

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
6th January 2019 – Epiphany**



Welcome to Church today.

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

Services TODAY Epiphany

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 9th January

10.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 13th January – Epiphany 2

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.30 am	Covenant Service	Irby Methodist church
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, 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 the covenant service next week for all those involved and attending

For the Sick: Please pray for all those that are sick or in Hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray that we too may see Christ, divine and human, with the eyes of both faith and intellect.

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: Matt 2:1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 13 th January
Is 60:1-6	Is 62:1-5
Eph 3:1-12	1 Cor 12:1-11
Matt 2:1-12	John 2:1-11

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