

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
20th January – Epiphany 3**



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 all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the
light of the world: may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for civilised and rational debate in political differences around the world.

For the Parish: Please pray for the upcoming APCM, and those thinking of joining the PCC or taking on the responsibility of becoming Church Warden.

For the Sick: Please pray for Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Muriel McKie and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for united witness and action to serve God's purposes in the world

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Archbishop Shishir Sarker, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka

Services TODAY Epiphany 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 23rd January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 27th January – Epiphany 4

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

FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE:-

What would life look like if we were more able to make a difference in our everyday lives?
How can we show and share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet out in the places we usually find ourselves – at the shops or the gym, at work or at the school-gate?

COME EXPLORE TOGETHER and see how you can equip and encourage one another to grow in fruitfulness on the frontline. Thursday evening 8-9.30 pm at St Chads.

31 st Jan	Session 1: The Big Picture
7 th Feb	Session 2: Modelling Godly Character
14 th Feb	Session 3: Making Good Work
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28 th Feb	Session 4: Ministering Grace and Love
7 th March	Session 5: Moulding Culture
14 th March	Session 6: Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice
21 st March	Session 7: Messenger of the Gospel
28 th March	Session 8: The Journey On

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like a copy of the booklet in advance of the first meeting

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE OUR CHURCHWARDEN THIS 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.

The Electoral Roll will this year be wiped clean in accordance with Church of England Rules. So even if you were on the existing roll, you will not be on the new one unless you fill in an application form. You must do this between Sunday 9th and Sunday 24th February - forms will be available at the back of church or from the parish office during this time. Otherwise you will have to wait until after the Annual Meeting on Sunday 7th April. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and *Either* Live within the parish boundary *Or* Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

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)

Wirral Men's Breakfast Saturday 2nd February at Thornton Hall Hotel 8am – 10am. Padre Andy Earl will be speaking about life on the frontline in Afghanistan. Book online at www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk or telephone 0151 347 5658

An evening with bestselling author Rob Parsons - Tuesday 12th March, Adelphi Hotel. For one night only Rob Parsons will be bringing "The Wisdom house" to Liverpool. An evening full of real life stories that have touched his heart. Reverend Jane has booked a ticket for this and would thoroughly recommend it, Rob Parsons is an excellent speaker. More details and booking information can be found on the website <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/the-wisdom-house> If you do book a ticket let Reverend Jane know and you can then maybe arrange to travel together (bus/train?)

Planned Giving Scheme. Chris Turnbull is currently preparing the annual gift aid claim for Thurstaston PCC - St Chad's and St Bartholomew's churches. This brings in about £10,000 for the churches so it is important we get the data required by HMRC right. If you have not let him know of a change of name or address recently as used by HMRC (your first initial in your first name and your correct surname are important to be correct as well as your postcode and house number: OR you are now eligible or are no longer eligible (e.g. because you no longer pay enough UK tax for us to claim your tax back on your donations to church) then **please let him know as soon as possible.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 27 th January
Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Ezek 43:27-44:4
1Cor 12:12-31a	1Cor 13:1-13
Luke 4:14-21	Luke 2:22-40

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