

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
21st Nov 2021 – Christ the King  
(Sunday next before Advent)**



**Details of Covid Precautions and Safety for Church Services  
can be found on the front page of our website**

<p><b>Collect</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Post-Communion Prayer</b> 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</p>
<p><b>FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK</b> <b>For our Community:</b> Please pray for all who serve us in our local community - especially key workers <b>For our Church:</b> Please pray for all of our church services and activities Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, &amp; Archdeacons Mike and Ian Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital <b>For the world:</b> Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from the war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change <b>For the Sick:</b> Please pray for Judith Hodgson, Mark Beck (relative of Ruth Eden), Elaine Kavanagh, Kate McMahon (relative of Elizabeth Barton), Stephen Brown (Chris Rostock's Nephew), Mark from Northern Ireland who has stage 4 cancer (prayer request from porch notice board at St Bart's) and all those who are sick at home or in hospital. <b>For the Bereaved:</b> For the family and friends of Moira DeBoorder</p>	

**SERVICES IN CHURCH**

Sun 21st November  
9.00am BCP HC at St Barts  
10.30am MW at St Barts

Sun 28th November  
9.00am BCP HC at St Barts  
10.30am HC at St Chad's & Junior Church

**Wednesdays 10.30am HC at St Chad's**

**ZOOM Services:-**  
Sundays 6.30pm Evening Prayer  
Joining details from Revd Jane

## **New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty

## **PSALM 93**

- 1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;  
the Lord has put on his glory  
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure  
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne has been established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mightier.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure;  
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-37**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHRISTMAS  
COFFEE MORNING**

**CHRISTMAS STALLS  
REFRESHMENTS**

**SAT 27TH NOVEMBER  
10AM - 12NOON  
AT ST CHADS**

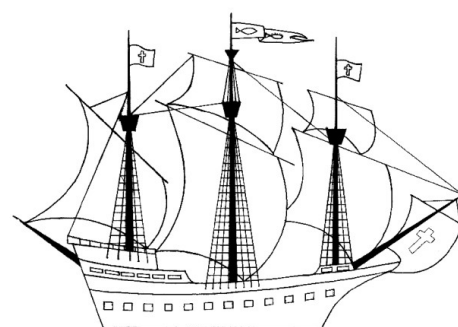
### **Food Bank Support**

As from next week, there will be a collection point **AT DAWPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL** by the brick shed on the pedestrian path to donate grocery items to the Wirral Foodbank. We recognise that groceries will be gratefully received by families across Wirral in the lead up to Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Please avoid going to school at beginning and end of the school day. It maybe better if you could give your donations to a family who have a child who attends Dawpool and lives near to you, so that they can drop it off for you.**

### **News from Dawpool Primary School for prospective parents**

Parents can apply for a primary school place online at: -  
[www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



The deadline date for applications closes on Monday 15th January 2022. Dawpool's Admissions Policy and Supplementary Form for 2022 entry can be downloaded from the Admission to Dawpool tab on the school website.

Prospective parents wishing to come and look around Dawpool should telephone the school office on 0151 648 3412 to book an appointment.

Just a reminder that Elizabeth Barton still collects for the Homeless at Forum Housing and it's sister project - The Beacon House. They are always very grateful for any household items i.e. dishes , pans, single bedding, curtains etc. And at this time of year as temperatures drops - any clothing for men and women. Elizabeth can collect if required or is happy for items to be dropped off to her. (Please do NOT bring these items to church - we don't have storage space). Please contact Elizabeth on 0151 648 7278.



### Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247

**Irby Pharmacy is a safe space**

[www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk)



## We're Supporting:

**forum**

It's all about you

Christmas Appeal

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence.

We offer a range of accommodation in Wirral, Cheshire and Warrington.



### How you can help...

#### Gift Bags

Items UNWRAPPED can include: a hand towel, facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, body spray, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hats, scarves, novelty gifts such as puzzles etc, pens etc

Forum Housing are once again appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas.

You can donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that we will then make into complete gift bags.

All items should be unwrapped and brand new.

Please bring any filled gift bags or individual items for donation to either church or the church office **by Sunday 28th November** and we will then arrange delivery to Forum.

**Thank You for your support!**

[www.forumhousing.co.uk](http://www.forumhousing.co.uk) |  @ForumHousing

# Self-care Advent Calendar

28th November	Go outside for some fresh air, even if it's only as far as the doorstep	29th November	Say "No" to something that feels like too much	30th November	Say "Yes" to something you really enjoy	1st December	Listen to some music, the radio or a podcast	2nd December	Draw, knit, crochet, sew or make something	3rd December	Make your favourite hot drink and sit for 10 min enjoying it	4th December	Have a chat with someone who energises you
5th December	Re-read your favourite book	6th December	Hydrate yourself; pause to drink a glass of water, or your favourite cold drink	7th December	Spend 10 minutes looking at your favourite photographs or pictures	8th December	Head out into nature, or watch through a window for 10 minutes. What do you notice?	9th December	Make your favourite snack and pause and enjoy it	10th December	Do something you enjoyed as a child	11th December	Write a "Don't do" list of the things that can wait until after Christmas
12th December	Create, colour or doodle or write	13th December	Tidy and plump up the cushions in your favourite spot, then sit and enjoy it	14th December	Spend some time today doing your favourite thing	15th December	Phone a friend or meet up for coffee	16th December	Make a list of things you are grateful for	17th December	Plan something to look forward to after the Christmas busyness	18th December	Make a Christmas decoration
19th December	Plan or do a Christmas activity that you enjoy	20th December	Take a nap	21st December	Water your plants or go out into the garden	22nd December	Snuggle up with a blanket or a cuddly toy, a loved one or pet, or hot water bottle	23rd December	Watch your favourite film or a program that really interests you	24th December	Be gentle with yourself; keep the to-do list short and set the timer for ½ hour break	25th December	Light a candle and pause

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Covid Precautions mean that at all services we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for "track and trace".

### For Services indicated in RED:

We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.

### For Services indicated in BLUE:

We will have some socially distanced seats available.

#### Sun Dec 5th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am HC at St Bartholomew's

#### Sun Dec 12th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am All-Age at St Chad's

#### Sun Dec 19th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am MW at St Bartholomew's  
4.00pm Carol Service at St Chad's

Zoom Evening Prayer  
6.30pm Sundays  
5th and 12th December  
Joining details  
from Revd Jane

Every Wednesday  
10.30am Holy Communion  
at St Chad's

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's  
5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

#### Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

#### Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

#### Sunday 2nd January 2022

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church

*we have received an invitation to join our Methodist friends and we would encourage as many as possible to go along.*

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY