

The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

Thurstaston and Irby

7th December - Advent 2



Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity
of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may
be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith; 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: 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

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| 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 |
| Sunday 21st Dec | 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 |

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

New Testament Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was
written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness
and by the encouragement of the scriptures we
might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness
and encouragement grant you to live in harmony
with one another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you
that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised
on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might
confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in
order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his
mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

¹⁰ and again he says,
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';
¹¹ and again,
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';
¹² and again Isaiah says,
'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

All: Glory to you O Lord

³ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and
they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves,
"We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to
Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to
carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will
clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Carol Service Readers needed

There are 9 readings at the carol service. Volunteers of all ages are invited to take part. Please let Revd Jane know ASAP if you would be willing to do a reading at this special Christmas Service.

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.

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 3rd Dec: Angels in the Bible

Wed 10th Dec: Angels among us

Wed 17th 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



**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**