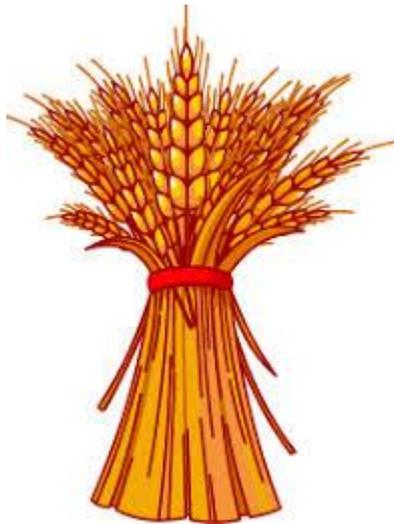




Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad
and St Mary in the Baum



NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

OCTOBER

2023



October
2023



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



**THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER FOR
OCTOBER**

PLEASE RETAIN FOR INFO

**ANY ADDITIONAL NOTICES AND INFO
WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE SERVICES**

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 1 October 2023

St Mary in the Baum - 9.15 am

St Chad's - 11.15 am



**We will be collecting monetary donations,
food and personal toiletry items in support of**





WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER
*Friends Together
Bereavement Support Group
at St Chad's
10 am - 12 noon
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments provided*

Let us be still before the Lord.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

(Pause)

Let us bring before the Lord
the words that may have hurt
and all those left unsaid;
the anger we have felt
and resentment we have fed.
Let us be still before the Lord.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

(Pause)

The Lord is slow to anger
willing to forgive
full of Grace.
Draw near to him.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

www.faithandworship.com

**Contactless Payments
for donations now available!**



**Please
continue
to pray
for Ukraine**



ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY

We invite everyone to complete one of the forms you'll find on the table regarding their annual income to enable the calculation for our parish share to be as relevant as possible.

The information you provide is totally confidential.

You are not asked to give your name!

The more completed forms we have then the more realistic the calculation for our parish share will be. Thank you.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
AT 2 AM
SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER**



**DON'T FORGET TO ADJUST
YOUR CLOCKS AND TIMERS**



PLEASE PRAY FOR
Meryl Claire Bowdell
and
Robert James McGinty
TO BE MARRIED
AT ST CHAD'S ON
SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER



Mid-week service at St Chad's - Thursdays at 10 am



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



** months with a 5th Thursday*

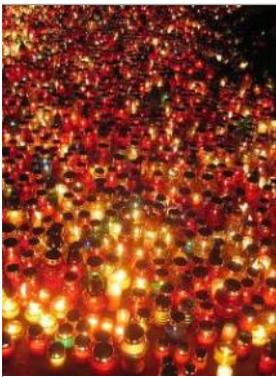
*** for those who wish to receive the sacrament in the week*

Summer holidays are over and the shops once more are filled with a combination of Christmas Decorations and everything you can imagine for Halloween.

I could rant for a long time about how all feasts and festivals have now been commercialised; it is a pet topic of mine. However so is the regaining of Halloween back to its origins as All Hallow's eve.

It was never about trick or treating, or the terrorising of your neighbours, but the eve of when we remembered the saints who have gone before us, those who have dedicated their lives in sharing their faith.

I follow Malcolm Guite and his blog on the internet, which can be found at <http://www.malcolmguite.com/>, this is what he shared about All Hallow's Eve...



*The dark is bright with
quiet lives and steady
lights undimmed*

All Hallow's Eve; a sonnet of reclamation

As we come towards Hallowe'en, its worth remembering that the word Hallowe'en itself simply means 'the eve of all Hallows', and All Hallows is the Christian feast of All Saints, or All Saints Day', a day when we think particularly of those souls in bliss who, even in this life, kindled a light for us, or to speak more exactly, reflected for us and to us, the already-kindled light of Christ! It is followed immediately on November 2nd by All Souls Day, the day we remember all the souls who have gone before us into the light of Heaven. It is good that we should have a season of

the year for remembrance and a time when we feel that the veil between time and eternity is thin and we can sense that greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. It is also good and right that the Church settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. But it was right that, though they kept the day, they changed the custom. The greatest and only offering, to redeem both the living and the dead, has been made by Christ and if we want to celebrate our loving connections we need only now make

gifts to the living, as we do in offering sweets to the ‘trick or treaters’ in this season, and far more profoundly in exchanging gifts at Christmas.

Anyway, given that both these seasons of hospitality and exchange have been so wrenched from their first purpose in order to sell tinsel and sweeties, I thought I might redress the balance a little and reclaim this season with a sonnet for All Souls/All Saints that remembers the light that shines in darkness, who first kindled it, and how we can all reflect it.

All Saints

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ’s reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

(This sonnet is from Sounding the Seasons, the collection of sonnets for the church year, published by Canterbury Press.)

So this year let us reclaim All Hallow’s Eve, and light a candle to those who have inspired our faith and for those we loved who have died and gone before us. St Luke’s are also holding a Light Party on the 31st October as an alternative for children on Halloween, keep your eye out for details and support this event if you can.

With blessings

Revd Anne



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 (or packet)

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



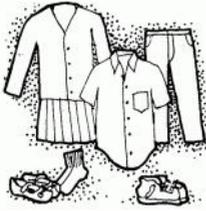
Rochdale Foodbank Warehouse is open to accept your donations

Monday to Friday, 10 am - 12 noon

Exchange Shopping Centre Service Entrance,
Newgate, Rochdale Town Centre, OL16 1XB (under the bridge).

Our sign will be on the door.

There are also in-store donation points at
Asda's Dane Street and Tesco's Silk Street stores.



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

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

You will be made very welcome.



FAIRTRADE

*Included in the October Newsletter is
Paul Bollington's Tribute to Revd Canon Alan Shackleton
that he read during the Commemorative Evensong
at St Chad's on Sunday 24 September*

I've been carrying the Cross, Chief Server, singing in the Choir here at St Chads for nearly 50 years man and boy.

I've served 8 Vicars so far; Canon Alan Shackleton was my third.

People have been saying that Alan Shackleton was a great Vicar. But I would go further than that. He was one of the greatest Vicars that Rochdale has ever had.

Alan loved this Church, he loved the history of this place, he loved the Town of Rochdale and together with his late wife Glenys enriched the lives of everyone at St Chads and very much enabled Rochdale Parish Church to be a focus for the whole community.

Alan had a wonderful dry sense of humour, was very caring and considerate plus he was a very Prayerful man.

He led the worship here every Thursday Morning plus 3 times on a Sunday including Evensong like tonight.

During his time here he prepared dozens of couples for Matrimony, conducted almost 100 Baptisms and funeral services.

He trained 3 curates during his time and preached to an average Sunday morning congregation of over 120 people.

They were great days.

He got to know everyone and made a special effort to make everyone feel welcome including new people through the doors and he also showed great compassion in ministering to the sick.

I will never forget when my own mother was ill that Alan came all the way up to Facit every week without fail to give her Holy Communion and provide comfort to my Father.

Alan had great diplomatic skills and was Area Dean as well as the incumbent here and was often called upon to sort out and resolve any problems in any of the churches in the Deanery.

Alan was Chaplain to many of the Town's Mayors over the years, Chaplain to the Police, the British Legion and he also chaired the Ancient Educational Trust Charity.

All these roles he performed with dignity, confidence and skill.

There haven't been many Civic functions over the last forty years where Alan was not taking an active part in.

Alan was fortunate to have one massive occasion during his time at St Chads when this Church was to celebrate its 800th anniversary.

It was a true year of history for Rochdale with the Cooperative movement celebrating 150 years and the Canal Company 200 years.

Alan was instrumental in organising many celebrations and events that year, many of which took place here at St Chads.

A wonderful highlight of the year was hosting a visit of our late Queen and Prince Philip to a service here at St Chad's on 1st December 1994.

I recall that Alan presented her late Majesty with a gift to mark her visit here of a splendid large bound Book of Common Prayer embossed with St Chads insignia.

To his delight, a few days later, Alan received a message from the Queen's Private Secretary to say how Her Majesty had enthused about this book on her return to Buckingham Palace and intended on putting it to practical use.

Alan recalled this message to the congregation the following Sunday and I will never forget his lovely smile and sense of pride.

Words from tonight's anthem 'The Sanctuary of My Soul - *"With Parted Lips and Outstretched Hands and Listening Ears Thy servant stands. Call thou early, call thou late - to thy great service dedicate."*

Revd Canon Alan Shackleton – May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him





◆ SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER - HARVEST FESTIVAL ◆

9.15 am St Mary in the Baum - BCP HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert	Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert
Deuteronomy 28.1-14 : Psalm 65 : 2 Corinthians 9.6-end : Luke 17.11-19	

◆ THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER ◆

10 am St Chad's – Morning Prayer - Revd Pamela Parr presiding
Ezekiel 12.17-end : Mark 14.43-52

◆ SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER - TRINITY 18 ◆

9.15 am St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - M
Presiding: Revd Canon Roger Hill	Presiding: Revd Canon Roger Hill
Preaching: Revd Canon Roger Hill	Preaching: Revd Canon Roger Hill
Isaiah 5.1-7 : Psalm 80.9-17 : Philippians 3.4b -14 : Matthew 21.33-end	

◆ THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER ◆

10 am St Chad's – Eucharist - Revd Natty Gray presiding
Malachi 3.13-4.2a : Luke 11.5-13

◆ SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER - TRINITY 19 ◆

9.15 am St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Hannah Currin	Preaching: Hannah Currin
Isaiah 25.1-9 : Psalm 23 : Philippians 4.1-9 : Matthew 22.1-14	

◆ THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER ◆

10 am St Chad's – Eucharist - Revd Anne Gilbert presiding
Romans 3.21–30 : Luke 11.47–end

◆ SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER - TRINITY 20 ◆

9.15 am St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert	Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert
Isaiah 45.1-7 : Psalm 96.1-9 [10-13] : 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 : Matthew 22.15-22	

◆ THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER ◆

10 am St Chad's - Morning Prayer - led by Hannah Currin
Ezekiel 43.1-12 : John 16.1-15

◆ SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER - BIBLE SUNDAY ◆

9.15 am St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert	Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert
Nehemiah 8.1–4a [5–6] 8–12 : Ps 119.9–16 : Colossians 3.12–17 : Matt 24.30–35	

◆ THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY ◆

10 am St Chad's – Morning Prayer - Reverend Pamela Parr presiding
Romans 8.31–end : Luke 13.31–end

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



◆ Wednesday 4 October

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
John Powell baritone (Cambridge & BBC Singers) & **Elin Rees** piano (RNCM)

◆ Saturday 7 October

MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHADS - 12 noon
Lainton Trumpet Quarter
From classical favourites to modern arrangements, Lainton will be performing a varied selection of tunes, showcasing all things trumpet!
Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6

◆ Wednesday 11 October

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

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Rochdale's Weekly Music at Lunchtime on Wednesdays
Doors open at 12 noon - Concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm - Entry fee: £6
Richard Haslam guitar RNCM (& **George Strickland** piano for Rodrigo Concerto)

◆ Saturday 14 October

MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHADS from 3-4 pm
Oldham, Rochdale & Tameside Organists' Association
Anthony Gray (*The Brereton Memorial Recital*)
Doors open 2.20 pm - refreshments available before concert - Admission £8

◆ Wednesday 18 October

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
OLDHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TOAD LANE CONCERTS : for more info, contact Dr Joe Dawson 01706 648872

◆ **Wednesday 25 October**

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
Freda Farnworth *soprano* (Guildhall) & **J Edward Rigg** *piano*

◆ **Saturday 28 October**

MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHADS - 12 noon
Dimitra Ananiadou (*Violin*) and **Richard Whalley** (*Pianoforte*)
J.S. Bach: Allegro from BWV 1093: Sonata for Solo Violin in A minor,
Massenet: 'Meditation' and Beethoven: from Op. 47 Violin Sonata
Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6

◆ **Sunday 31 October ALL SOULS SERVICE** at St Chad's 5.00 pm

◆ **Tuesday 2 November ALL SOULS CIVIC SERVICE** at St Chad's 7.00 pm

◆ **Wednesday 8 November**

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

◆ **Sunday 14 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 2 December ST CHAD'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE** 10 am - 1 pm

◆ **Wednesday 13 December**

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

◆ **Sunday 10 December MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE** at ST CHAD'S 3 pm tbc

◆ **Sunday 17 December ST CHAD'S CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE** 4 pm

◆ **Sunday 24 December MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST CHADS** 11.30 pm

◆ **Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY Eucharist** St Mary in the Baum 10 am

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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*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.*

