

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 31st January– Epiphany 4**



Welcome to Church today.
We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Children are Welcome at our Services

In St Chad's, we have activity bags available and there is also a box of toys and cushions in the foyer, in case you feel your child would be happier playing there.

In St Bartholomew's, there are some colouring sheets and toys at the back of church.

Children from age 2½ can attend Junior Church (term time) at St Chad's

Collect for today

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in
the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the World.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Frank Rimmer.

Please pray for those in hospital.

For our parish: Please pray for schools in our parish and all who work in education, as we prepare for Education Sunday next week.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

God of compassion, look in mercy on all who suffer the terrors of war –

The anguished, the frightened, and the pained,

All who are wounded,

All who mourn,

And all who have lost home or livelihood.

May they know respite, relief, and hope.

Services TODAY – Epiphany 4

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 3rd February (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 7th February – Sunday before Lent & Education Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Family Service	St Chad's
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Notices and Announcement

- **Parish Outing** to Wales on Tuesday 14th June. Driving through the Conway Valley, stopping for coffee at Llangollen & lunch at Llandudno. Book your place ASAP. Seats £15.00. Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.
- **SOSO** Tuesday 2nd, 9th & 23rd February, 8pm at St Chad's.
- **Children's Society Coffee Morning** 10am-12noon on Saturday 20th February at 'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road. Tickets £3 from Jean Heath or pay on the door.
- **Mothers' Union (EMU)** to meet on Wednesday 24th February, 8pm at St Chad's. Oil painting demonstration and sale by Mandy Exely.
- **Spring Craft Fair** to be held on Saturday 23rd April, 1pm-3pm at St Chad's. Volunteers needed to help with cakes and Raffle. Please speak to Julie DeBoorder if you can help. Tables £8 each, proceeds to Church funds. Please ring Chris Rostock on 07970030794 if you would like to book a table.
- **Tots & Tinies** We meet every Thursday from 9.15-11.30am at St Chad's. Come along with your tiny children or toddlers and join in the fun. Free play with lots of different activities. Snack time includes fruit, biscuit, toast and a drink. Adults can help themselves to a coffee or tea and can also have toast! Only £1.50. We look forward to welcoming you. Should you wish to know more contact Allison Youds or Elaine Jones on 648 1400. Elaine Jones.

- **Riding for the Disabled Association**

We should be grateful if everyone could remember to save their stamps and put them in the box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's. Jean Heath.

- **Giving by Text.**

We are now registered with Just Giving, so if you would like to make a donation to Church by text then all you need to do is text "BART16" and the amount you wish to give to 70070. e.g. text BART16£10 to give ten pounds.

- **Voice Junior Choir**

will be running a Junior Choir Residential at Barnstondale Camp Wirral in the Easter holidays. This week will be specifically for 8-11 year olds. This will consist of learning songs for a performance at the end of the week, having lots of fun and playing games, and helping the children to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. This will include teaching sessions, small group times looking at specific Bible stories, learning about what the lyrics of the songs mean to us as Christians and helping them to apply all they learn to their own lives. Contact Abbi Humphries at abbi@voicemusic.org.uk 07841435358 or visit www.voicemusic.org.uk/residential or see notice board for more information.

- **Guides**

are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kid's vouchers. Please place your vouchers in the box at St Chad's. Many thanks 1st Thurstaston Guides.

- **F.U.S.S.**

Wirral Fuss works to encourage free distribution of recycled school uniforms to families without judgement of circumstances. Please visit our web site to reserve items you need. www.wirralfuss.co.uk

- **AND NOW..... F.U.P.S. – Free Uniform for Primary School**

Please see magazine & notices for more information.

Would you like to receive this notice sheet every week direct to your email in-box? If so, please send an email request to the parish office (office@thurstaston.org.uk)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

All: Glory to you, O Lord

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
30for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

33And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 7 th February
Ezek 43:27-44:4	Ex 34:29-35
1 Cor 13:1-13	2 Cor 3:12-4:2
Luke 2:22-40	Luke 9:28-36(37-43)

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