

# 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 28th December 2014 - Christmas 1

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
9.30am	Family Communion	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 4th January - Christmas 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bart's
10.30am	Joint Ecumenical Service at Irby Methodist Church	

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!!!

### 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 either the 9.30am or the 11.15am services.*

**Unsure what to do with your Christmas Cards** Why not recycle? Christmas card collection boxes will be in M&S stores again from January 2 to January 31 2015 and money generated through the card recycling scheme will fund the planting of new trees throughout the UK., by The Woodland Trust. Collection boxes will also be placed in over 1,000 Sainsbury's stores until 14 January 2015 for the purpose of recycling unwanted Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Any cards left in these collection boxes will be recycled by Sainsbury's, which will then make a donation to the Forest Stewardship Council UK (FSC) based on the volume of cards collected.

**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*

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## Gospel Reading: (Luke 2:15-21)

### All :Glory to you, O Lord

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

### 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](http://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**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Amen*

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an  
earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

#### **Readings for Today**

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

#### **Readings for 4th January**

Jer 3:7-14  
Eph 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9),10-18

#### **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 continue to pray for Alex Thompson & 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.