

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 7th December 2014 - Advent 2

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

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 14th December - Advent 3

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

Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported the Christmas Fair. Total raised, just over £1000.00.

The 2015 Parish Calendar is available at the back of church. £5 each, or collect from the Church office, during office hours.

Tots and Tinies need your help – Are you available on a Thursday morning? Could you come and help to prepare children's snacks and cups of tea for parents/carers? Could you come and welcome people as they arrive and record them on the weekly register and then sign them out again as they leave? Revd Jane or Kate Preston can give you more details. Please ask if you think you could help support this valuable community outreach.

Advent/Christmas Service 2pm Tues 9th Dec at Irby Methodist Church. Irby Methodist Women's Fellowship invite everyone (male and female) to join them for this service.

Christmas Afternoon Tea & Entertainment Wednesday 10th December, 2pm at St Chad's, featuring Professional Magician, Steven Cooil. Admission £5, (includes free entry into the raffle). Tickets from Alan Jones, Leslie Worrall, June Dean or the Church Office. For further details or transport requests please contact 648 1400.

Community Christmas Lunch Christmas Day Lunch will once again be served in the St Bridget's Centre, West Kirby for anyone wishing to share in community on this special day. The Hilbre Room is a warm and welcoming space and provides a wonderfully festive venue for a Christmas gathering. If you, your family, your neighbours or anyone you know would welcome fellowship and a good meal on the 25th of December please contact Rev Mike Loach, Curate at St Bridget's Church, on 0151 625 3341, email at mgloach@gmail.com or Syd Ford on 0151 342 0141, email at fordsyd@gmail.com. There is no charge for the event, but places are limited. Transport can be arranged and vegetarian food is available.

'SOSO' Community Choir Tuesday 16th December, 8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's. £4 per session.

The Children's Society house boxes raised £750.58. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. As a number of box holders have been removed from the list this year for various reasons, we would like to encourage all those who don't yet have a house box to take one for their small change or bigger! Contact Jean Heath on 648 6015, Elaine Kavanagh on 648 1721, or Barbara Kozer on 648 3523 for a box and registration form.

The Dec/Jan parish magazine 'Crosstalk', is available at the back of church.

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.

Church Office: Mrs C Rostock, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH

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REVD JANE TURNER 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday)

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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 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Readings for 14th 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 for clean water and sanitation for all.

For the parish: Please pray for all our school children as they learn about the Christmas story and enjoy the school productions and end of term parties.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Joyce Kathleen Lovelock.

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

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Dan Zoreka, Kinkizi (Uganda)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Pray for the Lambeth Palace Chemin Neuf community, and for all Communities of Religious.