

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
Sunday 20th November – Christ the King –
Sunday before Advent**



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 the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. *Amen*

Post-Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for Syria and the city of Aleppo as it again comes under intense attack. As President-elect Donald Trump prepares to take office, please pray that Mr Trump may be given wisdom, insight, and grace as he faces the tasks before him.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Freida Abbott. (Funeral: 1.00pm Tues 22nd Nov at St Barts). Please pray for the family & friends of Jeffrey Roberts.

For the sick: Please continue to pray for Ruth Dann, Hilary Bradshaw and Joel Murray. Please pray for those in hospital.

For the parish: Please pray for Richard Lowsby & Alice Cubbin and Alexei Hirst & Nicola Morris, having their banns read at St Bartholomew's today.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

Bishop Nigel William Stock, Falkland Islands (Parish of), (Canterbury, Falkland Islands), (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

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Services TODAY – Christ the King-Sunday before Advent

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

Services next week

Wednesday 23rd November (Mid-week service)

10.15am Holy Communion St Chad's

Sunday 27th November – Advent Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
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Notices and Announcement

- ****CHRISTMAS FAIR**** on Saturday 26th November 1pm-4pm at St Chad's. **Santa's Grotto**, stalls, 'Sally's jewellery, Electronics, Dog Rescue, Cards'. **Kids crafts**, refreshments, Raffle. **Please bring your 'Good as New' items, Books/DVD's/CD's, jewellery, toys, raffle prizes to the office next week. Cakes on the day.** Please speak to Julie DeBoorder on 6486331 or debs1313deb@btopenworld.com if you can help to set up on the Friday and/or clear up after the fair.
- **Christmas cards** for sale in both churches. £2.50 per pack. All profit to church funds. Please take a look.
- **SOSO (Singing our Socks off)** on Tuesday 22nd November, 8pm at St Chad's. All Welcome. £5 per session.
- **Christingle** Service at St Chad's on Sunday 4th December at 4pm. This is an all age service and all congregations from both churches very welcome. **Collecting candles available at the back of both churches.**
- **Banner for St Chad's 50th Anniversary:** Do you have any tiny buttons or beads in shades of green that you could donate to this project? Please hand in to parish office or speak to Beverley Appleyard or Revd Jane for more details. If you would like to help in the creation (sewing) of this banner, then again, please speak to Beverley or Revd Jane.
- **Mothers Union' (EMU).** Come along to St Chad's on Wednesday 23rd November at 8pm to help with preparations for the banner for the 50th Anniversary of St Chad's.
- **Advent retreat at Foxhill** on Tues 6th-Thurs 8th December. Cost £105 including meals. See magazine for more information. To book contact Foxhill on 01928733777 or email foxhill@chester.anglican.org
- **Advent's Angels.** Come and discover more at St Chad's at 8pm on Thursdays, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December. See magazine for more information and speak to Revd Jane if you are planning to attend.

- **Are you ready for Mission Possible?** Your chance to make a difference! Register your place on the 2017 diocesan lay conference. For a limited period of time one **free** place is being reserved for each parish (we will try to share this free place between however many people want to go). We would like as many parishes as possible to be part of the conference at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1AU. We are looking to have delegates attending from all parts of the diocese. . Please put the dates in your diary now and let Revd Jane know that you are interested. Friday, 19 May to Sunday, 21 May 2017. For more information about this and the previous notice go to www.chester.anglican.org/ebulletin
- **Crosstalk** the parish magazine is available at the back of church.
- **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.
- **Please collect your Postage Stamps** over the Christmas period and throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in StChad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.
- **Easy Fundraising With Christmas** approaching and on-line spending increasing, don't forget every penny makes a real difference so please remember to keep collecting free donations every time you shop and help us raise even more <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbartholomewstchad>
- **Dawpool (C of E) Primary School** Anyone applying under Church criteria **MUST fill in a Supplementary form** which can be downloaded from the Admissions tab of the school website. If you require Revd Jane to sign your form then please hand it to her and she will return it to school on your behalf.
- **Men's Breakfast** at Thornton Hall Hotel, 8am-10am on Saturday 10th December (Speaker Robin Oake). Only £10 per ticket. For more information visit www.wirralbreakfast.co.uk, phone 0151 347 5658 or speak to Matt James on 07817625122 or mjames@doctors.org.uk

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 23:33-43

All: Glory to you, O Lord

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 27 th November
Jer 23:1-6	Is 2:1-5
Col 1:11-20	Rom 15:4-13
Luke 23:33-43	Matt 3:1-12

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