



Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad  
and St Mary in the Baum



**NEWS**

*(Please take one and pass it on)*

**NOVEMBER**

**2023**



November  
2023

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*



*Thank you for joining us for worship today.  
You are welcome to stay  
for refreshments after the service.*



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|  | <p><b>Please continue to pray for<br/>UKRAINE and THE HOLY LAND<br/>and also for all affected<br/>by conflict and/or disaster</b></p> |  |
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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS  
**\*OFF\***  
DURING THE SERVICE

*Thank You*



If you would like us to pray  
for someone who is ill  
or who has died,  
please add their name to the list  
located on the desk  
or speak to one of the clergy.



This is our  
Newsletter for  
**NOVEMBER**

Please retain for info  
Any additional notices/info  
will be announced  
in the Sunday services

**Contactless Payments  
for donations now available!**



CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS  
THE PURCHASE OF THE  
CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST CHAD'S  
WOULD BE WELCOMED  
BY THE ALTAR GUILD.  
PLEASE GIVE YOUR DONATION  
TO LYN TAYLOR,  
OR TO ANY MEMBER OF THE ALTAR GUILD.

THANK YOU.

*\* Thanks to everyone  
who has already contributed*



**WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

*Friends Together  
Bereavement Support Group  
at St Chad's  
10 am - 12 noon  
Everyone Welcome  
Refreshments provided*

**Mid-week service at St Chad's  
Thursdays at 10.00 am**



Weeks 1, 4 and 5\*  
Morning Prayer  
Week 2 and 3  
Holy Communion\*\*



*\* months with a 5th Thursday  
\*\* for those who wish to receive  
the sacrament in the week*



Any items you can donate  
for the various stalls at the Christmas Fayre  
will be appreciated

We need...

Tombola / Raffle prizes • Bottle Tombola prizes  
Books, DVDs & CDs • Bric-a-Brac  
Toys and Games • Handcrafted items  
Home-made Cakes and Preserves  
Items for Hamper Raffle  
Jewellery and Accessories

Note to Sidespersons and Wardens:  
don't forget to bring in your 6 bottles  
for the Bottle Tombola!!!



# St Chad's Christmas Fayre

RAFFLES ❖ TOMBOLAS

CAKES & BAKES ❖ BOOKS & CDs

BRIC-A-BRAC ❖ REFRESHMENTS

CRAFTS ❖ & MORE



**Saturday**  
**2 December 2023**  
**11 am - 2 pm**

**ADMISSION**  
**FREE**

Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad  
Sparrow Hill / Church Stile • ROCHDALE • OL16 1QT

## New Bells for Rochdale Parish Church

Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad is to replace its current ring of 8 bells with a ring of 10 bells.

The bells at St Chad's have rung over the town for centuries, and if you listen on a Sunday morning around 11.00 am you may be able to hear them even if you live quite a distance from the church.

They have been rung both in joy and in sorrow, to ring out the old year and ring in the new. They are rung for National and Civic events; they were rung fully muffled for the death of Queen Elizabeth II last year and in celebration for the coronation of King Charles III this year.



*Bells rung up and the clappers muffled with leather pads ready to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II.*

The bells are rung open in celebration when couples get married, muffled in sadness for funerals and on Remembrance Sunday, and they are rung every Sunday morning as part of the church service.

There have been bells at Rochdale Parish Church since the tower was first built in the 1500s. At that time there were 'Fyve Grete Bells'. These bells were replaced in 1752 by a ring of 6 bells cast by Abel Rudhall of Gloucester.



*Wheels and fittings, in a poor and worn out state*



Two additional bells were added in 1787 and the tenor bell was recast in 1812 to form the current peal of bells.

The bells at St. Chad's are rung full circle.

This method of ringing bells in England has been around since the 1500s and is very different from the ringing of bells in other parts of the world, and is part of our heritage.

Sadly, time has taken its toll on the current bells, and their fittings and bell frame which now need replacing.

Bell hanging firms estimate that the remaining lifespan of the existing bell frame is 3 to 5 years and if nothing is done then the bells at St Chad's church will fall silent after 500 years of ringing out over the town.

We are very lucky as a ring of 8 bells has been donated to St Chad's.

These bells previously rang out over Oldham at St Mark's Parish Church in Glodwick and were cast by Mears and Stainbank at the famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1937.

St Mark's has now closed, and the Manchester Diocese has donated the bells to St Chad's here in Rochdale.

Two new bells will be added to this ring of 8 to augment them to 10.





*The replacement bells from St Mark's, Glodwick, at the bellhangers*

The cost of these new bells was bequeathed to Rochdale Parish Church by John P Partington who was Tower Captain at St Luke's Heywood and restored the bells there back in the 1970s.

He was a well-known and respected ringer not only in Rochdale but throughout the country and was a great supporter of ringing at St Chad's in Rochdale.

It had long been John's wish that Rochdale should have a ring of 10 bells. Sadly, this did not happen in his lifetime, but we can make it happen now. These new bells will be much easier to ring than the current ring of 8 bells. The 6 lighter bells will also be ideal for training future ringers, especially younger ones, to ensure ringing at Rochdale continues.

The old bells have been bought by the Keltek Trust, a charity that finds homes for redundant and surplus bells.

We have been planning this project for many years and are very excited that the scheme is now going ahead.

Work is due to begin in the first week in December when the old bells will be removed from the tower. Sadly, this means there will be no bells ringing out this Christmas, but the new bells will be installed and ringing out again over the town next summer.

Funds have been raised for this project through grants and donations, but we still have some money to raise so please consider donating to the Rochdale Parish Church Bell Appeal.

The fittings for the bells need replacing so perhaps you could sponsor a new rope, clapper, wheel or headstock as follows:

- Ropes £100 each
- Clappers £250 each
- Wheels £500 each
- Headstocks £750 each.

Alternatively £1,600 would make one bell ring, but any amount small or large will be most welcome to ensure the bells continue to ring out over Rochdale for centuries to come.



Donations can be made by cheque payable to: Rochdale Parish Church (please put “BellAppeal” on the reverse)

or by bank transfer to:

- Account name: Rochdale Parish Church
- Sortcode: 05-07-22
- Account no: 24990011
- Payment reference: Bell Project.

Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

If everyone in Rochdale donated just £1 then we would soon reach our target.

All donations will be used to ensure that bells continue to ring over Rochdale for centuries to come.

If you would like to know more about the project, please contact the tower captain Debra Holmes, or the project manager Andrew Webster, by emailing [Rochdalebells@gmail.com](mailto:Rochdalebells@gmail.com)



**11th NOVEMBER**

*Give it a Go!*

**10 am - 4 pm ST MICHAEL'S BAMFORD**

Refreshments served from 9:30



**GROWING IN FAITH, DISCIPLESHIP AND ACTION**

Have you ever thought about helping at Sunday worship?

Are you apprehensive about taking the first step?

Are you already active but need refreshing  
with new resources and ideas?

This day is for you!

Give it a go, get new ideas, meet new people, find support.

The day offers a chance to explore worship,  
and how we all play a part.

There will be workshops on leading worship, intercessions,  
welcome and hospitality, and composing reflections.



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Advent is the season before Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Christ.

It has two main foci - a period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and also a time when we consider Christ's Second Coming, that time when Christ will come again to rule over heaven and earth.

This makes Advent an important season for Christians and, because Advent is so important, you are encouraged to join our Advent Bible study group which will meet on Mondays at 10.30am in St. Luke's church.

As a group, we will look at relevant bible passages, discuss them together and discover how to apply what we have learnt to our own lives.

The theme for our Advent studies is *Hope* and we will meet on the following dates:

- Monday 27 November - The nature of hope
- Monday 4 December - Listen to the witnesses
- Monday 11 December - Hope in the gospel promises
- Monday 18 December - Hope for the future

Booklets will be provided, as will tea, coffee and biscuits, and there may even be mince pies on 18 December!

If you want to find out more, please ask Anne, Natty or Pam.

If you are unable to come during the day, we may be able to run a course in the evening if we have sufficient numbers.

Please let Revd Pam know if you wish to attend an evening course.



# 90th Anniversary of Holodomor (1932-33)



**Commemoration Services will take place  
on  
Saturday, 25th November 2023  
Requiem Service and Laying of Wreaths  
at  
The Holodomor Memorial,  
Rochdale Memorial Gardens at 1.00pm.**



**Service of Remembrance  
at  
St Chad's Parish Church, Sparrow Hill,  
Rochdale OL16 1QT at 2.00pm**



ROCHDALE - TWINNED WITH LVIV

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| <b>◆ THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS DAY ◆</b>   |                      |
| 10 am StC - Morning Prayer - Revd Pamela Parr  |                      |
| Romans 8.31-end : Psalm 109.20-26, 29-30   |                      |
| <b>◆ SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ◆</b>   |                      |
| 9.15 am StM - BCP HC   | 11.15 am StC - HC    |
| Presiding/Preaching: Revd Canon Karen Smeeton  |                      |
| Revelation 7.9-end : Psalm 34.1-10 : 1 John 3.1-3 : Matthew 5.1-12                         |                      |
| <b>◆ THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER ◆</b>   |                      |
| 10 am StC – Eucharist - Revd Natty Gray  |                      |
| Romans 14.7-12 : Psalm 27.14-end : Luke 15.1-10  |                      |
| <b>◆ SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ◆</b>   |                      |
| 9.15 am StM - SoW  | # 10.45 am StC - M # |
| Presiding/Preaching: Hannah Currin   |                      |
| Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 : Psalm 70 : 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end : Matthew 25.1-13          |                      |
| <b>◆ THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER ◆</b>  |                      |
| 10 am StC - Eucharist - Revd Anne Gilbert  |                      |
| Philemon 7-20 : Psalm 119.89-96 : Luke 17.20-25  |                      |
| <b>◆ SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER – 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT ◆</b>                                   |                      |
| 9.15 am StM - CW HC  | 11.15 am StC - HC    |
| Presiding/Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert   |                      |
| Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end : Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12 : 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 : Matthew 25.14-30 |                      |
| <b>◆ THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER ◆</b>  |                      |
| 10 am StC - Morning Prayer - Hannah Currin   |                      |
| Isaiah 10.33-11.9 : Psalm 62 : Matthew 8.14-22   |                      |
| <b>◆ SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING ◆</b>  |                      |
| 9.15 am StM - CW HC  | 11.15 am StC - HC    |
| Presiding/Preaching: Revd Canon Roger Hill   |                      |
| Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 : Psalm 95.1-7 : Ephesians 1.15-end : Matthew 25.31-end            |                      |

WORD SEARCH - BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

RUTH

SAMUEL

KINGS

CHRONICLES

EZEA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTIES

SONG OF SONGS

ISAIAH

JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

Note: where the name appears more than once in The Bible then it is not included in the search grid multiple times, eg 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel will be shown as Samuel.

**ST CHAD'S ASIAN FELLOWSHIP EXTEND AN INVITATION  
TO EVERYONE FOR THIS EVENT**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

# *White Gift Sunday*

**Your faith has healed you**

*Mark 10:52*

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023**

**2 pm - 6 pm**

**Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad**

**OL16 1QT**

**Contact info: Janice Julius**

**07983 388169**

White Gift Sunday began in 1904, with an idea from the minister's wife in a small Methodist church in Ohio. The story goes that she wanted to solve the problem of the unequal value of gifts donated, and so by wrapping gifts in white paper the donors would be able to remain anonymous. Everyone would be able to share in the joy of giving to others and no-one would be judged by the value of their gifts. During the event held at St Chad's you will be invited to place a gift of money inside the white envelopes available and the amount collected will be used to help others. It is just one way in which we can show God's love along with our caring commitment to people in our community.



Sow a seed of love  
into the hearts of those  
who are lonely.  
Sow a seed of peace  
into the hearts of those  
who are anxious.  
Sow a seed of joy  
into the hearts of those  
who are mournful.  
Sow a seed of hope  
into the hearts of those  
who are hope-less  
that, fed and watered  
in your Spirit's flow  
might germinate  
and in due time, blossom.

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# Remembrance Sunday



**Lest We Forget**

The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

Robert Laurence Binyon was born in Lancaster on 10 August 1869, the son of a clergyman. In 1891 he won the Newdigate Prize for poetry while studying Classics at Trinity College, Oxford, and after graduation went to work at the British Museum in 1892.

Although generally known for his poem "For The Fallen", Binyon was a poet, dramatist and art scholar whose writing resulted in a substantial collection of poems, books and plays, and there was much more to his life than can be condensed down to this one page.

He composed this poem in mid-September 1914 while sitting on a cliff-top in north Cornwall and looking out to sea. It was just a few weeks after the start of the First World War, during which time casualties had resulted from the first major action undertaken by the British Expeditionary Force at The Battle of Mons on 23 August against the Imperial Germany Army.

Two places claim to be the location where the poem was written, and there are plaques at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath, and also further south on the same coast on the East Cliff to the north of Portreath.

Some twenty years later Binyon said it was the words of the fourth stanza that came to him first, and it is these words that have become both famous and familiar after being adopted by the Royal British Legion at ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate the fallen men and women of the armed services.

Although too old to enlist for military service during World War I, he worked as a medical orderly for the Red Cross in 1916. Several of his close friends were killed in the war, as was his brother-in-law.

Binyon retired from the British Museum in 1933 and was appointed as Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University from 1933-34. In 1940 he was appointed as the Byron Professor of English Literature at the University of Athens and worked there until April 1941 when forced to leave in order to narrowly escape the German invasion of Greece.

He died on 10 March 1943, aged 73, in a nursing home following an operation. The funeral service was on 13 March 1943 at Trinity College Chapel, and his ashes are buried with those of his wife Cicily in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Aldworth, where there is a slate memorial.

If you're visiting Westminster Abbey then you'll see Binyon's name is included on the slate stone unveiled on 11 November 1985 in Poets' Corner to commemorate 16 poets of the Great War.

*Linda G.*

## For The Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.

*Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)*

The grandson of Scottish immigrants, John McCrae was born in Guelph, near to Toronto, Canada, on 30 November 1872.

After studying locally he taught English and Mathematics, then returned to university to complete his B.A. After this he returned to study again, with a scholarship to study medicine, graduating in 1898.

During the Second Boer War (1899-1902) McCrae was a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Post-war, his medical career continued, to include teaching at university again in Vermont and Montreal, becoming an associate in medicine, a pathologist at two of Montreal's hospitals and a professor of pathology. He also travelled to London in 1904 to study, and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians. The following year McCrae established his own practice, but also continued working and lecturing at several hospitals. Further appointments followed, and in 1910 served as the expedition physician while accompanying the Governor General of Canada, Lord Grey, to Hudson Bay on a canoe trip, and 1912 saw the publication of a medical textbook on pathology that he co-authored with J G Adami.

Canada was within the British Empire, so was also at war after Germany's invasion of Belgium in 1914 at the beginning of WW1.

McCrae was appointed as a Major and also Medical Officer of the Canadian Field Artillery's 1st Brigade. During the Second Battle of Ypres in 1915 he treated the wounded in a hastily dug bunker.

Lt Alexis Helmer, a friend of McCrae, was killed in action nearby and it was this burial that inspired him to write "In Flanders Fields" on 3 May 1915.

The following month saw McCrae receive orders to set up the No. 3 Canadian General Hospital near Boulogne-sur-Mer at Dannes-Camiers in Northern France, and he was not happy with the move. The hospital functioned in tents, but the winter weather resulted in it being moved to an old college in February 1916.

McCrae was still commanding the No. 3 Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne when he died from pneumonia and pneumococcus meningitis on 28 January 1918 in the British General Hospital in Wimereux and was buried with full military honours in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission section of the cemetery in Wimereux.

The poem first appeared in print after its anonymous publication in Punch on 8 December 1915. It soon became one of the war's most popular poems and used in the many fund-raising campaigns.

*\* Condensed from a longer article written previously, to fit it onto one page! Linda G.*

## *In Flanders Fields*

John McCrae - 1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
    That mark our place; and in the sky  
    The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
    Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
    In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
    The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
    If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
    In Flanders fields.





The Royal British Legion's first Poppy Appeal was in 1921.

The poem "In Flanders Field" had inspired Moina Michael, the American War Secretary, to buy poppies and sell these to her friends in order to raise money to help Servicemen that were in need of support after the First World War.

The idea of selling poppies was adopted by The Royal British Legion in 1921 - they ordered a million poppies from Anna Guèrin and also ordered 8 million more that were manufactured in Britain.

Madame Guèrin's idea was for artificial poppies, made by French widows and orphans, to be used as an emblem of remembrance for those who had died during WW1 and also raise funds to support the families of those who had given their lives or survived.

She had used poppies to raise funds in American and Canada before travelling to Liverpool, arriving on 30 August 1921, and then visiting the British Legion with samples of the poppies, explaining about their purpose of both remembrance and fund-raising.

The idea was initially met with sceptism, but by September the idea had been adopted. However the British Legion's funds were limited, so the cost of the poppies was covered by Madame Guèrin.

The first British Poppy Day was held on 11 November 1921 and raised £106,000 (approx. £4.85 million today). Madame Guèrin was reimbursed and the poppy has remained a symbol of Remembrance since then.

Originally called The Disabled Society, founded by Major George Howson MC, The Poppy Factory started production in 1922, in an old collar factory on the Old Kent Road in London before moving on to a larger factory in Richmond at the beginning of 1925.

Lady Haig's Poppy Factory was established in March 1926 at Whitefoord House in Edinburgh to make poppies for Scotland.

Since those first red poppies were sold in Britain, remembering those who sacrificed their lives in WW1 and the conflicts that have followed, poppies in other colours have become available...

Purple: remembering the many animals, like the horses, dogs and pigeons that were drafted into the war effort and became victims, and especially the many horses killed or injured in WW1.

Black: remembering the contribution and sacrifice made by servicemen, servicewoman and civilians from African, Black and Caribbean countries.

White: representing our remembrance of all victims of war, with a focus on achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war.

*Linda G.*



The eldest of four children, Wilfred Edward Salter Owen MC was born in Oswestry on 18 March 1893, the family living in a house owned by his maternal grandfather Edward.

After Edward's death in January 1897 the house was sold and the family moved to Birkenhead where his father Thomas found temporary work with a railway company. A transfer in April 1897 saw the family move to Shrewsbury, living with Thomas's parents. The following year saw the family return to Birkenhead when Thomas became the stationmaster at Woodside station, and then back to Shrewsbury in 1907.



Education was at Birkenhead Institute, Shrewsbury Technical School, and matriculation from University of London. He then worked as a teaching assistant from 1913-15 at the Berlitz Language School in Bordeaux and later with a family (at Bagnères-de-Bigorre?).

He enlisted on 21 October 1915 joining the Artists Rifles, and after training was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant (provisional), reporting to 3/5th (Reserve) Battalion Manchester Regiment at Milford Camp on 12 June 1916. Owen was sent to France in December 1916 joining the 2nd Manchester Regiment on the Somme, and within two weeks of arriving was commanding a platoon on the front line.

Owen returned to Britain after active service at Serre and St Quentin in January-April 1917 led to shell-shock. During his time undergoing treatment at the Craiglockhart War Hospital in Edinburgh Owen met Siegfried Sassoon, one of his literary heroes, who provided guidance and encouragement to bring his war experiences into his poetry.

Returning to the Western Front in July 1918 Owen was awarded the Military Cross in recognition of his courage and leadership during the breaking of the Hindenburg Line at Joncourt in October 1918. He was killed on 4 November 1918 by a German machine-gunner during an unsuccessful attempt by the British army to cross the the Sambre-Oise canal at Ors on the Western Front, the news of his death arriving at his parents' house in Shrewsbury on Armistice Day. Owen is buried at Ors Communal Cemetery in the village of Ors, France.



The award was not listed in the British Gazette until 15 February 1919, with the citation following on 30 July 1919:  
2nd Lt, Wilfred Edward Salter Owen, 5th Bn. Manch. R., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the Fonsomme Line on October 1st/2nd, 1918. On the company commander becoming a casualty, he assumed command and showed fine leadership and resisted a heavy counter-attack. He personally manipulated a captured enemy machine gun from an isolated position and inflicted considerable losses on the enemy. Throughout he behaved most gallantly.

## Dulce et Decorum Est

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.  
Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! – An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime . . .  
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.  
In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.  
If in some smothering dreams you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie; Dulce et Decorum est  
Pro patria mori\*.

Wilfred Owen (18 March 1893 - 4 November 1918)

*This poem was thought to have been written between 8 October 1917 and March 1918.*

\*Latin phrase from Roman poet Horace: "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country."

## **Anthem for Doomed Youth (1918)**

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?  
- Only the monstrous anger of the guns.  
- Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle  
Can patter out their hasty orisons.  
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;  
- Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—  
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;  
- And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?  
- Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes  
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.  
- The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;  
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,  
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

Wilfred Owen (1893 - 1918)

## **The Soldier**

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke (1887 - 1915)

**Rupert Chawner Brooke** was born in Rugby on 3rd August 1887, the third of William Parker “Willie” Brooke, schoolmaster, and Ruth Mary Brooke’s four children.

His father was House Master of School Field, Rugby; Brooke grew up there, attending Hillbrow prep school, Rugby school and then on to King’s College, Cambridge, to study Classics in October 1906.

Brooke associated with various literary groups and writers. He also lived at The Old Vicarage, Grantchester, which inspired him to write the poem of the same name in 1912 while feeling homesick in Berlin. During his travels in Europe he prepared the thesis which earned him a Fellowship at King’s College in March 1913.



Just days after the outbreak of WW1 on 28 July 1914, Brooke enlisted in early August and commissioned into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as a temporary sub-lieutenant. In October 1914 he took part in the Royal Naval Division’s Antwerp expedition, then sailed with the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on 28 February 1915.

While stationed in Egypt he developed severe gastroenteritis, followed by streptococcal sepsis from an infected mosquito bite. The French hospital ship *Duguay-Trouin* was moored in a bay off the island of Skyros in the Aegean and Brooke was the only patient on board as the ship was waiting for the injured from Gallipoli.



Despite being under the care of a dozen doctors and surgeons, treatment was unsuccessful and he died of septicaemia at 4.46 pm on 23 April 1915. Brooke had been on his way to the Gallipoli landings, missing the start of this disastrous campaign by two days.

The funeral was hurriedly arranged as the expeditionary force had orders to depart immediately and he was buried at 11pm in an olive grove on Skyros.

Brooke was among 16 First World War poets to be commemorated on a slate monument unveiled in Poets’ Corner in Westminster Abbey on 11 November 1985. The words of the inscription on the stone were from a fellow war poet, Wilfred Owen, and it reads: "My subject is War, and the pity of War. The Poetry is in the pity."

Linda G.

## SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023

Today is the last Sunday before Advent, the Feast of Christ the King, when the cycle of the church year comes to an end, and next Sunday we will begin our journey through another liturgical year with the celebration of Advent.

In Anglian churches the last Sunday before the Advent season begins became known as 'Stir Up Sunday', taking this name from the opening words of the collect in the Book of Common Prayer for this day.

*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

'Stir Up Sunday' also became the traditional time for making Christmas puddings, an essential British Christmas tradition, with each member of the family making a wish as they stirred the mixture.



Christmas pudding has evolved over the centuries, starting out as a porridge-like dish known as frumenty that contained meat, dried fruits, spices and wine.

By the late 1500s the recipe had been adapted to include more dried fruit, eggs and breadcrumbs, spirits and/or beer and by the mid 1600s it had established itself as the Christmas dessert of Plum Pudding.

The Puritans banned this pudding in 1664, but by the early 1700s it was once again part of the Christmas feast thanks to King George I enjoying this treat.

Although Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, is generally considered to have brought this pudding into our traditional festive feast it was more than a century earlier that King George I introduced a meatless style of pudding when he came to the throne in 1714.

The recipe continued to evolve and by the 1800s would have been recognisable to us today.

There are many superstitions associated with Christmas Puddings. Some say the pudding should contain 13 ingredients, to represent Jesus and His Disciples.

Also, each member of the family should stir the pudding using a wooden spoon, from east to west, to remember the Three Wise Men.

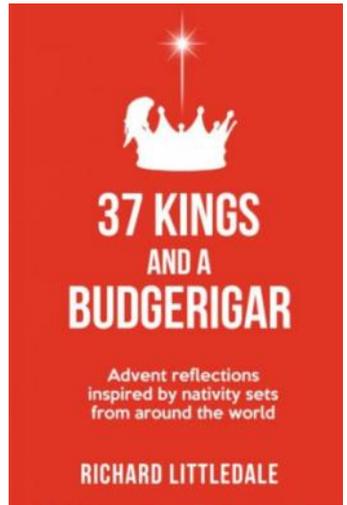
However, the custom of stirring any food in a clockwise direction originates centuries before Christianity.

As the sun was the source of all life, every task a woman did in the home or field had to be done in a sunwise or *deiseil* direction, as to walk round a building or perform any action in an anticlockwise direction – *widdershins* – was to work against the sun and in turn strengthen the powers of darkness and call down ill-fortune, or worse.

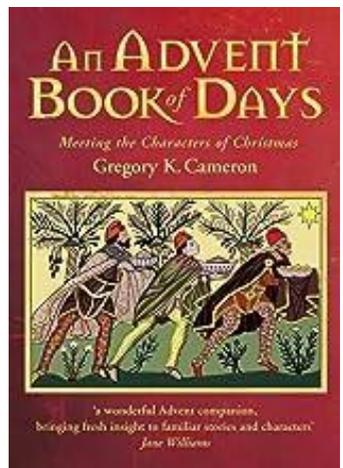
British Royal Navy tradition requires the youngest sailor and the ship's commander to be called together on Stir-up Sunday and stir the ship's Christmas pudding using a wooden oar or paddle that symbolises the wooden manger in which the baby Jesus was laid.



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Once again, Advent is just around the proverbial corner, and the following pages show a selection from the many books available to read on your journey through the season and on to Christmas...



## TOAD LANE CONCERTS

at St Mary in the Baum  
Rochdale's Weekly Music at Lunchtime  
on Wednesdays  
Doors open at 12 noon  
Concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm - Entry fee: £6

◆ **Wednesday 1 November**

**Hanna Csermely** *piano* (3rd year RNCM)

◆ **Wednesday 8 November**

**Margaret Ferguson** *soprano*  
(Ghana, RNCM & Poland)

**Jonathan Ellis** *piano* (RNCM & Mcr Uni)

◆ **Wednesday 15 November**

**The Kell Wind Trio: Alastair Roberts** *flute*  
**Geoffrey Smith** *clarinet* **Alex Kane** *bassoon*

◆ **Wednesday 22 November**

**Joseph Buckmaster** *tenor* (RNCM & RAM)  
**Tim Kennedy** *piano* (Camb & RNCM staff)

◆ **Wednesday 29 November**

**Slava Sidorenko's** piano class from  
Chethams School of Music

◆ **Wednesday 6 December**

**Telemann Baroque Ensemble:**

**Alfred Pollard** *oboe*

**Kevin O'Sullivan** *bassoon*

**Elaine da Costa & Sarah Snape** *violins*

**John Goodstadt** *viola* **Roger Bisby** *cello*

**Peter Collier** *harpsichord*

◆ **Wednesday 13 December**

**Rascallity Harp Duo: Alice Roberts &**  
**Kathryn Mason** (both RNCM Mcr Uni)

◆ **Wednesday 20 December**

**More than Melody Ladies Choir**

**Christmas Special**

MD Jonathan Gibson, Brian Milligan *piano*

for more info, contact Dr Joe Dawson

01706 648872

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

◆ **Wednesday 8 November**

**Friends Together**  
**Bereavement Support Group**  
at St Chad's 10 am - 12 noon

Everyone Welcome  
Refreshments provided

◆ **Sunday 12 November**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
at St Chad's 10.45 am



◆ **Saturday 18 November**

**MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHADS**

12 noon

**Reisling Piano Quartet**

Including Music by:  
C.M. Weber, Frank Bridge  
and Elgar (Salut d'amour)

Doors open 11.20 am  
Refreshments available before concert  
Admission £6

◆ **Saturday 25 November**

**90th Anniversary of HOLOMODOR**  
**Memorial Service at St Chad's 2 pm**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

♦ **Saturday 2 December**

**ST CHAD'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

10 am - 1 pm

♦ **Sunday 10 December**

**MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE**

at ST CHAD'S 3 pm tbc

♦ **Wednesday 13 December**

**Friends Together**

**Bereavement Support Group**

at St Chad's 10 am - 12 noon

Everyone Welcome

Refreshments provided

♦ **Sunday 17 December**

**CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

AT ST CHAD'S 4 pm tbc

♦ **Sunday 24 December**

**MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST CHADS**

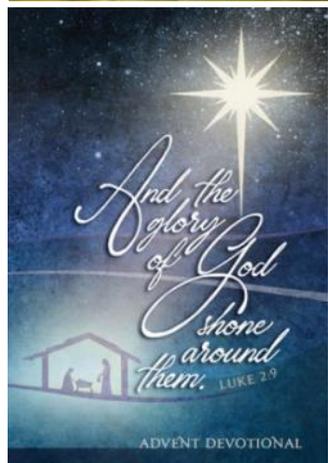
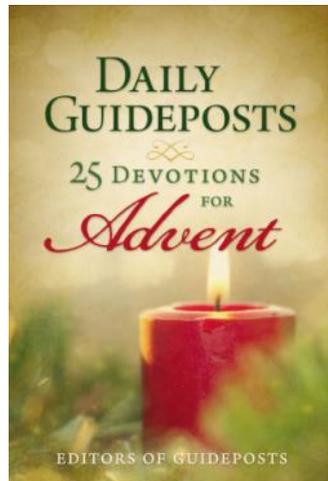
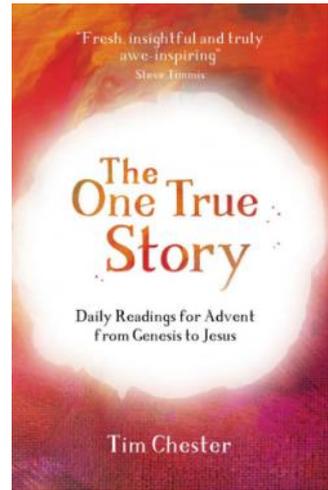
11.30 pm



♦ **Monday 25 December**

**CHRISTMAS DAY Eucharist**

at St Mary in the Baum 10 am



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Another custom is for a silver coin to be hidden in the pudding and the finder will have good luck throughout the coming year.

Traditionally the coin was a silver six pence, whilst today a 5p is the smallest silver coin.

The sprig of holly placed on the top of the pudding is there to remind us of the Crown of Thorns worn by Jesus when he was crucified, and the brandy poured over the pudding and set alight at the table to enflame it is said to remind us of Jesus' love and power.

A typical recipe for Christmas pudding will require long cooking in advance of the festive feast, and it will then be reheated for another few hours before being served on the day itself.

Traditions linked to Christmas puddings also varied in different areas of Britain.

Some households made 13 small puddings, with the last pudding (known as the Judas Pudding) given to a beggar who had to carry it away from the house and so take away any bad luck for the coming year.

Retaining a small portion of the Christmas pudding was another custom, with this being added to the next year's pudding mixture; this was to ensure the family would never go hungry as the pudding was never finished!

So, if you haven't made your pudding yet – it's time to stir up! and while you're giving the puddings a good stir don't forget to remind yourself of the words of the collect!



*Linda G.*



## REACHING OUT EVENT

ARE YOU HOMELESS  
or A FAMILY IN NEED?

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023 5pm - 7pm**  
**ROCHDALE INFIRMARY OUTPATIENTS**

This is an informal drop-in event  
where there will be free:

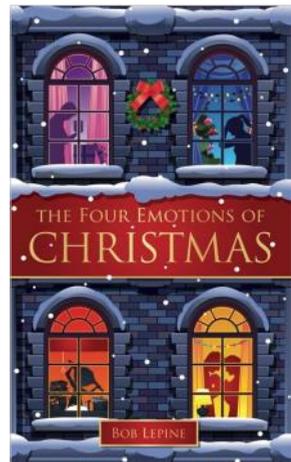
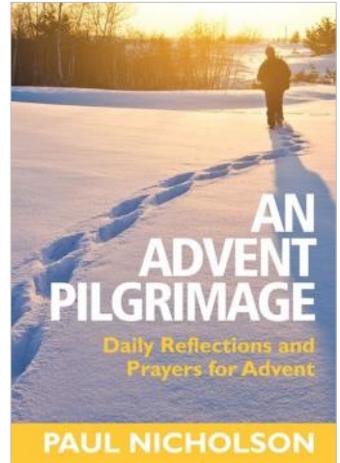
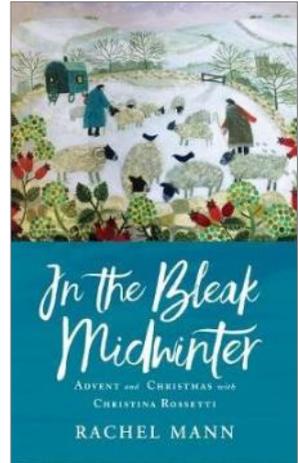
- Hot food, hot drinks & mince pies •
- Christmas gift boxes, toiletries & personal items •
- Advice from the Drugs & Alcohol team •
  - Housing advice •
- Podiatry & Tissue viability advice •
  - Mental Health support •
  - Hairdressing services •
- Covid & Flu vaccinations •



For further information please contact  
JACKIE HEATLEY on 01706 517919  
or JENNIE CURRAN on 01706 517202

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION  
WITH ANYONE YOU MAY KNOW WHO WOULD  
BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING THIS EVENT



## FAIR FOR ALL

is the only dedicated  
Fair Trade outlet in the  
Municipal Borough of Rochdale,  
and is situated at  
**5 The Walk**

on the ground floor of  
Couzen's Hair Studio.

Following on from Covid  
we are busier now, and people  
who didn't know about us  
are finding us and coming  
into the shop to look round,  
not always buying but realising  
that we have some  
excellent gifts as well as foods.

The shop is staffed entirely by  
dedicated volunteers  
and we are now in a position of  
needing more volunteers  
to help us in the shop.

If you feel that you are able  
to help please contact

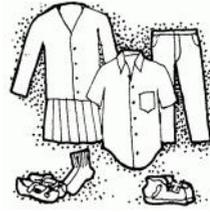
**Monica Fowler**

01706 659453 / 07980 467228  
or email [mjfowler86@gmail.com](mailto:mjfowler86@gmail.com)

You will be made very welcome.



**FAIRTRADE**



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

“Uniform For All” is a community  
uniform recycling project set-up with  
the aim of helping parents who are  
struggling to afford school uniform;  
however it is also a way to help  
recycle and try and protect the  
environment from wearable clothing  
being taken to landfill.

So far, over 500 families have been  
helped, with more than 7,200 items of  
uniform being made available for:  
Falinge Park, Oulder Hill, Redwood  
and St Cuthbert’s High Schools, and  
Spotland, Meanwood, St Vincent’s RC,  
Caldershaw and Norden Primary  
Schools in Rochdale as well as schools  
in Heywood and Middleton.

Items required: jumpers, cardigans,  
shirts, skirts, ties, trousers, blazers,  
shoes, PE bags, summer dresses,  
coats, and lunch bags.

Perhaps you know someone who  
would benefit from this scheme, have  
school uniform to donate or would  
like to volunteer?

There is more information on the  
group’s Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Uniform4A/>  
or contact Councillor Rachel Massey



is currently supporting over 100 families / single people each week and stocks are **LOW** due to the increasing demand. People who once contributed to the foodbank now find themselves its clients, including those who are working full time, pensioners, Universal Credit claimants (5 week wait for benefits), and every item you donate will enable the Foodbank to continue helping local people in need of support during these difficult times.

All items are urgently required...

Whole or Semi-Skimmed Milk (1 litre, UHT)

Tea Bags • Instant Coffee (Jar) • Sugar

Cup-A-Soups • Long Life Fruit Juice

Pasta / Cooking Sauces • Tomato Ketchup (small)

Tinned Foods: Tomatoes • Soups • Peas • Carrots

Sweetcorn • Potatoes • Meat • Fish • Baked Beans

Spaghetti • Fruit • Rice Pudding • Custard

Instant Mash Potatoes • Rice (500g) • Pasta (500g)

Jam / Honey (Jar) • Breakfast Cereal • Snacks

Crisps • Biscuits (packets)

Personal Toiletries, including:

Shower Gel • Soap • Shampoo • Deodorant

Toothbrushes • Toothpaste

Feminine Hygiene Products • Disposable Nappies

Rochdale Foodbank Warehouse is open to accept your donations **Monday to Friday, 10 am - 12 noon**

Exchange Shopping Centre Service Entrance,

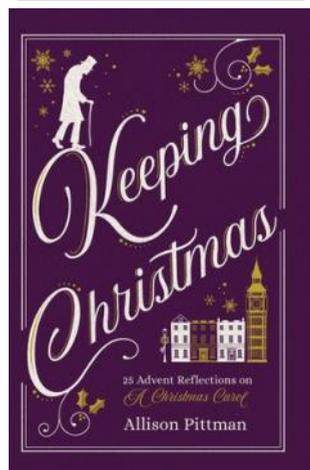
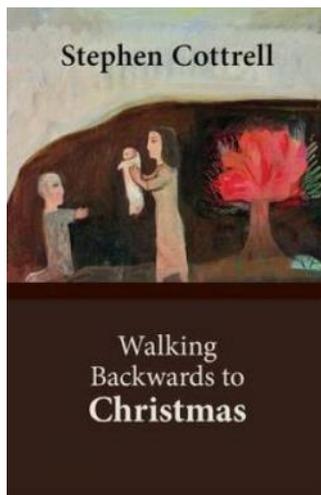
Newgate, Rochdale Town Centre, OL16 1XB

(under the bridge).

Their sign will be on the door.

There are also in-store donation points at

Asda Dane Street, Tesco Silk Street and other supermarkets.



## SERVICES OF WORSHIP

### ♦ Sundays

#### ST MARY IN THE BAUM

9.15 am

Week 1 - BCP Communion

Week 2 - Holy Communion

Weeks 3, 4 and 5\*

Common Worship Communion

\* where there is a 5th Sunday in a month

#### ST CHAD'S

11.15 am

Holy Communion

*Matins on 2nd Sunday of month*

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Asian Fellowship

### ♦ Thursdays

#### ST CHAD'S

from 3 November at 10.00 am

Weeks 1, 4 and 5\* Morning Prayer

Week 2 and 3 Holy Communion\*\*

\* months with a 5th Thursday

\*\* for those who wish to receive  
the sacrament in the week



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PCC Sec: L Goddard

Verger: C Lucas

Newsletter: L Goddard

**St Chad's Asian Fellowship:**

Janice Julius 07983 388169

<https://rochdaleparishchurches.org.uk>

[www.facebook.com/rochdaleparishchurches](https://www.facebook.com/rochdaleparishchurches)

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*To book a Wedding or Baptism/Christening  
at St Chad's or St Mary in the Baum,  
please come along to church  
on Sunday morning  
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.*



If you have an item or notice for the newsletter,  
please send it via email to:

**stchadsrochdale@outlook.com**

or see me after the service at St Chad's.

*Linda G.*