

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 21st December 2014 - Advent 4

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chad's
11.15pm	Holy Communion	St Bart's
7.00pm	Carol service Irby Methodist Church	

Next Weeks Services

Mid-week Service

10.15am Wed	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 28th December - Christmas 1

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bart's

Notices and announcements!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped with the Christmas Fair on the day and with all the preparation before hand. A wonderful day, great fun was had by all and again a fantastic coming together of all ages, old hands and first timers, excellent team work, **WELL DONE** everyone!

Also many thanks to the senior and junior church leaders and helpers, who took on the nativity on their own for the first time this year, this made a huge difference to me to be able to concentrate only on organizing the fair and they did a fab job of it too! Julie.

Thank you to the Ledsham family of Church Farm in Thurstaston who have once again donated our Christmas trees.

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

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

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.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 10th January 2015, 8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby.

Wellspring Monday 19th January, 8pm at The Rectory.
Notices cont. overleaf

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

10.15am Holy Communion at St Chad's
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!*

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

Dec 25th – Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Bartholomew's

10.00am Family Communion at St Bartholomew's

You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else.

Sun Dec 28th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

(No Junior Church but families welcome at this service)

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 4th January

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Joint Ecumenical Service at Irby Methodist Church-

There will be no 9.30am service. The survey results indicated that people wanted more ecumenical and more joint services, so we would encourage as many people as possible to attend this service. Please bring your normal weekly giving envelope (or a yellow one) and place in the offertory during the service. These will then be collected by our treasurer and banked as if they had been presented at the 9.30am service.

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Gospel Reading: (Luke 1:26-38)

All: Glory to you, O Lord

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.' 38 Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Notices Continued...

Home for Good Could you foster or adopt? Help us find a home for every child who needs one. See bookmarks at the back of church for more information or visit homeforgood.org.uk Home for Good Works together with Care for the Family which is a Christian Charity.

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.

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.

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today

2 Sam 7:1-11.16
Rom 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Readings for 28th December

Is 61:10-62:3
Gal 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the people of Peshawar as they mourn the children and teachers killed in a Taliban attack. Please pray for the families and friends of the hostages killed in a Sydney café.

For the community: Please pray for all those who feel isolated and alone at this time of year. Please pray for the variety of Christmas and New Year events that many people will take part in—for safety and fun.

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

For the Diocese: The new Bishop of Stockport – and the first woman bishop in the history of the Church of England – will be the Revd Libby Lane, currently Vicar of St Peter's, Hale, and St Elizabeth's, Ashley.

Libby's appointment was announced by No.10 Downing Street on Wednesday 17 December. She was introduced at Stockport Town Hall. She will be consecrated as the 8th Bishop of Stockport at a ceremony at York Minister on Monday 26 January 2015.