

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Christmas 2**



Welcome to Church today.

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

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8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
10.30 am	<b>Covenant Service</b>	<b>Irby Methodist Church</b>
11.15 am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

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**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January –**

10.15am Holy Communion

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany**

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9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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**Collect**

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.

*Amen.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.

*Amen*

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**For the World:** Please pray for peace around the world

**For the Parish:** Please pray for those missing loved ones at this time of year

**For the Sick:** Please pray for all those that are ill at home or in Hospital.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle.** Pray that the universal call of the Christ child may be more recognized

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## GOSPEL READING: John 1:10-18

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

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Eph 1:3-14	Acts 10:34-43
John 1:10-18	Matt 3:13-17

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