

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 4th December 2011 - 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

Next Weeks Services

Wednesday Mid-week Service

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 11th December - Advent 3

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

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 today at 4.00pm. 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 tel: 07795547664 or email fearnsnicol@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas and New Year Services

Sun Dec 18th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church, 6.30pm Joint Carol Service at St Bartholomew's. 8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sat Dec 24th 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's, 5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's.

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces! 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas.

Sunday December 25th - Christmas Day, 8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's - weather permitting retired Clergyman can get to Church! 9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's. You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else. 11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's **NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY.**

Sunday January 1st 10.30am Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's. 12noon "Drinks and Nibbles" at St Chad's **NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

Sunday January 8th 10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist, 8.00am and 6.30pm as normal. NO 9.30am or 11.15am service.

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Gospel Reading: (Mark 1:1-8)

All :Glory to you, O Lord

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

2As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

3the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5And 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.

6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7He 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.

8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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

Readings for Today

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

Readings for 11th December

Is 61:1-4,8-11
1 Thess 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray that an agreement is reached between the government and unions so that we do not have the disruption of more strikes.

For the parish: Please pray for David Furlong & Lisa Thomson having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today. Please pray for Paul Robinson & Katie Arrowsmith to be married at St Bartholomew's on Saturday.

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

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Eve Powell.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Western Kansas - (Province VII, USA)

Vacant.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Stockport Saint Mary

Roger Scoones.