

The Churches of St Bartholomew & St Chad Thurstaston and Irby



Welcome to Church today, we hope that you enjoy the service,
and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Sunday 16th January 2011 - Epiphany 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's
6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's Wednesday

23rd January - Epiphany 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15pm	Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Bart's

Notices and announcements!!!

Monday 17th January PCC Meeting 8pm at St Chad's

Monday 24th January "Burns Supper" at The Heatherlands. Four course meal including haggis! An evening of Scottish entertainment and culchur!!!, with proceeds to parish funds and in conjunction with North Wirral Rotary. Tickets £16.00. Please contact Dorothy Turner on 648 4587.

Wednesday 26th January EMU 'New Year' meal out - venue to be arranged

Saturday 29th January Men's Breakfast at Maluca Café Irby 9.00am - 10.00am

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March 2011

Could you be our link person? This happens once a year - so not a huge commitment!

Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on the first Friday of March each year. The link person would be required to attend a couple of meetings to work out who was going to be responsible for inviting the speaker, finding people to do readings and making sure the host church has all the information they require. For more information speak to Frances Harrison (who has been our link person for over 20 years). If you could be our new link person please speak to Rev'd Jane.

Tots and Tinies on a Thursday

We are trying to launch a New Group for Parents/Carers and pre-school children. We have identified a Leader for this group and one helper. We need at least one other person who would be willing to share in the responsibility of the Praise and Play part of the morning before we can launch this group. If you are able to help (grandparent age as equally welcome as parent age volunteers!) then please speak to Rev'd Jane.

Reverend Margaret Fletcher MBE

If you saw the 2011 New Year Honours list, you might have seen that the Reverend Margaret Fletcher, previously Reader and then Curate in this parish, was awarded an MBE for "for services to the community in Thurstaston and in Irby, Wirral". Many people in Irby and Thurstaston know Margaret well, but might not know the extent and richness of her involvement with the wider community. The nomination form said that she "made a difference to the community through tremendous contributions in several distinct areas and with people ranging from toddlers to the elderly ... over more than 40 years". It included work with the Women's Institute, where she was president and at the forefront of several community projects, with the local Gardening Club and the Wirral Flower Club, in both of which she held office, the Scout Association and the Church. There can be no doubt that Margaret's life of service to so many parts of the community richly deserves recognition in this way, and that we all join in congratulating her on her award.

Sunday School at St Chad's
Children from age 2½ can attend.
There are activity bags available
for children under the age of 2½.
In case you feel the need to remove
your child from the service, please
note that there is also a box of toys
and cushions in the foyer

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Gospel Reading: (John 1:29-42)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

29John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' 32And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' 39He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). 43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for

Today

Is 49:1-7

1 Cor 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Readings for

23rd January 2011

Is 9:1-4

1 Cor 1:10-18

Matt 4:12-23

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the people of Brazil, Sri Lanka and Australia as they struggle to cope with the aftermath of the floods.

For the parish: Please pray for Harry West to be baptised at St Bart's next week.

For the sick: Please pray for Finlay Joyce.
Please pray for Margaret Bartley.

We continue to pray for Andy Kemp, Lucy Bailey, Trudy Purcell, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn, Mia Austin, Bethan Shone, and Dorothy Mansbridge.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria

The Most Rt Revd Nicholas Dikeriehi Okoh
Archbishop, and Bishop of Abuja; Vacant
(Suffragan Bishop of Abuja).

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Ecumenical work in Chester Diocese.