

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
30th December 2018 – Christmas 1**



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

Services TODAY Christmas 1

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

Wednesday 2nd January

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 6th January – Epiphany

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

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the world

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

For the Sick: Please pray for all those that are ill at home or in Hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for all who work in retail and the consequences of rapid change on our High Streets.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto, Kyushu (Japan)

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.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents^[1] saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 6 th January
1 Sam 2:18-20,26	Is 60:1-6
Col 3:12-17	Eph 3:1-12
Luke 2:41-52	Matt 2:1-12

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