

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

### 30th November - Advent 1



#### Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us  
faithful as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord; that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his  
service and joyful in his praise;  
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 and for local businesses and community groups.

##### For our Church:

Please pray for Rt Revd Sarah Mullally - Archbishop of Canterbury designate

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.

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

Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and The Army Foundation College, Harrogate

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 Paul Checkland (Leslie Worrall's cousin), Anna Kydd (daughter of Revd Gaynor), Phil Hales, John Reynolds, Robin Blythe, June Dean, Joyce Dennison, Muriel McKie, Caroline Cranny, Revd Anne Samuels, Isabelle Vickers and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For baptism families:** Jude (23rd Nov), Archer (January)

**For the bereaved:** Family and friends of Janet Tracey (Funeral Friday 12th December 10.30am at St Bartholomew's)

#### 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**

**Sunday 30th Nov** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's

**Sunday 7th Dec** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am 10.30 am Communion at St Bartholomew's

**Sunday 14th Dec** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am 10.30 am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's

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**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**2** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**2** In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

**3** Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**4** He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

**5** O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

**New Testament Reading:****Romans 13:11-14**

**11** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; **12** the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; **13** let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. **14** Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44****All: Glory to you O Lord**

**36** 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, **39** and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. **40** Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. **41** Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. **42** Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **A Toilet for St Bartholomew's**

At long last the PCC believe that we have a workable, practical and affordable plan to install a toilet in the Churchyard. The plans are available in the vestry at both churches. Do please speak to a sidesperson or a PCC member if you would like to see them. The plans will be shared with Residents of Thurstaston on Friday 5th December before being submitted for both Planning and Faculty Permission. Do please pray for this process to run smoothly. We hope to be able to install the toilet in Spring 2026.

## **O Come Emmanuel Reflections for Advent**

Revd Jane has two copies of this Book at the reduced price of £7.50.

Let Revd Jane know if you would like to purchase one from her.

## **Could you help with making Gift Aid Claims on behalf of the Church Council**

Please see Page 5 of the December edition of Crosstalk for more details.

## **Could you volunteer to be a Foundation Governor at Dawpool Primary School**

Please see the letter from Mrs Helen Griffiths, Headteacher, on Page 11 of the December edition of Crosstalk.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Sun 21st December**

**9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
at St Chad's WITH NATIVITY**

**6.00pm Carol Service at St Bart's**

**Wed 24th Dec - CHRISTMAS EVE**

**10.30am HC at St Chads  
(with children's activity tables)**

**4.00pm Crib Service at St Bart's**

**11.15pm Holy Communion  
at St Bart's**

**Thurs 25th Dec - CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10.00 am HC at St Bartholomew's**

## *Advent Angels*

An invitation to come and relax together in the busyness of Advent.  
7.30 – 9.00pm St Chad's Extension  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

We will start with a cup of tea/coffee and an invitation to make a simple angel, we will spend some time together looking at what the Bible teaches about angels, and we will finish each evening with an invitation to share prayer requests.

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Angels in the Bible

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Angels among us

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mary and Joseph  
encounters with Angels



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

**SUPPORTING  
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S  
AND ST CHAD'S CHURCHES**

**Donations to the churches are essential for us to maintain the buildings and contents, and continue our mission in Irby and Thurstaston.**

One off donations can be made by putting cash on the plate, or by using this QR code with your mobile phone to access The Parish Giving Scheme.



We also welcome new regular givers through the same QR Code. You can make monthly donations which are backed by the direct debit guarantee and can be inflation linked if you so wish.

If you prefer to set up your donations using a paper form or via the website, please ask the minister or the sidespeople, who will be able to give you a pack containing all the information you need including "Frequently Asked Questions".

**Donations of Flowers for Church:** You can make a donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just because! Please sign up at the back of church. You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

Money for your donation (with your contact details and the date for your flowers) should be given to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS indicating that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.



Please continue to collect and **RNIB** bring your used stamps to Church. RNIB request that, if possible, See differently you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



**Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?**

Freephone  
24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**

**A warm welcome  
at the  
Warm Hub**

**Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Open to everyone, so please drop in!**

**St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH**

**December 2nd : Christmas Quiz**

**December 9th: Christmas Craft**

**December 16th: Carols and festive refreshments**

All free of charge

**The warm hub will be closed on  
December 23rd & 30th**



Member of Places of Welcome

Member of Warm welcome Spaces



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

**SHOPPING LIST**

TINNED MEAT  
TINNED FISH  
TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)  
TINNED CUSTARD  
TINNED FRUIT  
JAM  
SHAMPOO  
FEMALE HYGIENE  
TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE  
DEODORANT

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at [www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**