

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
28th January - Epiphany 4**



Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the
mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups
Please pray for the schools in our parish.

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for your PCC - planning for APCM - pray for people to join the PCC or become a Churchwarden
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (Specific requests for Luke and all his family, and another Luke)
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 Amanda Fletcher, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Baby Isabelle Vickers, Margaret Fletcher, Graham Barley and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and Friends of Barbara Davies (Funeral 1.30pm Fri 9th Feb at Landican)

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

- Sun 28th January** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chads
 3.00pm Baptism of Zoe Pollock at St Bartholomew's
- Sun 4th February** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
- Sun 11th February** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am All-Age Worship at St Chads

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Old Testament Reading: Deut 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

New Testament Reading: Rev 12:1-5a

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. ³ Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵ And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

All: Praise to you, O Christ



Saturday 16th March 2023

10.00am –12.30pm
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VISION SUNDAY FEEDBACK

The PCC is really grateful to everyone who completed the Vision Sunday Feedback sheets. Immediate responses are scattered through this month's magazine*. The PCC is reflecting upon some of the other feedback (around social action and Sunday services) and working on others (actively looking for a toilet solution at St Bartholomew's and working on building stronger links with school).

LENT GROUPS - PAGE 9

WARM HUB, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS - PAGES 10 AND 15

ARTY PARTY - PAGE 12

LUXMURALIS AT CATHEDRAL FOLLOWED BY MEAL OUT - PAGE 13

BOOK RECOMMENDATION - PAGES 5 AND 11

QUIET DAY AND/OR RETREAT - PAGE 14,

TOTS AND TINIES - PAGE 36

FOODBANK - PAGE 11

The magazine also contains:-

A message from Ailsa (p6-7), Pause for Lent with the Padre (p8), Sundays at 7 (p18), Community Heart Bomb (p18)

And some monthly articles:-

Introduction to books of the Bible, Reflected Faith, God in the sciences and God in music

* If you have received this notice sheet in church you will also have been given a copy of the magazine. If you have received this notice sheet by email, the magazine will also have been attached to the email. If you are looking at this notice sheet on our website, you can also find the magazine there <https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/news/monthly-magazine/>



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