

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
5<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

God of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made  
perfect: as in this food of our earthly  
pilgrimage

we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in  
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord..

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for those affected by the terror attack in New York

**For the sick:** Please continue to pray for Alec Ball, Anna Drysdale, and Alison Harris.  
Please pray for those in hospital.

**For the parish:** Please pray for Christmas Fair preparations, as Julie and team work hard to make this a fun event for all.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Pray for consultants and coaches, including those in our churches whose profession it is. Give thanks for their wisdom and what they offer in ministry and mission.

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle** Bishop Saw Wilme, Toungoo (Myanmar)

## Services TODAY – 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent

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

## Services next week

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.15am	Traditional Service	St Bartholomew's
11.05am	Family Service	St Bartholomew's
	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	St Chads

## Notices and Announcement

**PARISH OFFICE EMAIL:** We are terminating our BT contract in the middle of November and shortly after that the office btinternet email address will become invalid. Please can you change your address book. The email address for the office is [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

**EMU:** "Operation Christmas Child" boxes must be returned to the church by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Christmas Cards** are available to purchase from the foyer at St Chads and at the back of St Bart's. £1.00 per pack all profits to church funds, please consider buying some.

**In the Arena – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, Bridge Chapel Centre, L19 4XR – In the Arena is a men's event where we will share with you helpful strategies to strengthen and empower you for whatever challenges you face now or in the future. Speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantjes will present biblical principles and insights they have proved through their experience of both triumph and adversity. They

will talk about critical areas of everyday life such as friendships, finance, character and career and their encouragement will leave you better prepared to run life's race. Tickets £4 to book phone 029 2081 0800 <https://careforthefamily.org.uk/inthearena>.

**Bereaved Parent Support Day: Saturday 18th November 10.00am-5.00pm at St Peter's Centre. Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DZ** The Support Day offers understanding, encouragement and support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter in any circumstance and at any age.

Revd Graeme Skinner (vicar at St Marys Upton) and Mrs Phillippa Skinner will be speaking at this event. They lost their own son, Jim - aged 21, 10 years ago.

Cost including lunch and refreshments: £22.00 per person Further details from:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereaved-parent-support-day> or Telephone:029 2081 0800

The website also has very helpful page of

frequently asked questions, please take a look.

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – 9.30pm at St Chads, The Shack** – Come and watch the film and share your initial reactions. Following on from this on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to discuss in detail aspects of the film. (See Magazine for more information about the film)

**Christmas Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** 1pm-4pm at St Chad's, Santa's Grotto, lots of stalls, refreshments, and raffle. Please bring your "Good as New" items, Books/DVD's/CD's, jewellery, toys to church or the office from next week. If you can help in any way, either on the day or the night before please speak to Julie DeBoorder on 648 6331

**Can you help with Tots and Tinies?** If you could spare an hour or two on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am from September, Tots and Tinies would be very grateful. They need people to help prepare the snack, serve tea and coffee and wash up after. Even if you can only spare 30mins at the end to help clear up, your help would be very much appreciated. If you are interested can you contact either the office or Revd Jane.

**Saturday Together** Have you enjoyed coming along to this year's sessions? if so and you would like to be more involved there is a planning meeting for next year's program on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** at 55 Heathbank Ave, please do come along, or contact Chris Smale on 0151 649 9944, or [postmaster@thesmales.plus.com](mailto:postmaster@thesmales.plus.com)

**HOST UK** are looking for British homes to give a welcome to international students, for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness raising in Churches. For more information please see the poster on the

information board or visit their website [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org).

**Ecclesiastical home insurance** will donate £130 to the church each time a member of the church family take out a home insurance policy with them. See the posters at each church for more details.



**Remembrance Sunday Service**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Bartholomew's -**  
No Service at St Chads  
10.15 am Traditional Service  
  
10.40 am Uniformed Organisations meet at on the green at the front of church  
  
10.50 am All Assemble at War Memorial  
  
11.00 am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial  
  
11.05 am Family Service (aim to finish by 11.30 am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families.

**Forum Housing-** Christmas can be a lonely time for many young people living at Forum, but with your help, you can make their Christmas Special. If you are able to support Forum with this year's Appeal please see poster in church. Gift Bags will need to be delivered to 18, Hamilton Square, by 5pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Harvest Thanks:** £253.45 was sent to Christian aid who have sent a letter of thanks. The donations of 141kg of food was sent to Wirral Foodbank, there are thankyou certificates on the notice boards a both Church's.

**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](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk))**

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:1-14

### All: Glory to you, O Lord

**24** As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>Then he asked them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: <sup>8</sup>all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

<sup>9</sup>"Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup>Then many will fall away and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup>And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

### All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Micah 3:5-12	Amos 5:18-24
1 Thess 2:9-13	1 Thess 4:14-18
Matt 24: 1-14	Matt 25:1-13

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