

# 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 November 2014 - 2nd Sunday Before Advent

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

### Next Weeks Services

#### Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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### Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
3.00pm	Baptism	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 office

## Notices and announcements!!!

**Christmas Fair** Saturday 29th November 1-4pm. Please bring donations (except cakes which can be brought on the day) of second hand jewellery, books, good as new gifts, toiletries, good as new toys and soft toys to the Church office during office hours. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact me if you can help in any way. Thank you. Julie DeBoorder.

**Thanks** for all Leprosy box donations which raised £227.98.

**Thanks** to all who supported the Children's Society Coffee Morning. £75.50 was raised from the 'Bring & Buy' and donations. Don't forget to return your house boxes if you haven't already done so.

**Coffee Morning** in aid of The Foresters' Horn Group, Riding for the Disabled to be held at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, Irby, on Sat 22nd Nov, 10am-12 noon. Cake stall, Bring & Buy, Raffle, Crafts. Tickets £3 available from Jean Heath or pay at the door.

**Wellspring** Monday 24th November, 8pm at The Rectory. An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

**Christingle Service** 7th December, 4pm at St Chad's. Everybody of any age welcome.

**November Church magazine** (Crosstalk) is available at the back of church.

**English pre-Reformation in honour of Mary and the Nativity.** Renaissance Music Group & Chester Viols, on 7th December, 8pm at Liverpool Cathedral Lady Chapel. Tickets £8, conc. £5, at the door or from Cathedral Shop 0151 702 7255 www.cathedralshop.com Parking £4. See poster for more information.

**Weekly Giving Envelopes** are available for both churches. It is helpful to the church to receive weekly donations, so anyone interested in joining the envelope scheme, please contact me either in church or on 625 0089 or at sjturn@liv.ac.uk. For those who are UK taxpayers the church can get a 25% increase in the value of donations if they complete a gift aid form and also to save finding cash each week, donations can be made by standing order. Forms are available from me and I am happy to answer any questions. If not gift aiding it is helpful to donate by cash rather than cheque. Many thanks, Chris Turnbull.

**Parish Weekend Away 16th-18th October 2015 at Cloverley Hall.** There are invitation letters and booking forms at the back of church. This will be a good weekend for people of all ages and we hope that many of you will want to join us. Please fill in the booking form and return with deposit to Chris Smale, Revd Jane or the parish office as soon as possible.

**Dawpool Pre-School** Spaces are filling up fast, so please call the Pre-School on 07835096171 to reserve your child's space.

**Used Postage stamps** With Christmas approaching, just a reminder to collect your used postage stamps for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

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## Gospel Reading: (Matt 25:14-30)

### All :Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, 14‘The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” 21His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” 23His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” 26But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

### *Collect*

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world’s salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Amen*

### Readings for Today

Zeph 1:7, 12-18  
1 Thess 5:1-11  
Matt 25:14-30

### Readings for 23rd November

Ezek 34:11-16,20-24  
Eph 1:15-23  
Matt 25:31-46

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**For the World:** Please pray for an end to all the conflict around the World.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Olivia Perischine & Charlie Bird, both to be baptised at 3pm next week at St Bart’s.

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Mike Bennett. Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the bereaved:** Please pray for the family & friends of Joyce Peel.

### **From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:**

Bishop Jose Jorge De Pina Cabral, Lusitanian Church (Portugal) (Extra- Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

### **From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:**

**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims**

For more information go to the website of [roadpeace.org](http://roadpeace.org)

Pray for all victims of traffic crashes.

# St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby Viewpoint Survey Results - Feedback from the PCC

THANK YOU to the 88 people who completed the paper survey and the 48 people who completed the online survey. All of your comments are appreciated and will be taken seriously by your PCC.

The results of the survey are available on the parish website:-

<http://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/church-community-survey-results.php>

If you need a paper copy, please contact the parish office (0151 648 8169).

From the specific responses given, including those expressed within the hopes and comments sections of the survey, we have established some common themes. These are:-

1. We need to attract and keep younger people, families, children and youth at both churches
2. We need to review some of our Worship (perhaps include some evening services, joint services, more vibrant services, ecumenical services)
3. We need to improve communication both with existing members and with the wider community
4. We need to improve facilities at St Bartholomew's
5. There is a desire to develop closer links with schools
6. There is a desire to have more involvement in the local community
7. There is a desire to have more unity and activities involving the whole church
8. There is a desire for fellowship group/activities for the elderly

The first three of these were discussed by the PCC meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and three further meetings have been set up to discuss these areas, which you would be welcome to attend:-

- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm at St Chad's - Worship Arrangements**  
Do you have any ideas? Did you make a comment that you'd like to explain further to the PCC? Then please come along to this meeting. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Matt James (tel: 648 3355 or e-mail: mp\_james@sky.com)
- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm at St Chad's - How to attract and keep younger people, families, children and youth at both churches**  
Please come and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can do this. Members of all congregations are welcome to join this discussion. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Andrew Harford (tel: 648 2362 or e-mail: aj.harford@btinternet.com)
- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm at St Chad's - Improving Communication**  
Do you think we need to improve communication? Then please come and tell us what would help. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Malcolm Studholme (tel: 677 2959 or e-mail: mjsa1@btinternet.com)

Mr John Roberts presented the PCC with a paper suggesting significant ways to improve the facilities at St Bartholomew's bearing in mind the church is a grade 2\* building in consecrated grounds in a conservation area. This has been taken away by the PCC and will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

The other common themes will also be discussed at future meetings of the PCC and we will keep you informed of progress.