

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
17th November – 2nd 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

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Pray for all those affected by the catastrophic bushfires in New South Wales and the floods in this country.

For the Parish: Please pray for Wendy Wolstencroft and John Gerrard as they are married next Saturday, 23rd November at St Bartholomew's.

For the Sick: Please pray for Albert den Otter and Samuel Williams (extended family of Linda and Graham Barley), Dorothy Joyce and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for an equitable gender representation in all sectors of our national life.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Bishop Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

Services Today – 2nd before Advent

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

Services next week

Wednesday 20th November

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 24th November – Christ the King Sunday before Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR –Saturday 30th November 1-4pm At St Chad's

Trade and Charity Stalls Santa's Grotto Children's Activities

There are posters available at each church if anyone can take them and display them it would be really helpful.

Notices and Announcements

Cheese Stall – There will be a stall at the Christmas Bazaar selling Snowdonia Cheese rounds, if anyone would like to pre-order there is a list at the back of each Church.

Wirral Foodbank – The foodbank advent calendar is available in both churches, they are asking for people to collect one item a day throughout November to be distributed in December. If anyone would like to bring even just one or two items from the calendar there will be a box in the church foyer at St Chads and at the back of church at St Bartholomew's. If you can bring any donations to either church or the office by Tuesday 3rd December I will take to them foodbank.

Dawpool Open Afternoons: Parents who would like their child to join our Foundation 1 (year before reception) or Foundation 2 (reception) class in September 2020 are invited to attend one of our open afternoons in November and December. Please contact the school office to book your appointment on 0151 648 3412. We look forward to meeting you.

Freezer Space? Elizabeth Barton is organising the refreshments at the Christmas Bazaar, she is in need of freezer space to store cakes ahead of the event, if you can help can you please contact her on 0151 648 4020

NOTORIOUS: St Chad's Extension on Thursdays 8.00-9.15pm (9.30pm at the latest!) Everyone Welcome next session 28th November – more details in November Magazine. "The Bible is full of men and women who strayed from the path of good: the rogues, scoundrels and scallywags. But is there something good these bad people can teach us? What can Cain show us about authentic worship? How does King Saul's daughter help us understand kindness? What can we learn about faithfulness from the mob at Thessalonica?"

Forum Housing are appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas. Sometimes people donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that they can make into complete gift bags.

An ideas shopping list:

Gloves/Hats/Scarves/Socks

Bath/Hand towels

Shower Gel/soap/Deodorants

Toothpaste/toothbrushes

Shampoo/conditioner

Chocolate/sweets

Stocking fillers

Novelty gifts/mugs/picture frames/writing pens

All items should be unwrapped and brand new and they usually require more items for men. Please bring any filled gift bags or items for donation to either church or the church office by Thursday 28th November

and we will then arrange delivery to forum. Elizabeth Barton collects for Forum housing all year round, if you have any Pots, Pans, Household items or blankets to donate please contact her on 0151 648 4020.

Advent Service of Hope – Sunday 1st December 5pm. Chester Cathedral are holding a special Advent Service of Hope with readings, music, carols and candles. They will be praying for our country and the world, and for the church and this Diocese waiting for the appointment of a new Bishop of Chester. Bishop Keith, Acting Bishop will be there and they invite you to join them for this service. Can you let Reverend Jane know if you wish to attend by Sunday 24th November.

Service Booklets: Could you help to repair some of our service booklets? It just needs some of your time and a roll of sellotape! If you can help, please take a box of books home (from the cupboard at St Chad's, or speak to Liz at St Barts), do the repair job and bring them back. We are currently using the green booklets for Ordinary time, so please don't take them until December. We will be using the purple Advent ones from 1st December, so if you do take those, please bring them back in time! Thank you for your support.

Readings for 17 th November	Readings for 24 th November
Mal 4:1-2a	Jer 23:1-6
2 Thess 3:6-13	Col 1:11-20
Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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