

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
10th December 2017 – Advent 2**



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

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 the World: Please pray for peace in Jerusalem

For the Parish: Please pray for school productions and Christmas services that the true message of Christmas will shine through.

For the sick: Please pray for David Cunnington and continue to pray for Pat Neil, Connor Carr, Alec Ball, Anna Drysdale, and Alison Harris. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of John Mason and Francoise Reed.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for an appropriate keeping of Advent

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop José Antonio McLoughlin, Western North Carolina (IV, The Episcopal Church, USA)

Services TODAY – Advent 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Chads
11.15am	Morning Worship	St. Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 13th December

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 17th December - Advent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Nativity	St Chads
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
6.30pm	Carol Service	St Chads

Notices and Announcement

PARISH OFFICE EMAIL: We have terminated our BT contract meaning that the office btinternet email address has become invalid. Please can you change your address book. The email address for the office is office@thurstaston.org.uk

Christmas Cards are available to purchase from the foyer at St Chads £1.00 per pack all profits to church funds, please consider buying some.

Memories Afternoon Tea, Friday 15th December 2- 4pm, Irby Branch Library. An afternoon of traditional festive food and fun. Carol singing from the children of Dawpool CE aided Primary School.

HOST UK are looking for British homes to give a welcome to international students, for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the

offers of hospitality that result from awareness raising in Churches. For more information please see the poster on the information board or visit their website www.hostuk.org.

Ecclesiastical home insurance will donate £130 to the church each time a member of the church family take out a home insurance policy with them. See the posters at each church for more details.

Forum Housing Christmas can be a lonely time for many young people living at Forum, but with your help, you can make their Christmas Special. If you are able to support Forum with this year's Appeal please see poster in church. Gift Bags will need to be delivered to 18, Hamilton Square, by 5pm on Monday 11th December.

Crosstalk the Dec/Jan magazine is available at the back of church priced 60p. For subscribers, please note that 2018 subscriptions are due

Please collect your Postage Stamps over the Christmas period and throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

Easy Fundraising With Christmas approaching and on-line spending increasing, don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>

Epiphany Breakfast 9-10 am Saturday 6th January at St Chad's, an opportunity to share worship and prayer as we share breakfast. For catering purposes please return the below slip to Revd Jane by 3rd January

I/We will be coming to the Epiphany Breakfast:-

Name:

Number of People:

Any Dietary Requirements:

I would be able to come at 8.30 am and help with setting up and cooking: YES/NO

Christmas Services

Sunday 10th December: All Services as normal

Sunday 17th December:

St Chads: 9.30 am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

6.30 pm Joint Carol Service

St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve:

St Chads: 9.30 am Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:

8.00 am Holy Communion

No 11.15 am Service

4.00 pm Crib Service

5.00 pm Crib Service

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

St Bartholomew's:

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Dawpool (C of E) Primary School

Anyone applying for F2 in September 2018 make sure you fill in a Supplementary form to gain Church Attendance Criteria which can be downloaded from the Admissions tab of the school website.

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 17 th December
Is 40:1-11	Is 61:1-4,8-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a	1 Thess 5:16-24
Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8,19-28

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