

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd December - Advent 1**



Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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 and for local businesses and community groups
Please pray for all the people living in your street

For our Church:

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacon Mike
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and her ministry to 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards
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

For the Sick: Please pray for Amanda Fletcher, Robin Blythe (Yasmin Whitehead's father), Margaret and Roy Fordham, Jane Fellows (Dot Turner's daughter), John Reynolds, Sally Edmondson (Mollies Cousin), Matthew (Elizabeth Barton's son), Elaine Kavanagh, Baby Isabelle Vickers, Muriel McKie and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

For the Bereaved: Family and friends of Peggy Evans (Funeral 1.30pm Mon Dec 4th at St Barts)

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)
EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

- Sun 3rd December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts
- Sun 10th December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**
 10.30am All Age service at St Chad's
- Sun 17th December** **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**
 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
 6.30pm Carol Service with Christingles at St Chad's

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Old Testament Reading: Is 64:1-9

¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve

10.30am

All-Age Nativity
at St Chads



You are invited
(old and young!)
to come dressed
as a character from the story.

Forum Housing
Homeless Support

Bedding and Towels are urgently needed by Forum housing to support the homeless this Christmas. If you have any good condition spare sleeping bags, fleece throws, blankets or towels please can you bring them to church by Sunday 10th December. Elizabeth Barton will then deliver them. Thank You.

New Testament Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We need your help to deliver an invitation to our Christmas Services to every home in the parish.



Happy Christmas

They are at the back of church in street bundles. We would be very grateful if everyone could take a bundle and deliver them (ideally this week, but definitely before Sunday 17th Dec)



Email Address for Revd Ailsa Whorton is
revdailsa@thurstaston.org.uk

This has been incorrectly spelt in the parish magazine, so please make sure that you use the correct version.

A warm welcome for all at the Warm Hub

All free of charge

Open to everyone, so please drop in!
St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169

Tuesdays 9.30a.m.—12.30p.m.

Guest speaker
on 4th Tuesday of the month
Talks start at 10.30a.m.
(No speaker December)

Tuesday 23rd January 2024
Warm Hub Guest Speaker

Steve Jeffrey
A Life at sea!

everyone welcome for what promises to be a really interesting and entertaining session!



Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access
and a chance to chat with friends.



The Warm Hub now belongs to
a growing national network
of Places of Welcome

Visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk for more information



Advanced Notice of Christmas Services

Sunday 17th Dec

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

BCP is the Book of Common Prayer which was published in 1662. This service uses old fashioned language and is a quiet service with no music.

10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

This service is in modern language and will include some Advent hymns.

6.30pm Carol Service with Christingles at St Chad's

We will listen to the Christmas Nativity story and sing carols. A Christingle is a decorated orange used to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas.



Sunday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

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10.30am All-Age Nativity at St Chads

We will sing some carols and retell the story of Jesus birth. You are invited to come dressed as a character from the story.

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

This will be the first communion of Christmas and will include singing some carols.



Monday 25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Barts

This service is suitable for everyone and will include singing some carols.



Christmas



Please continue to collect and bring your used stamps to Church. **R N I B**
 RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for your continued support. Jean Heath



Wirral Foodbank are running short of the items on the Shopping list. Please bring any donations to St Chad's Office and Kate will deliver them to the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
- DEODORANT



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone
 24 hr Helpline
 0808 2000 247
 Irby Pharmacy is a **safe space**

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



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility