8pm at St Chad's, there will be a talk by 'Operation Mobilisation', an international Christian missions movement.

The Chester Mystery Plays will be performed in the nave of Chester Cathedral from June 27 to July 14 2018, performances are every evening at 7.30pm with a matinee at 1pm on each Saturday. Tickets are available from £18. Visit chestermysteryplays.com or telephone 01244 500959.

Ecclesiastical home insurance will donate £130 to the church each time a member of the church family take out a home insurance policy with them. See the posters at each church for more details.

Important notice to all in the Thurstaston Planned Giving Scheme

I will shortly be submitting the gift aid claim for the calendar year 2017. Please could all gift aiders let me know urgently if they are no longer eligible to gift aid their church donations (i.e. their income is below the level to pay tax sufficiently to cover all their charity donations for the year). Any non-gift aiders can let me know that if they are now eligible to gift aid their donations. ALSO please let me know of any change of address since you signed your original gift aid declaration or any change in your name that you use when dealing with HMRC. You can contact me through the church office, or email turnbullcj@gmail.com or phone me on 0151 625 0089.

Thank you Chris Turnbull: Thurstaston PCC Gift Aid Officer.

Everybody is invited to the next Deanery Synod Meeting:

7.30pm Monday 12th February at St Johns Church in Meols. Archdeacon Mike Gilberston will be introducing the subject for the evening which will be the report "Setting God's people free". You will need to read the report before the meeting – it can be found on the Church of England Website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/gc-2056-setting-gods-people-free.pdf>

To give you a flavour the report opens with the following questions, "Will we determine to empower, liberate and disciple the 98% of the Church of England who are not ordained and therefore set them free for

fruitful, faithful mission and ministry, influence, leadership and, most importantly, vibrant relationship with Jesus in all of life? And will we do so not only in church-based ministry on a Sunday but in work and school, in gym and shop, in field and factory, Monday to Saturday.

Please collect your Postage Stamps for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

Sunday 11th February – If you are interested in helping with the garden at St Chad's (see the article in December and February Magazine) Margaret will be taking a look at the project over a cup of coffee after the morning service at St Chad's, if you are not at the service but are interested in helping please arrive approx.. 10.45am.

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: Mark 1:40-45

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

⁴⁰ A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Leviticus 13:1-8 Mark 1:40-45	Readings for 4th February Prov 8: 1,22-31 Col 1:15-20 John 1 1-14
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