

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
31st December 2017 Christmas 1**



Welcome to Church today.

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

Services TODAY – Christmas 1

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

Services next week

Wednesday 3rd January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 7th January Baptism of Christ or Epiphany 1

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.30 am	Covenant Service	Irby Methodist
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the world

For the sick: Please pray for all those in hospital or are ill at home

For the parish: Please pray for the covenant service next week for all those involved and attending

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the vital work of Bible translation in today's world.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop Monument Makhanya, Zululand (Southern Africa)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:15-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 7 th January
Is 61:10-62:3	Gen 1:1-5
Gal 4:4-7	Acts 19:1-7
Luke 2:15-21	Mark 1:4-11

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