

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
10th January 2021 – The Baptism of Christ**



Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and
the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as
Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for the hospital chaplain (Revd Malcolm Cowan) as he unceasingly supports patients who can't have visitors.

Please pray for our schools as we enter another lockdown.

For our Church:

Please pray for the PCC as we seek to reflect on the possibilities of a New Year

For the world:

Please continue to pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths and for the NHS as they are dealing with more cases.

For the Bereaved:

Please pray for the family and friends of Audrey Percival and Mary Wishart.

For the Sick:

Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, Rebecca Crone (Judith Hodgson's granddaughter), Sue Maggs (Chris Rostock's friend), Karen Jones (niece of Dot Turner) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 1 :1-5

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; ♦
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; ♦
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

All: Praise to you, O Christ



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

"Thank you to everyone who sponsored me back in March to give up chocolate for a month ,
"DECHOX" to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Unfortunately the world stood still around
the time I finished and I only managed to collect some of the money from my work colleagues before
the office suddenly closed, with notification only the night before.

Some time later when allowed in to pick up IT equipment in order to work from home, I brought the
sponsor forms home.

Since returning to church I have now been able to collect your kind donations either at church or they
have been popped through my letterbox.

I have posted a cheque for £153 to the British Heart Foundation

THANK YOU ♥ Julie DeBoorder

Decision for Church to go digital ONLY for the time being

The PCC standing committee have taken the decision that we should close our churches until at least the end of January, we will review the situation then and keep you informed.

We will continue to provide a sermon via facebook, the weekly emails (including notice sheet, sermon, family together at home resource and other bits and bobs), and Evening Prayer via Zoom. We are also introducing a Wednesday morning Zoom - bring your coffee and chat meeting - 10.15-11.00ish for anyone that would be interested in seeing others and chatting.

We would encourage you again to connect with each other and use the phone contact groups from Lock down number 1. If you were not in a phone contact group back then and would like to be in one now, just let Revd Jane know and she'll get you linked up with some other folk.

The PCC is meeting on Monday evening and if there are any other ways in which we can help and resource you in worship and fellowship and staying connected that come out of that meeting we will let you know.

Revd Jane is always available to you and please don't hesitate to pick up a phone and have a chat - about anything - even if you are just bored and need someone else to speak to.

Stay safe and please pray for the NHS who are under so much pressure in these challenging days.

We now have an Amazon smile account. The Link can be found on the website at www.thurstaston.org.uk, on the first page, scroll down until you see the amazon smile banner (towards the bottom on the right hand side). If you click on the banner it will take you directly to amazon, any purchases you then make Amazon will donate money to the church with no cost to you.

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Admission to Dawpool 2021

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, we are unable to host our usual open afternoons for prospective parents.

Please visit the "Admission to Dawpool" tab on the school website which contains lots of information for prospective parents, including a virtual tour of the school.

Admissions to our Foundation Two class are administered by the Local Authority.

Applications for September 2021 should be made online at:
<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by **15th January 2021**.

Admissions to our Foundation One class (preschool) are administered by the school.

We are now accepting applications for September 2021. Please telephone 0151 648 3412 or email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk to register an interest.

Dawpool's Admissions Policies and Procedures are available on our website.
<https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk>

Please contact the school office if you need any support with the application process.