

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
9th January - Epiphany 1 - Baptism of Christ**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services
can be found on the front page of our website**

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as
your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved
children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 all who serve us in our local community

For our Church:

Please pray for your PCC - next meeting 10th Jan

Please pray for all of our church services and activities

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for family and friends of Jill Stott

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
3 For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

4 Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
5 Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. **15** The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit **16** (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). **17** Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

All: Glory to you, O Lord

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, **16** John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, **22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus

With so much uncertainty surrounding the next couple of months, and the Government once again announcing measures to combat the spread of coronavirus, this diocesan online course is an opportunity to "meet" and reflect with others during January and in the run-up to Lent.

Called *Talking Jesus*, the course will inspire you to share your faith and will give you practical suggestions to help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus with the people you meet.

Join with others from around the Diocese of Chester in this special online course led by the Everyday Faith team based at Church House.

STARTS on Tuesday 11th January

Booking is essential.

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/talking-jesus.php>

Talking Jesus

A six-week online course that will inspire you to share your faith. Through practical suggestions we will help you to be natural and relevant as you talk about Jesus with the people you meet.



SERVICES IN CHURCH

Sun 9th January

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am All Age at St Chads

Sun 16th January

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am MW at St Barts

Sun 23rd January

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St. Chads with Junior Church

Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's

ZOOM Services:-

Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Joining details from Revd Jane

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