

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
9<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**

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 all those in Government as negotiations and discussions continue over the Brexit deal.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for Junior Church and Leaders as they plan and prepare for Nativity next week.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and friends of Lottie Butler (Funeral 1pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Bartholomew's), Family and friends of Ruth Dann, (Funeral 11.30am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at St Bartholomew's)

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Mark Dennison, Robin Blythe, and Reverend Jane and for all those in hospital.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle** As Friday 14<sup>th</sup> will be the centenary of women voting in a general election for the first time in the country, please be thankful and also pray for those who don't yet have a voice.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle** Bishop Timothy Thornton, Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

## Services TODAY Advent 2

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Nativity	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Joint Carol Service	Irby Methodist Church

## Notices and Announcements

**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.

**Liverpool Renaissance Singers** are performing Start, Lights and Mystery. The mystical landscapes of Hildegard Von Bingen, Guillaume, Josquin des Prez, Palestrina and others. December 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, The Chapel, Birkenhead School CH43 2 JD and December 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Lady Chapel, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Tickets £10, Concessions £8, for more details speak to Chris Turnbull.

**Forum Housing Association** warmly invites you, your family and friends to their Carol Concert on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at the Salvation Army Community Church, 175 Old Chester Road , Rock Ferry CH42 3TA. Arrive at 6pm for refreshments followed by Carols at 6.30pm.

**Wirral Foodbank** urgently need packet soup, fruit squash, sponge puddings, soap powder tablets, deodorants , sugar, instant mash, coffee (small), rice pudding, custard and UHT Milk 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

**Can you help?** St Bart's are looking for volunteers to go on their cleaning rota, they are desperate. If you can help please contact June Bibby on 678 8124.

**A BIG thank you** to all those who donated a gift bag to Forum Housing. I delivered 13 bags on Tuesday. An extra thank you to Elizabeth and her friends, who donated an extra 9 filled gift boxes and also some blankets and coats. There is a thankyou email on the notice board and a card to follow. Chris R.

**THANK YOU** to everybody who took part in any way with the Christmas Fair and to all who came or made donations in their absence, I know it was a lot of hard work but it was fabulous afternoon and we raised £1038. We also had a visit from MP Margaret Greenwood who promised to put our fair on her facebook page, so we are famous too!

**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](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk))**

## Christmas Services

**Sunday 9th December:** All Services as normal

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

St Chads: 9.30 am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

Irby Methodist Church: 6.30 pm Joint Carol Service

St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** – all services as normal

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve:**

St Bartholomew's :

4.00 pm Crib Service

5.00 pm Crib Service

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

St Bartholomew's:: 8.00 am Holy Communion

St Chads : 10.30 am Family Communion

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

**Dawpool Admissions – Supplementary forms.** If you require Revd Jane to sign one of these forms please deliver it to the Rectory. They will be processed as usual and delivered to school (by hand) on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Mal 3:1-4	Zeph 3:14-20
Phil 1:3-11	Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18

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