

# The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,  
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

## Sunday 8th January 2012 - Baptism of Christ

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
10.30am	Covenant Service	Irby Methodist
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services  
Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

### Sunday 15th January - Epiphany 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Junior Church at St Chad's  
Children from age 2½ can attend.  
There are activity bags available for children under the age of 2½.  
In case you feel the need to remove your child from the service, please note that there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer

Would you like to receive  
this notice sheet every week  
direct to your e-mail in-  
box? If so, please send an  
e-mail request to the parish

## Notices and announcements!!!

**EMU 'Tea & Toast, Bring & Buy'** at St Chad's on Saturday 14th January, 9.30am-11.30am.

**Lily Labrador seeks a holiday home!** Revd Jane occasionally has to go away and is unable to take Lily with her (eg an annual retreat approx 8 days, and Guide camp approx 5-7 days). There are plenty of people able to walk Lily on days when Revd Jane is out for a long time, but as yet no-one who is able to offer a holiday home where someone is at home most of the time - Lily likes company! If you think you could help in this way, please speak to Revd Jane, who will arrange for you to meet Lily, and for Lily to do short visits to your home so that we can mutually decide whether you can realistically make this commitment.

### **Magazine subscriptions**

These are now due for 2012. If you see your deliverer please pay them, or alternatively post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH.

**PCC Meeting** The PCC will meet on Monday 16th January, 8.00pm at St Chad's. If you have any items of concern or questions about the life of the church, that you would like the PCC to consider, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.

### **APCM Reports**

We need your reports asap. Whilst everything that has happened in the last year is still fresh in your mind, please start writing your reports of activities from Jan-Dec 2011 and e-mail them to the parish office at [thurstaston.pariah@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstaston.pariah@btinternet.com)

**2nd Irby Rainbows** who meet at St Chad's on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm, are looking for another adult who would like to help on a regular weekly basis. Rainbows are aged between 5 and 7 years old, and there are currently 16 in the pack. It would be great if you could join us! Please contact me if you would like any extra information: Karen Fearn tel: 07795547664 or email [fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Sunday 22nd January**

St Michael and all Angels Newton West Kirby CH48 6EP. Wedding Fair 1 - 5pm for more details and exhibitors booking forms contact: m: 07768418942 or [weddingfairstmichael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:weddingfairstmichael@hotmail.co.uk)

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**Gospel Reading: (Mark 1:4-11)**

**All :Glory to you, O Lord**

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

**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*

**Readings for  
Today**

Gen 1:1-5  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**Readings for  
15th January**

1 Sam 3:1-10  
Rev 5:1-10  
John 1:43-51

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for the blessing of peace around the World today and in the New Year to come.

**For the sick:** Please pray for Karen Jones. We continue to pray for Betty Crocker, Marian Mansbridge, Karen Ormsby, and those known to us.