

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
28th Nov 2021 – Advent Sunday**



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

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For our Community:

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community - especially key workers

For our Church:

Please pray for all of our church services and activities

Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Ian

Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

Please pray for Dougie Smith as he is Baptized at St Bartholomew's today.

For the world:

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from the war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

For the Sick: 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.

For the Bereaved: For the family and friends of Moira DeBoorder



SERVICES TODAY

Sun 28th November

9.00am BCP HC at St Barts

10.30am HC at St Chad's & Junior Church

6.30pm Evening Prayer—ZOOM

Joining details from Revd Jane

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Revd Jane Turner 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday). E-Mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**Advent Trail
now installed at
St Bartholomew's**



Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?

Freephone 24 hr Helpline
0808 2000 247

Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



Food Bank Support

As from next week, there will be a collection point **AT DAWPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL** until **Friday 10th December** 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.

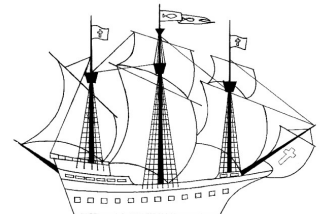
Please avoid going to school at beginning and end of the school day. It maybe better if you could give your donations to a family who have a child who attends Dawpool and lives near to you, so that they can drop it off for you.

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

Parents can apply for a primary school place online at: -
www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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.



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 24th 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 25th - 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 26th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

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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.*

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