

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 4**



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**

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the  
earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed  
the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in  
the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for civilised and rational debate in political differences around the world.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for the upcoming APCM, and those thinking of joining the PCC or taking on the responsibility of becoming Church Warden.

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Mark Dennison, Anna Drysdale, Pam Ward (Daughter of Dorothy Joyce), Muriel McKie, Mandy Fletcher and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Pray for congregations striving to promote health and well-being.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle** Archbishop Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

## Services TODAY Epiphany 4

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

## Services next week

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

## Notices and Announcements

### FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE:-

What would life look like if we were more able to make a difference in our everyday lives? How can we show and share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet out in the places we usually find ourselves – at the shops or the gym, at work or at the school-gate?

**COME EXPLORE TOGETHER and see how you can equip and encourage one another to grow in fruitfulness on the frontline.**

### Thursday evening 8-9.30 pm at St Chads.

31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Session 1: The Big Picture
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Session 2: Modelling Godly Character
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Session 3: Making Good Work
HALF TERM	
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Session 4: Ministering Grace and Love
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 5: Moulding Culture
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 6: Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Session 7: Messenger of the Gospel
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 8: The Journey On

Please let Revd Jane know if you would like a copy of the booklet in advance of the first meeting

### ONE OFF CHURCH CHOIR...

#### Volunteers please

I have been approached by a wedding couple who would like a choir at their wedding Friday 10 May.

It would be to sing 3 hymns with the congregation. The hymns are "Jerusalem", "All things bright & beautiful" and "Love Divine".

Craig has kindly agreed to rehearse with us, so if you would like to do it, please let me know and then I can arrange for us to get together and try it out. I see it as a one off, no commitment to anything in the future.

The couple will be making a donation for our services, so good for church funds but I think it would be a nice thing to do and singing is good for soul, so will be enjoyable too.

Thanks, Julie DeBoorder

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**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE OUR CHURCHWARDEN THIS 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.

**The Electoral Roll** will this year be wiped clean in accordance with Church of England Rules. So even if you were on the existing roll, you will not be on the new one unless you fill in an application form. You must do this between Sunday 9th and Sunday 24th February - forms will be available at the back of church or from the parish office during this time. Otherwise you will have to wait until after the Annual Meeting on Sunday 7th April. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and *Either* Live within the parish boundary *Or* Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

**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](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk))**

**Wirral Men's Breakfast Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** at Thornton Hall Hotel 8am – 10am. Padre Andy Earl will be speaking about life on the frontline in Afghanistan. Book online at [www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk) or telephone 0151 347 5658

**An evening with bestselling author Rob Parsons** - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Adelphi Hotel. For one night only Rob Parsons will be bringing "The Wisdom house" to Liverpool. An evening full of real life stories that have touched his heart. Reverend Jane has booked a ticket for this and would thoroughly recommend it, Rob Parsons is an excellent speaker. More details and booking information can be found on the website <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/the-wisdom-house> If you do book a ticket let Reverend Jane know and you can then maybe arrange to travel together (bus/train?)

**Planned Giving Scheme.** Chris Turnbull is currently preparing the annual gift aid claim for Thurstaston PCC - St Chad's and St Bartholomew's churches. This brings in about £10,000 for the churches so it is important we get the data required by HMRC right. If you have not let him know of a change of name or address recently as used by HMRC (your first initial in your first name and your correct surname are important to be correct as well as your postcode and house number: OR you are now eligible or are no longer eligible (e.g. because you no longer pay enough UK tax for us to claim your tax back on your donations to church) then **please let him know as soon as possible.**

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about

him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Ezek 43:27-44:4	Isiah 6:1-8
1Cor 13:1-13	1Cor 15:1-11
Luke 2:22-40	Luke 5:1-11
	Fruitfulness on the Frontline Col 1:15-20

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