

The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Sunday 23rd January 2011 - Epiphany 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15pm	Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's Wednesday

30th January - Epiphany 4

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's

Sunday School at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available
for children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove
your child from the service, please
note that there is also a box of toys
and cushions in the foyer

Notices and announcements!!!

EMU Thank you to all who helped, attended and supported our 'Tea and Toast'. £106 was raised for the Britain & Ireland fund.

Monday 24th January "Burns Supper" at The Heatherlands. Four course meal including haggis! An evening of Scottish entertainment and culchur!!!, with proceeds to parish funds and in conjunction with North Wirral Rotary. Tickets £16.00. Please contact Dorothy Turner on 648 4587.

Wednesday 26th January EMU 'New Year' meal out at (provisionally) 'Ellies' in Greasby. Please let Chris Rostock know if you can make it on 648 1112 or wytbw@sky.com

Saturday 29th January Men's Breakfast at Maluca Café Irby 9.00am - 10.00am

Thursday 3rd February Mothers' Union AGM and 'Sing-a-long' of favourite hymns and songs, 2.15pm at St Chad's.

Tots and Tinies on a Thursday

We are trying to launch a New Group for Parents/Carers and pre-school children. We have identified a Leader for this group and one helper. We need at least one other person who would be willing to share in the responsibility of the Praise and Play part of the morning before we can launch this group. If you are able to help (grandparent age as equally welcome as parent age volunteers!) then please speak to Rev'd Jane.

Reverend Margaret Fletcher MBE

If you saw the 2011 New Year Honours list, you might have seen that the Reverend Margaret Fletcher, previously Reader and then Curate in this parish, was awarded an MBE for "for services to the community in Thurstaston and in Irby, Wirral".

Many people in Irby and Thurstaston know Margaret well, but might not know the extent and richness of her involvement with the wider community. The nomination form said that she "made a difference to the community through tremendous contributions in several distinct areas and with people ranging from toddlers to the elderly ... over more than 40 years". It included work with the Women's Institute, where she was president and at the forefront of several community projects, with the local Gardening Club and the Wirral Flower Club, in both of which she held office, the Scout Association and the Church. There can be no doubt that Margaret's life of service to so many parts of the community richly deserves recognition in this way, and that we all join in congratulating her on her award.

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Gospel Reading: (Matt 4:12-23)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

12. When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14. so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15. ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –

16. the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

17. From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

18. As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. 19. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’

20. Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings for Today

Is 9:1-4
1 Cor 1:10-18
Matt 4:12-23

Readings for 30th January 2011

1Kgs 17:8-16
1 Cor 1:18-31
John 2:1-11

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the situation in Tunisia. Please pray for the people of Brazil, Sri Lanka and Australia as they struggle to cope with the aftermath of the floods.

For the parish: Please pray for Harry West to be baptised at St Bart's today and his parents Howard and Sarah.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Kathleen Hayes.

For the sick: Please pray for Les Howard. We continue to pray for Finlay Jouce, Margaret Bartley, Andy Kemp, Lucy Bailey, Trudy Purcell, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn, Mia Austin, Bethan Shone, and Dorothy Mansbridge.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Louisiana -(Province IV, USA)

The Rt Revd Charles Edward Jenkins.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Nantwich and Stockport Deaneries.