

# The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad

## Thurstaston and Irby

26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Epiphany 3



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 all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the  
poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the  
light of the world: may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and  
obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.

*Amen*

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**For the World:** Please continue to pray for Australia, for the extremes of weather that they are experiencing.

**For the Parish:** Please pray for the giving initiative using the prayer card that you will receive shortly.

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Karen Fox, Anna Drysdale, Lynne Rose, Audrey Fernyhough and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For the Bereaved:** Family and Friends of: - Harold Stott (Funeral 1.00pm Mon 27th Jan at Frankby Cemetery Chapel), Arthur Broster (Funeral 2pm Friday 14th February at St Bartholomew's) and Ennid Rowlands.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle** see the separate prayer for the Diocese

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle** : Bishop Chigozirim Onyegbule, Ikwuano; Bishop Fredrick Olugbemi, Ilaje (Nigeria).

## Services Today – Epiphany 3

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 29<sup>th</sup> January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas – Giving Sunday

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

## A Prayer for our Diocese

Almighty God,  
who sent Jesus Christ  
to be the cornerstone of your Kingdom  
and calls us to follow him:  
guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit,  
to show love and mercy as we build your Kingdom.  
We pray for the person you are calling  
to be the next Bishop of Chester;  
bless, guide and strengthen them to answer your call;  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**A Quiet Space  
to Reflect and Pray  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.00-8.30pm  
at St Bartholomew's**

Drop in for a few minutes and just be still, or come for longer and use the various prayer resources that will be available. There will be a simple short service to finish the evening at 8.15pm.

Feel free to come for as much or as little of the time as you are able or feel comfortable with.

## Notices and Announcements

**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 **TODAY**, Sunday 26th January 2020

**Wirral Men's Breakfast** Saturday 1st February. Gavin Calver now CEO of Evangelical Alliance who at 14 was

banned from church and at 18 was hospitalised for heavy drinking will be speaking. To book please visit <https://wirralbreakfast.co.uk/book/>

If you would like to be added to the **Electoral Roll**, and either live in the Parish or have been attending church for 6 months or more there are forms available at each Church or the Parish office between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The annual **Pancake Party** will be held during Junior Church on Sunday 23 February for Children and seniors. This will involve daft games, crafts and lots of pancakes. Suggested donation of £1 per family to cover food on the day please. There will be Pancakes (readymade) with fruit, cream, lemon juice, sugar, syrup etc. If you have allergies please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she can purchase something to suit accordingly. Please complete the list at the back of church to help gauge the amount of food and crafts.

**EMU** have planned a fun evening at the Potting shed in Hoylake on Wednesday 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/>

**Walking in the Footsteps of Giants at Foxhill**, Tues 26th - Thurs 28th May. Time to reflect on some of the prayer methods used and encouraged by Saints of the Christian Tradition. It will focus on different ways of praying, offering the opportunity to experience alternatives when the "usual" ways of praying seem less helpful. More information on flyers at the back of church, including reflections from Pat, Julie and Beverley who attended a retreat at Foxhill last year. Revd Jane is booked in already so you would not be on your own! If you are interested, contact Foxhill to book a place

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/residential-retreats/walking-in-the-footsteps/>

**Diocesan Lay Conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire (15-17th May 2020).** We have one free place on this conference and the PCC would be willing to pay for a second place. If you would like to go on behalf of our parish then you need to let Graham Barley (PCC Secretary) know ASAP and definitely by 3rd February which is when we have to provide the name of the person who will take up our free place. Julie D and Julie P went to the last one and gained a lot from it and would thoroughly recommend it to you. "The Lay Conference is what it says on the tin and is held every three years. This year it will have a focus on encouraging and equipping us to live out our faith confidently every day of the week, not just Sunday. It's for any lay church members. Those with a formal (licensed) ministry do attend, but we would encourage anyone to come along as their parish representative. It is a time to learn, have fun and share with others from all walks of life."

**Anyone interested?** BBC Radio Merseyside and the RHS are running a competition to design a garden for the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park in the summer. The competition will go live on BBC Radio Merseyside on Monday 20th January. From that date details will be available on their website or from the action desk on 0151 794 0984.

**Sophie Wolstencroft** is "Catherine" in Wuthering Heights 29th January to 1st February 2020 At The Forum Studio Theatre, CH1 2BH Chester, Cheshire. Tickets are £12 if anybody would like to go.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Readings for 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Is 9:1-4 1 Cor 1:10-18 Matt 4:12-23	

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