

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd December – Advent Sunday**



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

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord; that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his
praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the continued suffering of the people in Myanmar.

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

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of John Mason.

For the parish: Please pray for James Roberts and Francesca Patterson who were married at St Bartholomew's yesterday.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for 'the last things' to have a proper place in our worship

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop Henry Katumba-Tamale, West Buganda (Uganda)

Services TODAY – Advent Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Chads
11.15am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's
4.00pm	Christingle Family	St. Chads

Services next week

Wednesday 6th December

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 10th December - Advent 2

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

Notices and Announcement

PARISH OFFICE EMAIL: We have terminated our BT contract meaning that the office btinternet email address has become invalid. Please can you change your address book. The email address for the office is 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.

Saturday Together Please note that the date for the planning meeting for next year's program this has changed to **Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm** at 55 Heathbank Ave, please do come along, or contact Chris Smale on 0151 648 4944, or postmaster@thesmales.plus.com

Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm Chester Cathedral, Advent Carol Service by Candlelight with a vigil of hope for Manchester.

Forum Housing invite you to join them at their Carol Concert on **Wednesday 13th December 6.30pm** at the Salvation Army Community Church, 175 Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry. The evening will begin with drinks and nibbles followed by a Carol concert at 7pm, led by the Salvation Army Brass band For refreshment purposes please let them know if you are going by Friday 8th December on 0151 649 9718.

Memories Afternoon Tea, Friday 15th December 2- 4pm, Irby Branch Library. An afternoon of traditional festive food and fun. Carol singing from the children of Dawpool CE aided Primary School.

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.

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 11th December.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Poppy appeal, the Poppy boxes raised £98.26

Epiphany Breakfast 9-10 am Saturday 6th January at St Chad's, An opportunity to share worship and prayer as we share breakfast. For catering purposes please return the below slip to Revd Jane by 3rd January

I/We will be coming to the Epiphany Breakfast:-

Name:

Number of People:

Any Dietary Requirements:

I Would be able to come at 8.30 am and help with setting up and cooking : YES/NO

Christmas Services

Sunday 3rd 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 10th December: All Services as normal

Sunday 17th 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 24th 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 25th December Christmas Day

St Bartholomew's:

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

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: Mark 13:24-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 10 th December
Is 64:1-9	Is 40:1-11
1 Cor 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8

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