

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
4th November – 4th Before Advent**



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 glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made
perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for all those around the world who are experiencing any suffering.

For the Parish: As the weather turns colder please pray for all the homeless that they find shelter.

For the sick: Please pray for Frances Harrison and Mark Dennison and for those in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Pat Cleary (Funeral 9.45am Thurs 8th November at St Bartholomew's) and Joan Eaton (Funeral 11.30am Wed 14th November at St Bartholomew's)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Pray for workplace chaplains and an improving engagement of the churches with the world of work.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Bishop Dhilloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Colombo; Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando, Kurunegala (Ceylon) (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Services TODAY 4th Before Advent

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

Services next week

Wednesday 7th November

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 11th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.15 am	Traditional Service	St Bartholomew's
11.15 am	Family Service	St Bartholomew's

No Services at St Chads

Notices and Announcement

Date for your Diary – Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday 1st December**. If there are any volunteers willing to help please speak to Julie DeBoorder

Everyone welcome to Afternoon to Remember – Saturday 10th November 2-4pm at St Bartholomew's. There will be tea/coffee and cake along with displays of children's work relating to the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. There will also be a silhouette figure and the opportunity to pray and reflect. This is part of the "There but not there" campaign being run by the Armed Forces Covenant..

Dawpool Open Afternoons - Parents who would like their child to join our Foundation 1 (pre-school) or Foundation 2 (Reception) class in September 2019 are invited to attend one of our open afternoons in November. Please contact the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.

Dawpool's Admissions Policy for 2019 entry and the Supplementary Form can be downloaded from http://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website/our_prospectus_admissions/198573. If you are applying for Dawpool Foundation 2 and wishing to use Church Attendance as part of your application, you will need to download and fill in the supplementary form and hand it to Revd Jane who will then return it to school.

Votes and Voices Journey - 17 Nov 2018

A coach from Church House led by Bishop Libby will travel to an 11am service at Boggart Hole Clough (where the first meeting of the suffragette movement was held) then will travel back through the diocese calling at various locations and ending at the cathedral for evensong at 4pm. The 'votes and voices' journey will celebrate 100 years of women gaining the vote and the suffragettes who made it possible. Join us by creating a banner to honour the lives of significant women to display during our various processions. To

book a place on the coach, if you would like to join us at various stages (more details to be released) or if you would like to donate a banner please contact

hannah.jones@chester.anglican.org.

EMU this year are supporting the Forum Housing Christmas Appeal. If you are able to support EMU and Forum with this year's appeal, please fill a gift bag with any of the following donations:

Gloves/Hats/Scarves, Socks

Chocolate /Sweets

Bath/Hand Towels. Shower Gel, Deodorant

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Stocking Fillers, Novelty Gifts, Mugs

And bring it to either church or the office before Wednesday 28th November. EMU will then arrange for delivery to Forum. If you would like to include a card please address it to "Dear Friend"

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE OUR CHURCHWARDEN NEXT YEAR? Please can you start to think **now** about whether you could serve the church in this important role? If you wish to have an informal conversation with someone who has done the job in the past, please speak to Chris Perry, Chris Smale or Roger Jackson, or with our present warden Liz Whitehead. Liz is doing a fabulous job, but we should have two wardens and Liz would be delighted to welcome someone to work alongside her. If you would like more information about what is involved Revd Jane can give you an introductory booklet.

MORE PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS:-

The current rotas run until the end of January 2019. We will be doing the rotas for Feb-Apr 2019 early in January. So please take a few moments between now and the end of the year to think about the following questions:-

Could you read a lesson?

Could you lead the intercessions (trainings and books to help are available)?

Could you act as a sidesperson?

Could you act as a Welcomer?

Could you help with tea and coffee at St Chad's?

Could you be a Server at St Bartholomew's?

Could you help with Sacristan duties at St Bartholomew's?

There is a leaflet at the back of church which explains all of these jobs. We would love to have as many people as possible involved in some way on our rotas, please speak to Revd Jane if you would like to be included.

Wirral Foodbank are short of tinned meat, fish and fruit, packet soup, fruit squash, pasta sauce, sponge puddings, biscuits, long grain rice, soap powder tablets, deodorants and sugar, they have plenty of beans and Cereal. Donations can be dropped off at Sainsbury's Upton, Asda Woodchurch, the library and most Co-op Stores.

Lost Key? There was a key found outside the front door of St Chads following the 9.30am service on Sunday 21st October. If it's yours please contact the office.

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 12:28-34

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Deut 6:1-9 Heb 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34	Readings for 11th November Remembrance
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