

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
3rd January 2021 – Second Sunday of Christmas**



Collect

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for the hospital chaplain (Revd Malcolm Cowan) as he unceasingly supports patients who can't have visitors.

Please pray for our schools as they re-open for a new term.

For our Church:

Please pray for the PCC as we seek to reflect on the possibilities of a New Year

For the world:

Please continue to pray for countries struggling to reduce the number of Coronavirus infections and deaths.

For the Sick:

Please continue to pray for Molly (aged 2), Anna Drysdale, Audrey Fernyhough, Julie Davies, Rebecca Crone (Judith Hodgson's granddaughter) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses
<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

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OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 31 :7-14

⁷ This is what the Lord says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.

Make your praises heard, and say,
‘Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.

⁹ They will come with weeping;
they will pray as I bring them back.

I will lead them beside streams of water
on a level path where they will not stumble,
because I am Israel’s father,
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

‘He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’

¹¹ For the Lord will deliver Jacob
and redeem them from the hand of those
stronger than they.

¹² They will come and shout for joy on the
heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
the young of the flocks and herds.

They will be like a well-watered garden,
and they will sorrow no more.

¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad,
young men and old as well.

I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of
sorrow.

¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,”
declares the Lord.

Psalm 147:13-21

¹³ Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; ♦
praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴ For he has strengthened the bars of your
gates ♦
and has blest your children within you.

¹⁵ He has established peace in your borders ♦
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶ He sends forth his command to the earth ♦
and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁷ He gives snow like wool ♦
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸ He casts down his hailstones like morsels of
bread; ♦
who can endure his frost?

¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; ♦
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

²⁰ He declares his word to Jacob, ♦
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

²¹ He has not dealt so with any other nation; ♦
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL READING: John 1: 1-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") **16** Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

January Services

	8.00am St Bart's	9.30am St Chad's	11.15am St Bart's	*ZOOM ONLINE	Wed 10.15am St Chad's <i>(following the Sunday)</i>
Jan 3rd	BCP Holy Communion	Morning Worship			Holy Communion (6th)
Jan 10th		Holy Communion	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Holy Communion (13 th)
Jan 17th	BCP Holy Communion	Morning Worship		6.30pm Evening Prayer	Holy Communion (20 th)
Jan 24th		Holy Communion	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Holy Communion (27 th)
Jan 31st		Morning Worship	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Holy Communion (3rd Feb)

Don't forget to book your seat

Details on front page of our website - contact Parish Office if you need further information.

*Zoom details available by emailing rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Sermon on Facebook and by email

continues as throughout pandemic, posted after Service in church.

We now have an Amazon smile account. The Link can be found on the website at www.thurstaston.org.uk, on the first page, scroll down until you see the amazon smile banner (towards the bottom on the right hand side). If you click on the banner it will take you directly to amazon, any purchases you then make Amazon will donate money to the church with no cost to you.

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Admission to Dawpool 2021

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, we are unable to host our usual open afternoons for prospective parents.

Please visit the "Admission to Dawpool" tab on the school website which contains lots of information for prospective parents, including a virtual tour of the school.

Admissions to our Foundation Two class are administered by the Local Authority.

Applications for September 2021 should be made online at:
<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by **15th January 2021**.

Admissions to our Foundation One class (preschool) are administered by the school. We are now accepting applications for September 2021. Please telephone 0151 648 3412 or email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk to register an interest.

Dawpool's Admissions Policies and Procedures are available on our website.
<https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk>

Please contact the school office if you need any support with the application process.