

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Epiphany 1, Baptism of Christ**



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**

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*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for Australia, that the fires can soon be controlled and for the tensions in the Middle East that World Leaders can resolve the situation peacefully.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for everyone returning to everyday routines after the Christmas Break

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale as she flies to New York this weekend for treatment and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and Friends of:-Barbara Helm (Funeral 2.30pm Mon 13th Jan at St Bartholomew's), Harold Stott (Funeral 1.00pm Mon 27th Jan at Frankby Cemetery Chapel) and Eric Jones.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle** Pray for all involved in Called to Serve. Sovereign God, as you call us into your marvellous light, may our lives bear witness to your truth and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Charles Mthethleli May, Highveld (Southern Africa). Bishop Matthias Mededues-Badohu, Ho (West Africa). Bishop Brian Thom, Idaho (The Episcopal Church, USA).

## Services Today – Epiphany 1 – Baptism of Christ

|          |                |                   |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 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 15<sup>th</sup> January

|          |                  |           |
|----------|------------------|-----------|
| 10.15 am | Holy Communion   | St Chad's |
| 10.30am  | Family Communion | St Chad's |

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2

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

## Notices and Announcements

**NOTORIOUS:** St Chad's Extension on Thursdays 8.00-9.15pm (9.30pm at the latest!) Everyone Welcome next session 16<sup>th</sup> January "Herod the Great" – more details in Parish Magazine. "The Bible is full of men and women who strayed from the path of good: the rogues, scoundrels and scallywags. But is there something good these bad people can teach us? Why not join us as we discover together

**EMU** have planned a fun evening at the Potting shed in Hoylake on **Thursday 29th January** and would like to invite anyone from either of our church congregation (and their friends) to join them. If you are interested you will need to let Jayne Oliver (648 1754) know ASAP, and arrange to give her a £5 deposit. There is a minimum spend on the night of £15 (from which your deposit will be deducted). For more details about the Potting shed please visit <https://thepottingshed.eu/>

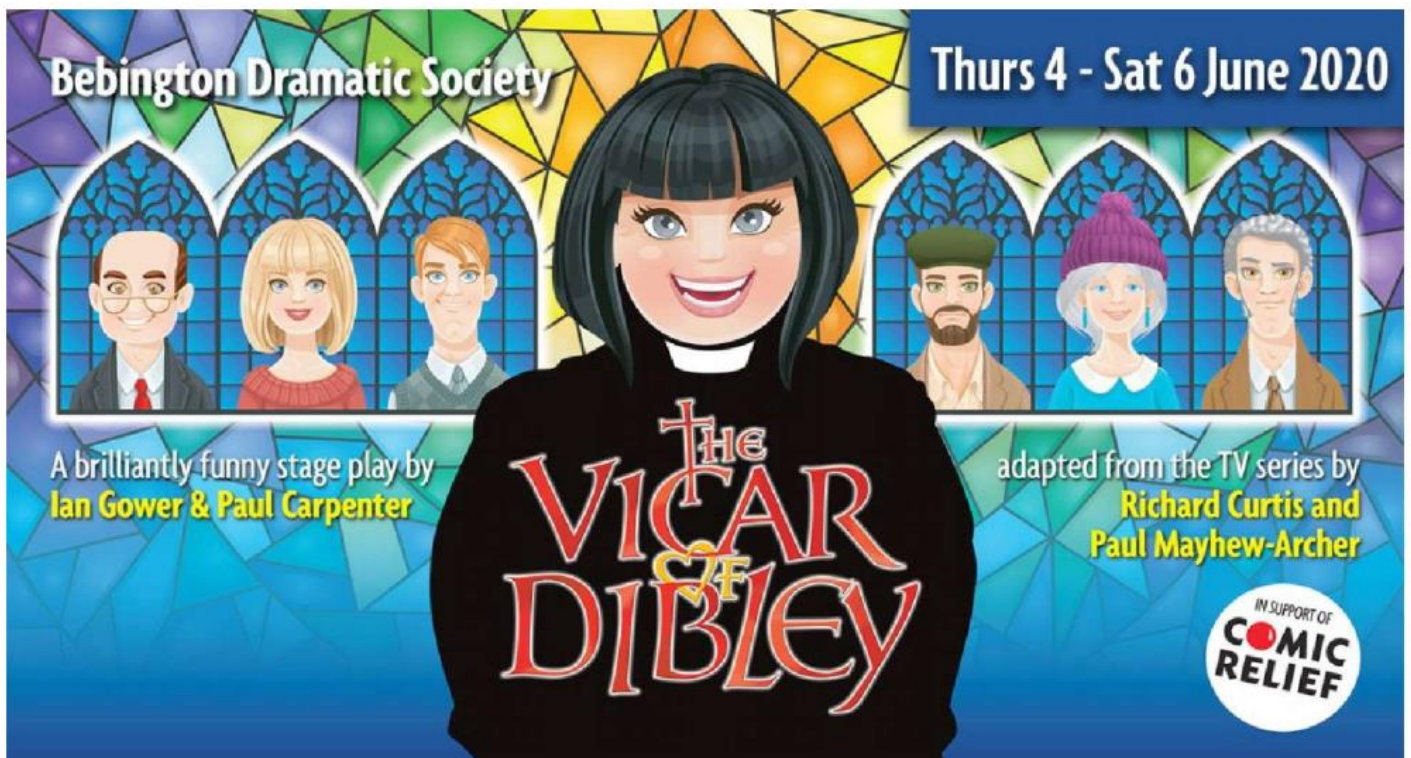
**Service Booklets:** Could you help to repair some of our service booklets? It just needs some of your time and a roll of sellotape! If you can help, please take a box of books home (from the cupboard at St Chad's, or speak to Liz at St Bart's), do the repair job and bring them back. We are currently using the yellow Christmas and Epiphany, so please don't take them. Thank you for your support.

**Wirral Foodbank** urgently need uht milk Instant mash, Packet soup, Coffee/hot chocolate, Sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Tinned custard, Squash/juice, Sugar (small if possible), Toothpaste, Washing up liquid they have plenty of beans. Food can be donated at Asda, Sainsbury's, most co-op stores and the library.

**Thank you** - Forum housing would like to thank everyone who donated towards their Christmas Appeal. This year, thanks to your gifts, they were able to make up over 300 gift bags to be distributed to the young people who live with them.

**Church Outing to see the Vicar of Dibley  
at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight  
Thursday, Jun 4, 2020 7:30 PM  
(Doors open at 6.45pm)  
Tickets £10.00**

If you would like to be part of a group booking,  
please give £10.00 per ticket to Revd Jane in an  
envelope marked "Vicar of Dibley" and your name,  
by Sunday 26th January 2020



Ranked in the top twenty of the greatest British sitcoms of all time, the Vicar of Dibley by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer entertained homes across the country with 12 million people all tuning in to watch. The show tells the story of Geraldine Granger, a female vicar, who comes to the village of Dibley to the unsuspecting residents who were expecting someone less feminine.

Still, that doesn't stop Geraldine from proving her worthiness to the village in this hilarious adaptation of the popular TV comedy by the original author, Ian Gower.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17

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

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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

| Readings for 12 <sup>th</sup> January | Readings for 19 <sup>th</sup> January |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Is 42:1-9                             | Is 49:1-7                             |
| Acts 10:34-43                         | 1 Cor 1:1-9                           |
| Matt 3:13-17                          | John 1:29-42                          |

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