

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
24th November – Christ the King Sunday 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 the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the Christmas Bazaar taking place next Saturday, pray for energy for those organising and that plenty of people attend.

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.

For the Bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Valerie Elliott.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King And to follow in his service, Whose kingdom has no end; For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, one glory.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Bishop Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands

Services Today – 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

Services next week

Wednesday 27th November

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
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Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Family Service	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

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.

Cuddly toys: If anyone can spare a few to stock a teddy tombola stall at the Church Christmas Bazaar, can you please drop them at the office Tuesday to Thursday mornings.

Linda Barley is collecting scarves, gloves, toiletries and ladies handbags to pass to a friend who is collecting for the **Charles Thompson Mission**, if you can help please pass the items to Linda.

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 24 th November	Readings for 1st December
Jer 23:1-6	Is 2:1-5
Col 1:11-20	Rom 13:11-14
Luke 23:33-43	Matt 24:36-44

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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