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Prayer for Christmas 2025

Dear Father,

Christmas is coming. It's all such a rush – planning, shopping, spending, wrapping, posting, stressing! What's it all about? Lord, help us, in all the rat-race busyness, to make time to focus on that baby at the centre of it all. That baby who is Your Son, who was with You in the beginning and who, with You, created all things; that baby who brings life and light and hope and salvation; that baby who was and is Jesus, God, made man.

Lord, we thank You for that baby-gift to us – the greatest gift there has ever been. Thank You that because He came, grew up, lived, died and rose again, there is light in the darkness of this world's mess – light that can never be put out, that evil can never overcome. Jesus is the Light of the World. Putting our trust in Him, we thank You Lord, for Christmas – for Your grace and love for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

From Your Rector

And there were shepherds...

In his gospel, Luke tells how the shepherds in the fields were keeping watch over their flocks when they were terrified by the sudden arrival of heavenly angels, surrounded by the glory of the Lord. And the message of the angel that night has rung down the centuries:

“I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:10,11)

And so, the first people to greet the Saviour were not rich VIPs, but humble shepherds. And in turn, it was the shepherds who became the first evangelists: for they would have gone home to their families and neighbours that night with the amazing news of what they had seen.

Meanwhile, for Mary there followed a time of reflection. She gathered up in her mind all her impressions, and all that the shepherds had shared about the angelic visit. She knew it was treasure, and not to be squandered. Then she quietly pondered in her heart the meaning and significance of all that had happened, so that she would never forget.

Exuberant witness and quiet contemplation are not opposites. They are, in fact, good companions in the spiritual life!

So, this Christmas, let's be filled with the joy that the Saviour has also been born 'to us'. May our lives reflect the glory of His coming, even in a small way. May our interactions with friends, colleagues and families during this Advent season reflect the great joy that the angels brought that night, so long ago.

Revd Jane

Shepherds to Shepherd
(Lk2:8-20, Jn10:11)

You will find the baby,
Said the angel,
You will find the baby

In Bethlehem,
The baby of glory and peace,
The baby of good news and joy.

So the shepherds began
Their journey of trust
In the word of the Lord.

Hurrying,
Finding,
Telling,
Glorifying,
Praising,



It was just as the angel had said.
And they went back to watch over their flocks,
Having met one of their own.

By Daphne Kitching

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

We are looking for someone who can take over the Thurstaston PCC Gift Aid Secretary position from Chris Turnbull who says:-

I have been making gift aid and GASDS (gift aid small donations scheme) claims on behalf of Thurstaston PCC since 2014. Due to my health concerns it maybe that before long I become unable to continue as gift aid secretary and it is my intention to stand down in the tax year 2026-2027.

Someone who can take over is essential as **in the past the income to the PCC from this work amounts to about £10000 per annum** - though this will reduce considerably as fortunately joining the parish giving scheme (see page 22) has meant that most Gift Aid claims are handled directly by them, thereby reducing the number of gift aid claims the gift aid secretary has to make. I would help to train up someone who is not up to date with gift aid and GASDS.

This is a volunteer role and we would need the person to be willing to complete a Basic DBS check as part of the recruitment process.

There is a job description available.

Please contact Chris for an informal conversation if you want to know more.

turnbullcj@gmail.com Or 07768 636 202



Advent Angels



An invitation to come and relax together in the busyness of Advent.
7.30pm – 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.

Wednesday 3 rd December:	Angels in the Bible
Wednesday 10 th December:	Angels among us
Wednesday 17 th December:	Mary and Joseph encounters with Angels

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.

Social and Outreach Committee are asking, what would you like to do next year?

Let us know any ideas you have for a social event that we can organise , maybe

Walk to Hilbre or Royden Park or do you know or can lead a local walk?



Acrylic paint Arty Party? Or something else art or craft, would you like a visit to the Potting Shed to paint pottery?

A Crewed Day Trip on a specialized narrowboat?



Easter lunch? Afternoon tea? Hotpot supper?

A visit to a garden, maybe Bodnant Gardens or Bridgewater Gardens?



Board Games night/afternoon?



Led reflective quiet Day?

Do you know anyone who could give a talk about their charity or their career?

Let any of us know.....

Beverly Appleyard, Elizabeth Barton, Jayne Oliver,

Julie DeBoorder, Pat Neil, Sally Jackson, or email/phone office , office@thurstaston.org.uk, 0151 648 8169

The Nicene Creed : Trinitarian Faith

In the last of our series on the Nicene Creed, we want to ask about its significance today. The original Creed dates from 325 AD, but was expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381. Over the last months we have seen how the Creed provides a 'big picture' of who God is and challenges our commitment to him. Its value can be seen in three main areas:

The Nicene Creed stresses the need to believe the right thing:

Sadly, we often hear Christian leaders and churches denying the essential articles of the Christian Faith. To be a part of orthodox Christianity, we must believe in what is affirmed in the Nicene Creed. *'For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures'* (1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

The Nicene Creed affirms the importance of the Trinity:

Generally, Christians give little thought to the Trinity, and many churches rarely teach on the subject. However, by regularly reciting the Nicene Creed, people are reminded of the doctrine about the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It protects the truth about the Trinity, especially in opposition to Arianism, which sees Jesus as the first and greatest of God's creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

To be a Christian is to be baptised in the triune name and to worship God, who is three persons in one Godhead: *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'* (Matthew 28:19).

The Nicene Creed focuses on God's salvation:

At the heart of the Nicene Creed is the good news that Jesus came down from heaven *'for our salvation'*. It understands Christianity as essentially being about sin and salvation, judgment and forgiveness, and new life in Jesus Christ.

This theme is very relevant at Christmas, when we celebrate the baby born in Bethlehem as our Saviour. As the angels said to the shepherds: *'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'* (Luke 2:11,12).

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament : Philippians

This letter was written to Christians in the Macedonian city of Philippi when Paul was in prison, probably in Rome (60-62 AD). His primary purpose in writing was to thank them for the gift they had sent him upon learning of his imprisonment. However, he also uses the letter as an opportunity to report on his situation; to encourage the Philippians to stand firm in the face of persecution and rejoice regardless of circumstances; to exhort the church to live in humility, fellowship, and unity; to commend Epaphroditus and Timothy to them; and to warn them about false teaching. This included Judaizers who were persuading the Philippians to submit to circumcision.

The central message of Philippians focuses on joy (the word occurs some 16 times!). For Paul, joy isn't simply an emotional response to favourable circumstances. True joy is to be found through a relationship with the resurrected and glorified Christ. Death ceases to be an enemy, because through it we can more fully enjoy the presence of Jesus. This joy is also rooted in an expectation of the return of Jesus, which gives urgency to the task of sharing the gospel. So, Paul begins his letter by thanking the Philippians for their partnership together in the work of the gospel through the offerings they have sent.

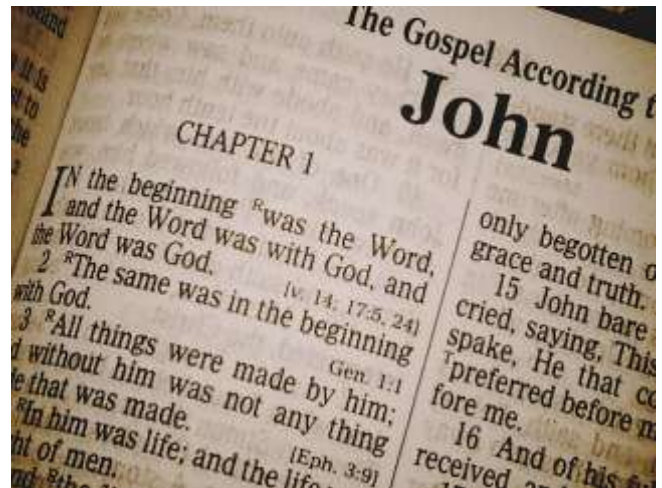
Paul also powerfully appeals to the Philippians to be of '*one mind*' in pursuing humility and unity. He gives the example of Jesus himself '*who made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant*' (2:7) to the point of dying the death of a common criminal. '*Therefore*', say Paul, '*God exalted him to the highest place*' (2:9). This 'Jesus attitude' is the one that all believers should share.



Reflecting Faith: Listening to the gospel

One of the highlights of the Christmas services is the reading of the opening passage from John's Gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word ...'

I love the poetry of the words and sentences, as well as their very meaning. In most churches everyone will stand for that reading, which emphasises its importance. But what makes it important?



Most gospel passages that are read in church include the words of Jesus Himself, handed down to us over the centuries, but here there are none. Rather, this is the defining statement of who Jesus is and where He came from.

The way that the gospel readings are valued by the Church can be seen in our church buildings over the years. In older churches you will find two lecterns, one either side of the central altar. The right-hand side is for the Old Testament and epistle readings, and the left-hand side lectern (as the congregation faces the altar) is for the gospel reading.

On the altar, the holder for the priest's book was physically moved to that side, so that as he read out the gospel he would be facing the northern side of the church. Traditionally that was the colder, darker side, thought to be 'least' holy and therefore in need of the gospel most.

Nowadays all readings may be given from the same place at the front of church, though in some churches the gospel book will be processed with or without candles, into the centre of the congregation, to bring us all gathering around Christ's words.

It is because of this absolute importance of the gospels that people face the gospel, so as it is processed, they move their body and heads towards it. This will leave some people with their backs to the altar for that time, but it is the 'Word made flesh' that we honour.

This month: This year during the Christmas season, listen out for that wonderful passage from John chapter 1 and consider how and where from it is being read and how that reflects the faith of the congregation you are within.

Country Ramblings

The short, cold days of winter have their own charm, especially when the sun is shining. This is the time to appreciate wide open skies and new vistas revealed after leaf fall. Misty mornings break to the sight of trees and bushes sparkling with dewdrops, glistening like diamonds in the sunshine, decorated with exquisite, delicate spiders' webs. Bare branches and dowdy evergreens are transformed into objects of rare beauty. The everchanging pattern of clouds and the colours of sunrise or sunset can really lift the spirits.

It was going dark as I hurried homewards after a later afternoon walk with the dog. Suddenly, I was stopped in my tracks by the most amazing sight. The last rays of the setting sun had turned the bare branches of a huge willow tree to vivid orange. As I looked, I saw that nearby poplars and sycamores had also been magically transformed by the brilliant orange glow. Suddenly the sun dropped below the horizon and darkness fell. It was time to make my way home.

I will never forget that amazing sight, which reminded me of the story of Moses, who encountered God in the sight of a burning bush. The same God who created us and our beautiful world came near to us at Christmas to illuminate a dark and weary world, bringing colour, vitality and hope for us all.

Margaret Fletcher

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR NEEDED AT DAWPOOL PRIMARY

We are writing to let you know that Thurstaston Dawpool Church of England Primary School currently has two vacancies for Foundation Governors on our Governing Board.

Foundation Governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the distinctive Christian character and ethos of our school. They help ensure that our values and vision are reflected in every aspect of school life, while also supporting the headteacher and staff in providing the very best education for our children.

We are particularly keen to hear from individuals who bring relevant experience and skills to this important role. In particular, we would value:

- Experience in education – for example, retired headteachers, senior leaders, or teachers who can offer insight into curriculum, safeguarding, and school improvement; and/or
- Financial or business expertise – for example, parishioners or local professionals with knowledge of budgeting, financial planning, or governance.

However, most importantly, we are looking for people who have a heart for supporting our children, staff, and community, and a commitment to the Christian ethos of our school.

Governors typically attend a small number of meetings each term and take an active interest in school life. Training and support are provided so no previous governance experience is required.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in learning more about this rewarding opportunity, please contact Revd Jane (rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to consider this invitation and for your continued support of our school community.

Warm regards,

Mrs Helen Griffiths (Headteacher)



God in the Sciences : The Incarnation: fearfully and wonderfully made

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were
written in your book*

before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:15-16



You began life as a single cell. For a few hours you were a miniscule but highly complex blob of jelly, until it began to divide: two cells, four, eight, sixteen, a ball, a hollow ball, and then something more recognisably like a living organism. You were still tiny, but developing a nervous system, a head, a body, arms and legs.

Until recently I hadn't thought much about Jesus being an embryo. Somehow, I find that thought even more shocking than His birth. How could God, who made the universe, have become something so completely and utterly vulnerable? Maybe in the past, when the development of a child happened in 'secret', it was possible just to let that part of the Christmas story go untold.

Today, when we see images of a developing child, or even embryos outside the womb, it is harder to ignore the process of Jesus developing into a baby. The incarnation meant that God's Son went through all the stages in the diagram in my developmental biology textbook: 'zygote', 'morula', 'blastocyst', implantation, and so on.

Jesus was there in the beginning, and all life owes its existence to Him. But instead of remaining aloof, He chose to become one of us. The Son of God shared the same kind of DNA as every other organism on the planet. He knows what it feels like to have a body, to feel hungry and thirsty, pain and pleasure, dark and light.

In Psalm 139, the writer is meditating on God's intimate knowledge of him, which began when he was an embryo. There is nothing God doesn't know about him, and even darkness cannot obscure him from God's sight. The incarnation means that God's intimacy with us now extends even further. He became one of us, lived alongside us, and shared our very fragile material nature.

The transcendent God is also immanent, longing for us to relate to Him as Father. He became as fragile as we are so He could rescue us from the messes we so often find ourselves in. With His help, we can remember what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made.

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God in the Arts : : Madonna and Child from Donatello's workshop

Each month during this year we have visited art galleries and museums in England that are often overlooked by the tourist trail, but which contain treasures that can inspire and deepen our Christian faith. Our final visit in this series is to a gracious, elegant Georgian villa rejoicing in the odd name of the Ranger's House. It is outside the western wall of Greenwich Park in London and is home to the Wernher collection of art.

Julius Wernher was a diamond magnate who died in 1912, and in his lifetime, he amassed an amazing array of 700 works that make up this collection. There are paintings by Joshua Reynolds and Romney, Renaissance jewellery, and a marble statue by Bergonzoli, 'The Love of Angels.'

But this month we focus on another love – the love of a mother and child by the workshop of Donatello. When I was a student I visited Florence for the first time, and I can always remember the impact of entering the Bargello and being greeted by the sculptures of Donatello. It was a special moment of revelation to be able to look around and wonder at the glorious works of this sculptor filling the second floor of the castle.

By contrast the Madonna and Child in the Ranger's House is a miniature, a bronze plaque just 4 inches square. Our Lady is depicted in classical profile with flowing robes and wavy hair, but the mood is one of tenderness as she cradles the Christ-Child. She holds His left hand in hers, while He looks down at something that has caught His attention. Perhaps it is a noise at the stable door or the sound of an animal in the Bethlehem night. Perhaps it is St Joseph getting everything ready for the Holy Family to leave. We don't know, but it is another special moment of revelation caught in this little plaque. It may not be by Donatello himself, but we sense the master overseeing the creation of this work.

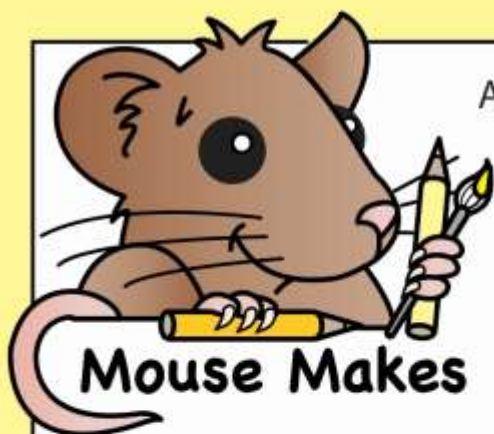
At Christmas we ponder the mystery of infinity caught in a little space, the cradle at Bethlehem, just as the mystery of love, maternal and divine, is caught in the little space of this plaque. Margaret Rizza's carol, 'Jesus is our joy' captures the mood of wonder, joy and hope as we open the stable door to see the love of a mother and her new-born baby expressed here and at the heart of the Christmas gospel:

'Lovely in your littleness,
longing for our lowliness,
searching for our meekness.....

Held in Mary's tenderness,
tiny hands are raised to bless,
touching us with God's caress.

Joy then in God's graciousness,
peace comes with gentleness,
filling hearts with gladness.'





At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
God's Son and our Saviour
coming into the world as a baby,
and we look forward to the time
when Jesus will come again,
not as a baby but as the
King of kings and Lord of lords!

read

John 14:3

A baby needs clothes
to keep warm like
a snuggly sleep suit
or a vest and nappy.

What were you dressed in?

Jesus was wrapped in

read Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere
to be born like at home
or in a hospital.

Where were you born?

Jesus was born
in a stable in

read Luke 2:1-6

A baby needs
somewhere
to sleep like
a crib or a cot.
*What did you
sleep in?*

Jesus slept in a

read Luke 2:7

A baby needs
a name.

*What name were
you called?*

Jesus was given
a special name
that had a
special meaning.

read

Matthew 1:21-23

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Wordsearch

Did the Old Testament expect Jesus to come? Yes indeed! Here are just some examples of OT prophesies:

He would be born of a virgin. 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and will call Him Immanuel.' (Isaiah 7:14)

He would be born in Bethlehem. 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel...' (Micah 5:2)

His lineage would be of the line of David. 'I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.' (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

He would bring healing. 'Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.' (Isaiah 35:5-6)

He would be crucified. They pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. (Psalm 22)

He would rise from the dead. 'You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay...' (Psalm 16: 8-11)

Born
Virgin
Immanuel
Bethlehem
Ruler

Israel
David
King
Just
Right

Healing
Blind
Deaf
Lame
Mute

Crucified
Pierce
Hands
Feet
Gloat

Rise
Dead
Abandon
Decay
Realm



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December 2025

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7th Christmas Crafts

**16th Christmas Carols and light
Refreshments**

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30th Closed



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**Guest Speaker
27th January 2026
RSPB Burton**

Jigsaw Library

Over the time that Warm Hub has been operating, we have been gifted many jigsaws. While we always have a jigsaw in progress at Warm Hub, there are many waiting for us to use in the future. Rather than these jigsaws just piling up, with the winter nights ahead we would like to make these jigsaws available for individuals to borrow and then return to us. We can't vouch that all the jigsaws are complete as they are donated to us but if you would like to borrow one then we can make them available on a Tuesday morning when the Warm Hub is open - 9.30 to 12.30 at St Chad's

Susan Smale



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Did you know.....

.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.

They decided to hold an exhibition of paintings by local Irby residents. The exhibition was so successful that the artists decided to join together to form an "Irby Artists Association".

....and the rest, as they say, is history!

The Irby Artists are proud to have had such a long association with St Chad's.

We welcome new members and actively provide support to those wishing to try their hand at painting & drawing, with weekly Monday afternoon sessions, indoors during the winter, and outdoors in the summer months, and two exhibitions of members works per year.

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December 2025 and January 2026 Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 7th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 14th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

Sun 21st December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Chad's WITH NATIVITY
6.00pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's



Wed 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE
10.30am HC at St Chads (with children's activity tables)
4.00pm Crib Service at St Bartholomew's
11.15pm Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Thurs 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00 am HC at St Bartholomew's

Sun 28th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Sun 4th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sun 11th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age service at St Chad's

Sun 18th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 25th January 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church

Sun 1st February 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's