

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
7th January 2018 Baptism of Christ**



Welcome to Church today.

We hope that you enjoy the service and gain a sense of God's presence with us.

Services TODAY – Baptism of Christ

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
10.30am	Covenant Service	Irby Methodist
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St. Bartholomew's

Services next week

Wednesday 10th January

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chads
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen*

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for peace around the world

For the sick: Please pray for all those in hospital or are ill at home

For the parish: Please pray for all those returning to work or school after the Christmas break, that they are rested and have enjoyed the break.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray that we may realize the power of Christ's baptism in our own discipleship

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Archbishop Winston Halapua Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Archbishop Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

All: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 14th January
Gen 1:1-5	1 Sam 3:1-10
Acts 19:1-7	Rev 5:1-10
Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51

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