

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
23rd December – Advent 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

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

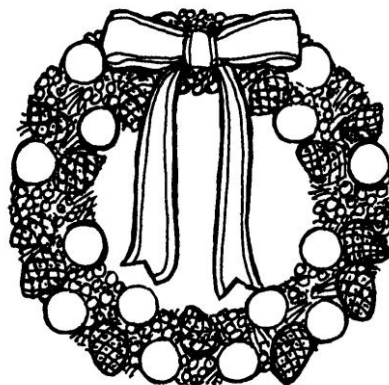
For the World: Please pray for a peaceful time for all.

For the Parish: Please pray for those missing loved ones at this time of year

For the Sick: : Please pray for Mark Dennison, Reverend Jane, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce) and for all those in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray that we may regain the excitement and vitality of the Gospellers.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Bishop Duke Akamisoko, Kubwa (Abuja, Nigeria)



Services TODAY Advent 4

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

Services next week

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Crib Service	St Bartholomew's
5.00pm	Crib Service	St Bartholomew's
11.15pm	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's

Wednesday 26th December

No Service

Sunday 30th December – Christmas 1

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

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.

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.

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 7th January.

Christmas Trees Once again our Christmas trees (one in each church) have been kindly donated by Church Farm in Thurstaston. Church farm, as many of you know, is an award-winning farm and farm shop just up the road from St Bartholomew's. There's a lot going on over Christmas- do try and find time for a visit



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: Luke 1:39-45

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 30 th December
Micah 5:2-5a	1 Sam 2:18-20,26
Heb 10:5-10	Col 3:12-17
Luke 1:39-45	Luke 2:41-52

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