

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 27th November 2011 - Advent Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Baptism	St Bart's
6.30pm	Advent Service	Irby Methodist

Next Weeks Services

Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 5th December - Advent 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
4.00pm	Christingle Service	St Chad's

Junior Church 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

Would you like to receive
this notice sheet every week
direct to your e-mail in-
box? If so, please send an
e-mail request to the parish

Notices and announcements!!!

Taize There will be a Taize service at St John's Meols today, Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm, you would be very welcome to join us. Revd G Rossiter.

M.U. Christmas Meeting is on Thursday 1st December, 2.15pm at St Chad's.

Dawpool School Christmas Bazaar is to be held on Friday 2nd December between 9.30-11.30am and 2-4pm. There will be pocket money gifts, christmas gifts, cakes, a raffle etc. Tickets are available in advance or you can pay on the door. Entrance Fee is £1 and includes coffee and a mince pie. FODs (Friends of Dawpool School) are also selling "Peel 2 Save" which is a book of money saving vouchers that are valid until September 2012 for restaurants/shops/places to visit including Egos, Gustos, Pizza Express, Frankie and Benny's, Pizza Hut, Ness Botanic Gardens, Gordale, Water World, Nicholls Icecream, Toni and Guy, Mini Monsters. Lingham's, Johnsons the Cleaners, Brantano etc. The "Peel 2 Save" cost £10 and are available from the school office or people can contact me or the other year reps if they are interested.

Christingle Candles If you would like a collecting candle for the Children's Society to return to the Christingle Service please take one.

Helplink are requesting donations of food treats for their Christmas Parcels Appeal to help disadvantaged families. We are asking people to bring donations to the **Christingle Service** at St Chad's on **Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm** or to drop off at the office beforehand. Examples of items requested are: selection boxes, chocolate, sweets, biscuits, mince pies, Christmas cake.

New Hymn Books at St Chad's. Donated in memory of Harry Barley, who attended St Chad's when he was visiting his family and who greatly enjoyed singing hymns and other songs. Many thanks to his family for this timely gift (the old ones were falling apart and much in need of replacement).

Funeral for Eve Powell Monday 5th December 11.30am at Landican. Anyone who wishes to send personal condolences to the family should send them via Fairfield Nursing Home, 10 Quarry Road East, Heswall, WIRRAL CH61 6XD.

2nd Irby Rainbows who meet at St Chad's on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm, are looking for another adult who would like to help on a regular weekly basis. Rainbows are aged between 5 and 7 years old, and there are currently 16 in the pack. It would be great if you could join us! Please contact me if you would like any extra information: Karen Fearn's tel: 07795547664 or email fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk

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Gospel Reading: (Mark 13:24-37)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

24‘In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

25and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory.

27Then 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.

29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

31Heaven 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.

33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

34It 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.

35Therefore, 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, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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

Readings for Today

Is 64:1-9
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Readings for 5th December

Is 40:1-11
2 Pet 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the people of Bangkok as they battle against flooding, which is causing massive disruption.

For the parish: Please pray for Francesca and Gabriella Perlaki to be baptised at St Bartholomew's today and their parents Stevan & Sharon.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Betty Crocker, Marian Mansbridge, Karen Ormsby, and those known to us.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Wellington - (New Zealand) The Rt Revd Dr Thomas John Brown.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Wistaston Saint Mary the Virgin and Willaston Saint Luke

Mike Turnbull, Ken Sambrook; Lin Parker (Parish Evangelist); Ann Stubbs (Pastoral Worker); David Illing (Reader).