

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd February 2020 – Candlemas, Giving Sunday**



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

Generous God,
whose hand is open to fill all things with
plenteousness; make us ever thankful
of your goodness, and grant that we,
remembering the account that we must
one day give, may be faithful stewards
of your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. (Prayer Book of Australia)

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God,
you have met us in word, bread and wine
and we have proclaimed your love.
Now confirm in us our hearts desire
to serve you with our lives,
that set free from worldly things
we may be a sign of your love in the world.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for everyone impacted by the coronavirus and that it can be contained.

For the Parish: Please pray for those being called to serve as PCC and church warden to recognise and respond to the call.

For the Sick: Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of: Arthur Broster (Funeral 2pm Friday 14th February at St Bartholomew's) and Norma Kingsbury.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Dispel the darkness of our souls, Lord of light and hope

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle : Bishop Howard Gregory, Jamaica & The Cayman Islands (West Indies). Bishop Timothy Adewole, Jebba (Nigeria).

Services Today – Candlemas GIVING SUNDAY

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | St. Bartholomew's |
| 9.30 am | Family Service | St. Chad's |
| 11.15 am | Holy Communion | St. Bartholomew's |

Services next week

Wednesday 5th February

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| 10.15 am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
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Sunday 9th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | St Bartholomew's |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15 am | Morning Worship | St. Bartholomew's |

A Prayer for our Diocese

**Almighty God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom
and calls us to follow him:
guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,
to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.
We pray for the person you are calling
to be the next Bishop of Chester;
bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call;
in the name of Jesus Christ
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Next Sunday, 9th February we have a representative from the Leprosy Mission coming to both the 9.30 and 11.15 services to talk about the work they are doing in this modern world. This will give us all an insight into why we still need to support the Leprosy Mission. Hopefully it will be an enjoyable and informative talk.

If you would like to be added to the **Electoral Roll**, and either live in the Parish or have been attending church for 6 months or more there are forms available at each Church or the Parish office between 25th January and 16th February.

Crosstalk - Diary dates error - Mothering Sunday Evensong will be on 22nd March (not 5th March)

The annual **Pancake Party** will be held during Junior Church on Sunday 23rd February for Children and seniors. This will involve daft games, crafts and lots of pancakes. Suggested donation of £1 per family to cover food on the day please. There will be Pancakes (readymade) with fruit, cream, lemon juice, sugar, syrup etc. If you have allergies please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she can purchase something to suit accordingly. Please complete the list at the back of church to help gauge the amount of food and crafts.

Worship in the Wilderness is a Lent series, journeying with Jesus through the desert. Explore this rich biblical theme which touches on subjects such as simplicity, silence, sorrow, truth-speaking and being led by the spirit. A Small group will meet on Thursdays 8-9pm St Chads:
5th March – A Secret Journey and
A Spirit-led Journey.

12th March – A Simple Journey

19th March – A Sorrowful Journey

26th March – A Sacrificial Journey

2nd April – A truth-speaking Journey

You will need a copy of the book which is £6, Let Jane know if you want one.

Walking in the Footsteps of Giants at Foxhill, Tues 26th - Thurs 28th May. Time to reflect on some of the prayer methods used and encouraged by Saints of the Christian Tradition. It will focus on different ways of praying, offering the opportunity to experience alternatives when the "usual" ways of praying seem less helpful. More information on flyers at the back of church, including reflections from Pat, Julie and Beverley who attended a retreat at Foxhill last year. Revd Jane is booked in already

so you would not be on your own! If you are interested, contact Foxhill to book a place

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/residential-retreats/walking-in-the-footsteps/>

Diocesan Lay Conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire (15-17th May 2020). We have one free place on this conference and the PCC would be willing to pay for a second place. If you would like to go on behalf of our parish then you need to let Graham Barley (PCC Secretary) know ASAP and definitely by 3rd February which is when we have to provide the name of the person who will take up our free place. Julie D and Julie P went to the last one and gained a lot from it and would thoroughly recommend it to you. "The Lay Conference is what it says on the tin and is held every three years. This year it will have a focus on encouraging and equipping us to live out our faith confidently every day of the week, not just Sunday. It's for any lay church members. Those with a formal (licensed) ministry do attend, but we would encourage anyone to come along as their parish representative. It is a time to learn, have fun and share with others from all walks of life."

Anyone interested? BBC Radio Merseyside and the RHS are running a competition to design a garden for the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park in the summer. The competition will go live on BBC Radio Merseyside on Monday 20th January. From that date details will be available on their website or from the action desk on 0151 794 0984.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:16-20

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

| Readings for 2 nd February | Readings for 9 th February |
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| 2 Cor 8:1-15 Mark 1:16-20 | Is 58:1-9a 1 Cor 2:1-12 Matt 5:13-20 |

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