

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
30th January - Epiphany 4**



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

<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK For our Community: Please pray for all who serve us in our local community 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 For the world: Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change Especially for the people of Tonga and the wider pacific region following the tsunami For the Sick: Please pray for Brian Tucker, Duncan Wardle (Graham Barley's nephew), Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital. For the Bereaved:</p>	

<p>SERVICE DETAILS FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT</p> <p>Sun 30th January 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts</p> <p>Sun 6th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Barts</p>	<p>Sun 13th February 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am All-Age at St. Chads</p> <p>Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's</p> <p>ZOOM Services:- Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer Joining details from Revd Jane</p>
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Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

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.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters^l in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.¹ ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ



**Safeguarding is
Everyone’s
Responsibility**

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space



Helping the bereaved
find **support**
ataloss.org

Second Hand Estate Car needed
“Gentleman who works locally is very much in need of a car for work. If any of the congregation knows of any vehicle in the local area that they or a friend is selling, could they please contact me as I am desperate to continue my good work in the local community. Many thanks and Kind regards. “
John (07877 425 428)



Would you like to be part of a planning group and help to organise a community picnic at St Chads for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend on Sunday 5th June?

Let Rev'd Jane know if you would like to help with planning this historical event.

We need bunting, party games, a choir to sing the Jubilee Anthem and so much more!



Heart Bomb 2022

February 12th - March 27th

See parish magazine
or speak to Julie DeBoorder
Email: jules2121jule@gmail.com
for how you can get involved



Review of Service Pattern

The PCC need your Comments

You will recall that a new service pattern was implemented in September 2021 (primarily as a result of not having enough volunteers to maintain the previous pattern and secondly with the aim of drawing our congregations together in fellowship and worship)

The PCC are grateful to everyone who has supported this trial pattern of services which we agreed to review after six months, and so this is on the Agenda for the PCC meeting on 7th March.

In order for the PCC to complete this review we need your comments.

Please note that the primary driving factor behind the trial pattern was lack of volunteers - especially (but not exclusively) sidespeople for St Chad's.

Please email your comments and/or offers of being added to the various rotas of people who are needed to make Sunday services happen **to office@thurstaston.org.uk** with the title "Review of Service Pattern", **or jot them on a piece of paper and post it in the letterbox at St Chads** in an envelope marked "Review of Service Pattern".

We need to receive your comments **by Sunday 27th February** at the very latest, so that they can be collated and sent to the members of the PCC in advance of the meeting.