

**The Churches of  
St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
12<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent REMEMBRANCE**



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, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall  
cease and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of  
heaven

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

God of peace,

whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the  
kingdom and restored the broken to  
wholeness of life:

look with compassion on the anguish of  
the world, and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ.

*Amen*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For the World:** Please pray for all members of Parliament during this difficult time of allegation and uncertainty.

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

**For the parish:** Please pray for the PCC as they meet tomorrow. Please pray for the family and friends of Noah Cree as he is Baptised next Sunday.

**From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Pray for all whose lives continue to be blighted by war

**From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle** Bishop Cyril Odutemu, Ughelli (Bendel, Nigeria)

## Services TODAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.15am	Traditional Service	St Bartholomew's
11.05 am	Family Service	St. Bartholomew's
	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	St Chads

### Services next week

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Chads
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
3.00pm	Baptism	St Bartholomew's

## 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)

**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.

**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/berea>

[vment-support-events/bereaved-parent-support-day](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.

**TODAY - 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

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday Together** 5.30 – 6.30 pm St Chads- Board Game evening for all ages, bring and share cakes.

**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.

**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.

### Christmas Services

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

St Chads: 9.30 am Holy Communion  
4.00 pm Christingle Family Service

St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** All Services as normal

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December:**

St Chads: 9.30 am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

6.30 pm Joint Carol Service

St Bartholomew's: 8.00am and 11.15am as normal

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve:**

St Chads: 9.30 am Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's:

8.00 am Holy Communion

No 11.15 am Service

4.00 pm Crib Service

5.00 pm Crib Service

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

St Bartholomew's:

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

#### **Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School**

Prospective parents who are seeking a place at Dawpool for a Foundation 1 or Foundation 2 child in September 2018 are invited to phone the school to book a place at one of our open afternoons in November. We look forward to meeting you. Phone no. 0151 6483412

**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 25:1-13

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

**25** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

Readings for Today	Readings for 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Amos 5:18-24	Zeph 1:7,12-18
1 Thess 4:14-18	1 Thess 5:1-11
Matt 25:1-13	Matt 25:14-30

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