

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 1st November – All Saints 4th Before Advent**



Welcome to Church today.

We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Children are Welcome at our Services

In St Chad's, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

In St Bartholomew's, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect for today

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every
age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your
saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and
giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this
table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the World.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Frank Rimmer and Mike Bennett.
Please pray for those in hospital.

For our school: Please pray for Mrs Peters as she prepares to retire. Please pray for Mr David Burrows as he prepares to transition into his new role as Head Teacher of Dawpool Primary School.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Timothy Thornton, Truro; Bishop Christopher David Goldsmith, Truro - St Germans (Canterbury, England).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

This All Saintstide please pray for the All Saints community and think about how you can better express your membership of the body of Christ as one of the saints of God. Gary O'Neill, Director of Studies for Ordinands. All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry.

Services TODAY – All Saints Day 4th Before Advent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Evening of Remembrance	St Chad's

Services next week

Wednesday 4th November (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.15am	Traditional Service	St Bartholomew's
11.05am	Family Service	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

- **Christmas Cards for sale.** £2.50 per pack. Profit to church funds.
- **Crosstalk** The **November** magazine is available at the back of church.
- **SOSO** Tuesday 3rd November, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Postage stamps** - as Christmas approaches, a reminder to collect your used postage stamps for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.
- **Dawpool Primary School** – Foundation 2 entry September 2016 – There will be an Open afternoon for parents and children to visit school on Wednesday 4th November 2015 from 2-3pp. Anyone requiring Revd Jane to sign the Church Attendance part of the application form will need to give it to Revd Jane before Christmas.
- **Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving TODAY**, 6.30pm at St Chad's. An opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have died in the past year (or longer). Please see magazine for more information.
- **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 7th November, 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby.
- **PCC Meeting** on Monday 9th November, 7.30pm at St Chad's.
- **Wellspring** on Monday 16th November, 8-9pm at the Rectory.
- **Felting Group - Spirituality through Textiles** at St Chads Church Irby on Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 3pm. Nov 10th and 24th and December 8th. There will be a charge of £4 per Session.
For more information see magazine and to secure a place contact Chris Branch 0151 632 6121 branchbcd@yahoo.co.uk

- **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 28th November, 1-4pm at St Chad's. **Please let Julie DeBoorder know if you can help in any way 6486331 or debs1313deb@btopenworld.com**

Please start to collect good as new/unwanted gifts, books/DVDs/CDs (no videos), jewellery, toys in good condition, soft toys for kids 'take a ted'. (These items can be delivered to the office from Tuesday 3rd November). Raffle prizes- who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize? Small glass items (to be decorated and sold), small jars that will take a tea-light for the children to do glass painting. For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating: handmade crafts, homemade preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc.,

- **Advent Songs of Praise – Sunday 29th November, 6.30pm at St Chad's.** Following the two very successful Songs of Praise Style Services which we held in September, I would like to invite you to choose a hymn for a similar service for Advent. All of our hymn books have seasonal indexes at the back, so take a look at the Advent section and nominate a hymn. In order for this service to be at its best we would need some people willing to introduce one the hymns – this involves saying a few sentences about why you chose it, why you like it, are there any words within it that help/encourage you in faith etc. You will need to give your hymn choices (and whether you would be willing to introduce this hymn) to Revd Jane by Sunday 8th November so that the service can be prepared. (Please see magazine for more information).

- **Room at the inn?** Charity **HOST** is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! Visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

- **Mothers' Union** Provincial Thanksgiving Eucharist in Chester Cathedral at 2pm on Tues 10th November 2015. Bishop Peter is presiding and the preacher is Mothers' Union Central Chaplain, Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. We are greatly privileged to be hosting this Triennial Thanksgiving Service for York Province. Lynne Tembey, our Worldwide President and Barbara Taylor, our Provincial President, will also be there together with the massed choirs of MU in York Province! If you would like to be part of this very special event please send your ticket requirements to Dawn in the cathedral office as soon as possible before the end of September. You cannot just turn up, you do need a ticket. If you would like to be in the choir please also tell Dawn. The office number is 01244 400491 and email is mothersunionchester@care4free.net.

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44

All: Glory to you, O Lord

32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' 40Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today Isaiah 25:6-9 Rev 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Readings for 8th November TBA
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