

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
5th December 2021 – Advent 2**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services
can be found on the front page of our website**

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and
firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community - especially key workers

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

Please pray for Dougie Smith as he is Baptized at St Bartholomew's today.

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from the war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: Please pray for Judith Hodgson, Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew), Mark from Northern Ireland who has stage 4 cancer (prayer request from porch notice board at St Bart's) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: For the family and friends of Moira DeBoorder

The total raised at the Christmas Coffee Morning was £350.50.

In addition Claire House took over £100.00

Many thanks to all those who baked cakes, made or donated gifts or raffle prizes, helped on stalls, served refreshments, manned the door, set up and cleared away and also for obtaining vouchers from the local shops for the raffle.

A great joint effort and enjoyed by all.



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Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

³ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Advent Trail
now installed at
St Bartholomew's**



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0808 2000 247

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Food Bank Support

As from next week, there will be a collection point **AT DAWPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL** until **Friday 10th December** by the brick shed on the pedestrian path to donate grocery items to the Wirral Foodbank. We recognise that groceries will be gratefully received by families across Wirral in the lead up to Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Please avoid going to school at beginning and end of the school day. It maybe better if you could give your donations to a family who have a child who attends Dawpool and lives near to you, so that they can drop it off for you.

Sunday 12th December - 10.30am St Chad's - All Age Service

This service will include a pop-up Nativity (no rehearsal needed).

EVERYONE - adults and children - is encouraged to come dressed as one of the characters from the Nativity Story? Here are some ideas:-



Which part did you always want in the school nativity play?
Now's your chance to fulfil that dream!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Covid Precautions mean that at all services we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for "track and trace".

For Services indicated in RED:

We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.

For Services indicated in BLUE:

We will have some socially distanced seats available.

Sun Dec 5th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am HC at St Bartholomew's

Sun Dec 12th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am All-Age at St Chad's

Sun Dec 19th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am MW at St Bartholomew's

4.00pm Carol Service at St Chad's

Zoom Evening Prayer
6.30pm Sundays
5th and 12th December
Joining details
from Revd Jane

Every Wednesday
10.30am Holy Communion
at St Chad's

Friday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

Saturday December 25th - Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday December 26th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

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Sunday 2nd January 2022

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church

we have received an invitation to join our Methodist friends and we would encourage as many as possible to go along.

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