

**The Churches of
St Bartholomew and St Chad
Thurstaston and Irby
24th December 2017 Advent 4 Christmas Eve**



Welcome to Church today.

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

Services TODAY – Advent 4 Christmas Eve

8:00 am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
4.00 pm	Crib Service	St Bartholomew's
5.00 pm	Crib Service	St Bartholomew's
11.15 pm	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's

Services Tomorrow – Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's:
10.30 am	Family Communion	St. Bartholomew's

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Services next week

Wednesday 27th December

10.15 am	Holy Communion	St Chads
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Sunday 31st December Christmas 1

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

Collect

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal
life:
keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the
Son of man,
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 those missing loved ones at this time of year

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray that we may all carry the incarnate Lord every day.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle Bishop Markus Ibrahim, Yola (Jos, Nigeria)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:67-79

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Zechariah's Prophecy

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of
all who hate us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our
enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Readings for Today	Readings for 31 st December
2 Sam 7:1-5,8-11,16	Is 61:10-62:3
Acts 13:16-26	Gal 4:4-7
Luke 1:67-79	Luke 2:15-21

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