

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
2nd December – Advent Sunday**



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

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 the World: Please pray for all those in Government as negotiations and discussions continue over the Brexit deal.

For the Parish: Please pray for Junior Church Leaders as they plan and prepare for Nativity.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Lottie Butler (Funeral 1pm Tuesday 11th December at St Bartholomew's), Family and friends of Ruth Dann, (Funeral 11.30am Monday 17th December at St Bartholomew's)

For the Sick: Please pray for Mark Dennison, Robin Blythe, and Reverend Jane and for all those in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Pray for all that makes for intentional life-changing discipleship.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle Bishop Carlos López-Lozano, The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Spain) (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Services TODAY Advent Sunday

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | St. Bartholomew's |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | St Chads |
| 11.15 am | Holy Communion | St Bartholomew's |
| 4.00pm | Christingle | St Chad's |

Notices and Announcement

Services next week

Wednesday 5th December

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| 10.15 am | Holy Communion | St Chads |
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Sunday 9th December – Advent 2

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | St Bartholomew's |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | St Chad's |
| 11.15 am | Morning Worship | St Bartholomew's |

Notices and Announcement

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE OUR CHURCHWARDEN NEXT YEAR?

Please can you start to think **now** about whether you could serve the church in this important role? If you wish to have an informal conversation with someone who has done the job in the past, please speak to Chris Perry, Chris Smale or Roger Jackson, or with our present warden Liz Whitehead. Liz is doing a fabulous job, but we should have two wardens and Liz would be delighted to welcome someone to work alongside her. If you would like more information about what is involved Revd Jane can give you an introductory booklet.

MORE PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS:-

The current rotas run until the end of January 2019. We will be doing the rotas for Feb-Apr 2019 early in January. So please take a few

moments between now and the end of the year to think about the following questions:-

Could you read a lesson?

Could you lead the intercessions (trainings and books to help are available)?

Could you act as a Sidesperson?

Could you act as a Welcomer?

Could you help with tea and coffee at St Chad's?

Could you be a Server at St Bartholomew's?

Could you help with Sacristan duties at St Bartholomew's?

There is a leaflet at the back of church which explains all of these jobs. We would love to have as many people as possible involved in some way on our rotas, please speak to Revd Jane if you would like to be included.

The Mayors Charity Appeal is holding a Christmas Tea Dance on **Wednesday 5th December** 1.30pm – 4pm, with live music

from The Swingmasters. Tickets are £5 and are available from the Mayor's office on 691 8527.

The Christian Bookshop invite you to join them on Wednesday 5th December between 10am and 1 pm for a cup of festive cheer, a tea or coffee and mince pies and shortbread at the West Kirby Outlet in the foyer of West Kirby URC, Meols Drive, CH48 5DA

Liverpool Renaissance Singers are performing Start, Lights and Mystery. The mystical landscapes of Hildegard Von Bingen, Guillaume, Josquin des Prez, Palestrina and others. December 9th 7.30pm, The Chapel, Birkenhead School CH43 2 JD and December 16th 7.30pm Lady Chapel, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Tickets £10, Concessions £8, for more details speak to Chris Turnbull.

Forum Housing Association warmly invites you, your family and friends to their Carol Concert on **Wednesday 12th December** at the Salvation Army Community Church, 175 Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry CH42 3TA. Arrive at 6pm for refreshments followed by Carols at 6.30pm.

Wirral Foodbank are short of tinned meat, fish and fruit, packet soup, fruit squash, pasta sauce, sponge puddings, biscuits, long grain rice, soap powder tablets, deodorants and sugar, they have plenty of beans and Cereal. Donations can be dropped off at Sainsbury's Upton, Asda Woodchurch, the library and most Co-op Stores

Can you help? St Bart's are looking for volunteers to go on their cleaning rota, they are desperate. If you can help please contact June Bibby on 678 8124.

Christmas Services

Sunday 2nd December:

St Chads: 9.30 am Holy Communion
4.00 pm Christingle Family Service
St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

Sunday 9th December: All Services as normal

Sunday 16th December:

St Chads: 9.30 am Nativity Service led by Junior Church
Irby Methodist Church: 6.30 pm Joint Carol Service
St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

Sunday 23rd December – all services as normal

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve:

St Bartholomew's :
4.00 pm Crib Service
5.00 pm Crib Service
11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

St Bartholomew's:: 8.00 am Holy Communion
St Chads : 10.30 am Family Communion
NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

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: Luke 21:25-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

| Readings for Today | Readings for 9 th December |
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| Jer 33:14-16 | Mal 3:1-4 |
| 1 Thess 3:9-13 | Phil 1:3-11 |
| Luke 21:25-36 | Luke 3:1-6 |

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