

Rochdale Parish Church  
of St Chad



**NEWS**

*(Please take one and pass it on)*

**SEPTEMBER**

**2024**

Welcome to  
Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad

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



A polite reminder...

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS  
**\*OFF\***  
DURING THE SERVICE

*Thank You*



Contactless Payments  
for donations  
are now available





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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Please continue to pray for  
UKRAINE and THE HOLY LAND  
and also for all affected  
by conflict and/or disaster



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.

Prayer Request 



## **CHURCH OPEN DAYS at ST CHAD'S 2024**

**Our historic Grade 2\* listed church  
has been open 2 - 4 pm  
on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 JUNE,  
continuing through to the  
HERITAGE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER : 2 - 4 pm**

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER : 11.30 am - 4 pm**

**SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER : 12.30 - 4 pm**

➤ *Our Sunday and Thursday Services of Worship will be at their usual times* ◀

**A sincere "Thank you" to everyone  
who has given their time  
to enable St Chad's to open its doors  
to visitors during this event.**

The 2024  
**St Swithun's Challenge**

ended on 23 August.



Rainfall was recorded on 22 of 40 days.

If you have already handed in your donation,  
“Thank you”

Otherwise, please do this as soon as possible  
to enable us to finalise the total raised this year.

**“Thank You”**

*to everyone who gives their time to help  
with cleaning the church and tidying the garden areas,  
arranging the floral displays,  
providing refreshments after our services of worship,  
and the many other jobs not mentioned here  
that enable St Chad's to keep running smoothly.*



Can **you** spare an occasional hour  
on Wednesdays or Thursdays  
to help with cleaning the church  
or tidying the garden areas?

If so, please speak to  
Peter G, Linda G, Jill, Sue F, or Martin.

*Your help in maintaining our  
wonderful church will be appreciated.*



# Name The Bells Competition



Our bells need names



If you would like to enter with a suggestion for a name complete an entry slip and post it in the box on the table.

The winning names will be announced in the installation service by The Bishop of Manchester on 6th October at 2 pm.

A photo of each bell and its new name will be displayed in church for the service and then hung in the belfry.

**£1 entry fee**

*(for each name)*

**Entries close at 4 pm on Sunday 8 September**



☞ Sunday 6 October 2024 ☛



## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

at 11.15 am



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



Then...

everyone is welcome  
to join us for a

**Service of Celebration**  
at 2.00 pm



when the installation of new bells at St Chad's  
will be blessed by  
The Rt Revd Prof David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 1 - TRINITY 14

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's 11.15 am



### Sunday 8 - TRINITY 15

Matins at St Chad's 11.15 am

Breathe Service - St Michael's Bamford - 7.30 pm  
(Rochdale Mission Community 3)

### ◆ **Wednesday 11 September** ◆

#### **Friends Together Bereavement Support Group**

at St Chad's 10 am - 12 noon

Everyone Welcome  
Refreshments provided

### Thursday 12

Said Eucharist at St Chad's 10.00 am

### Sunday 15 - TRINITY 16

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's 11.15 am

### Sunday 22 - TRINITY 17

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's 11.15 am

### Sunday 29 - TRINITY 18

*Michael and All Angels*  
Choral Eucharist at St Chad's 11.15 am

St Chad's

Saturday 28 September 2024  
at 3 pm



Remembering Beryl  
in  
Words and Music

☞ Everyone Welcome ☞

# Autumn Equinox 2024

**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 12:44 GMT (13:44 BST)**

Once again we've journeyed on from the Summer Solstice in June to arrive at the Autumn Equinox.

Meteorological Autumn begins on 1 September, but the Autumn Equinox is the first day of Astronomical Autumn and this transitional point is a key stage between the seasons of Autumn and Winter.

As our Earth travels around the Sun its elliptical orbit brings us to the point in the year where both northern and southern hemispheres are illuminated equally by the sun, giving us equal hours of daytime and night-time, hence 'equinox'.

We'll continue to lose 2 minutes of daylight each day as we travel on towards the Winter Solstice on Saturday 21 December 2024, at 09:21 GMT and the shortest day of the year.

The Harvest Moon is the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox and will be on 18 September this year. It was said that the light from this moon provided farmers and farm workers with extra light to enable them to work late into the night around this time and harvest the crops, and no doubt they still take advantage of this.

The Autumnal Equinox also provides us with an increased chance of being able see the spectacular Aurora Borealis displays, or Northern Lights, that can occur In the higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere due to increased geomagnetic activities around this time.

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## **Transforming Prayer Community** **DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**

Our diocese-wide community  
that seeks to connect and reconnect us  
with this simple vocation to pray.

Our prayer community is an invitation to simplicity,  
to growth and change, and to an adventure  
in which we will discover more about God's priorities  
and equip us to be his Body in a world of need.

- Prayer is both simple and profound •
- Prayer can make a difference •
- It changes us and the world •
- It moves us to action and stirs us out of our complacency •

### **We invite you to become a part of our Prayer Community**

All that we ask you to do is make a daily commitment to say:

- The Lord's Prayer •
- Our Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope •
- The Prayer for your local area •
- The Prayer for Peace •

### ***Lord, teach us to pray***

*Luke 11.1*

There is more information on the Manchester Diocese website:

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/>

Home > Our Faith In Action > Prayer > Prayer Community

and there is also an active Facebook Group:

[Transforming Prayer Community in the Diocese of Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/groups/528199334726781/)

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## **The Lord's Prayer - Traditional**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer - Contemporary**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

## **Prayer for Peace**

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace

and loves to bless the peacemakers,

at this time

we particularly pray for

peace in our communities,

peace in our nation,

and peace across the world.

We pray that people may live in safety,

secure in your grace,

through Jesus Christ,

who died to bring us peace.

Amen

## **Our Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope**

Living and Loving God,  
as your pilgrim people in Manchester Diocese  
we thank you for the great commission  
with which you have entrusted us:  
to love and serve, and to bring  
our parishes, schools, chaplaincies,  
and all our communities  
into new life in Jesus Christ.

Through your abundant love  
lead us into your Kingdom  
and grant us the trust to follow you;  
meet our weariness, our griefs and fears  
with your tender and comforting Spirit  
that we may great the promise  
of each new day with joy and trust.

Teach us to pray in faith, hope and love,  
that we may go out into your world  
confident in your wondrous mission  
and full of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### **Prayer for our local area**

O High King of Heaven,  
Have mercy on Rochdale  
and the surrounding area.

Revive your Church;  
send the Holy Spirit  
for the sake of the children.

May your kingdom come to our town.

In Jesus' mighty name.

Amen

# The 5-Finger Prayer



**Thumb:** Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

**Pointer finger:** Pray for those who point you in the right direction: your teachers, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

**Middle finger (tallest):** Pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership. Pray for guidance and wisdom.

**Ring finger (weakest):** Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble: those most in need.

**Pinkie finger (smallest):** Pray for yourself and your own needs.

Keats called autumn the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', and it's this season that we remember for the harvest and harvest festivals along with the temperature cooling and the nights beginning to "draw in".

The deciduous trees prepare for winter as the chemical chlorophyll in their leaves, which has made them green, declines to allow the other chemicals to become more prominent and so display a kaleidoscope of reds, yellows and



ambers before the leaves fall. (Did you know that some of the chemicals responsible for this change in colour are the same ones that give carrots (beta-carotenes) and egg yolks (luteins) their colours?)

The word "fall" was actually a common term in England until around the 17th century, deriving from the shortening of the phrase "fall of the leaf" and may explain why Americans use this word to describe the Autumn season as their English ancestors took it with them when emigrating to those shores.

The word "Autumn" came into use here around the 18th century, deriving from the French term Automne, and one reason for its use may have been when the upper-classes of English society wanted to adopt a more refined vocabulary to separate them from the lower and working class population.

According to Greek mythology, autumn began after Hades abducted Persephone to be the Queen of the Underworld. Her mother was Demeter, goddess of the harvest, and in her distress caused all the crops on Earth to die until her daughter was allowed to return, marking spring.

In conclusion, it's September and Autumn is here... enjoy the season!

*Linda G.*

*Michaelmas* is celebrated on 29 September, traditionally the last day of the year's harvest season, and in medieval times the day used by farmers to mark the changing of the seasons.



Coventry Cathedral's "St Michael's Victory over the Devil" by Epstein

It's also the time of year that darker nights and colder days begin - winter is coming - and people believed negative forces were stronger in the darkness and that they would need stronger defences to protect them during the later months of the year, so the Michaelmas celebrations are associated with encouraging protection during the dark of the months ahead.

Michaelmas is also one of the four 'quarter days' of the year, the others being Lady Day on 25 March, Midsummer on 24 June, and Christmas on 25 December.

Being close to the solstices or equinoxes these days are three months apart and were the four days of the year when servants would be hired, rents becoming due or new leases started.

It is also the festival of Michael and All Angels. Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, the protector against the dark of the night, and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels, hurling Lucifer (the devil / Satan) down from Heaven for his treachery.

*Rev 12:7-9* *7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (NRSV)*

The Bible mentions many angels, but only four are called by name: Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael and Michael.

Archangel Michael leads and supervises the other archangels. He is a warrior and the powerful agent of God who wards off evil from God's people and delivers peace to them at the end of their life on earth.



According to English folklore we shouldn't eat blackberries after Michaelmas Day because the devil landed in a prickly bramble bush after being thrown out of Heaven, and in his annoyance scorched the fruit with his fiery breath as well as stamping and spitting on the fruit and cursing it.

The story continues by telling us that this curse is renewed each year and it's considered to be very unlucky to pick blackberries after Michaelmas.

Linda G.

# ST CHAD NETWORK

## NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

**A Message from Bishop Jan**  
**Dean Designate of Lichfield Cathedral**

I can't fail to have been impressed as the next Dean of Lichfield – and indeed, the first female Dean in the Cathedral's 1300 year history. Lichfield Cathedral is a very special place. Visitors and pilgrims are first captivated by the magnificent west front of the Cathedral, with its array of statues with Biblical figures and royalty alike peering down at them, and the unique three spires pointing them heavenwards. When they enter the Cathedral, their first reaction is often 'wow!' It truly is a beautiful Cathedral, especially when the sun is streaming through the stained glass. I'm so often reminded of the words from Genesis Chapter 28: 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' By the time that visitors and pilgrims have made their way to the lady Chapel and the Shrine of St Chad at the far east end of the Cathedral, they have 'sifted in' and so it is no surprise that the area in which the Shrine is situated is the most prepared part of the Cathedral. It's also where we hold services of prayer for the healing and wholeness, and where, on the day that I was announced as the next Dean of Lichfield, the Bishop of Lichfield, Chad's successor, prayed for me. I'm much looking forward, in my new role, to see the Chad family across the world grow in bonds of fellowship and friendship. If you have never been to Lichfield Cathedral, we hope that a pilgrimage here might be possible for you one day. It'd be time to greet you. And we're grateful to Peter Harris for his work in bringing together all those of us for whom Chad is an important part of our heritage. It's not for nothing that he was awarded a Chad Medal by Bishop Michael on St Chad's day this year.

*'We do hope that we may see you soon, and until then, in the words of our Cathedral motto – Inscrui Deo et Leone – Serve God. And be joyful!'*

Bishop Jan  
 Dean Designate of Lichfield

**St Chad Icon**  
**St. Chad's Episcopal Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico**



A new icon of St Chad was presented to the congregation and blessed on 11 February 2024. It was an important occasion for the church which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The icon is the work of iconographer Patricia Coffey of Albuquerque, New Mexico USA. Patricia used egg tempera for her medium. Her base consisted of equal parts egg yolk, white wine and water, to which dried pigments were added. Gold leaf was applied to the board before the colour was added. The icon measures approximately 61 centimetres wide and 91 centimetres tall.

**Iconographer Patricia Coffey**

Children from the Sunday School classes were invited to participate in the ceremony by making their own icons of St. Chad. They assembled at the front of the church with their crayon-coloured icons to have them blessed also. The presentation was part of an early celebration of St. Chad's Feast Day.

**Presentation of the Icon**



Patricia Coffey, the Reverend and St. Louis, Father Ignaceo, Galles, the warden of St. Chad's, and Secretary John Jolly, Teacher

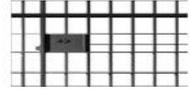
Copies of the **St Chad Network Newsletter - Summer 2024** are available on the table near the South Door.

*(Graham Knox's article on our 830th Anniversary is included!)*

**Contactless Payments for donations are now available**



## A VIEW BEHIND BARS - ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



Rio was tracked down in Delta wing after his escape attempt. It had all come to a sorry end when he was mobbed by a magpie. He was escorted back to the Aspire unit and was permitted to share a cell with Andrew.

I should mention that Rio is a budgie and Andrew is one of several men who have adopted the budgies bred by Frank, and is regularly seen walking around like Long John Silver with Rio apparently glued to his shoulder. Except that afternoon. It livened things up for a while.

Things were livened up in a rather different way a few weeks back when a parcel arrived in the Reception unit. It appeared innocuous until the contents of the 'food cans' were inspected and found to be raw drugs, destined for a particular prisoner, who would, it was thought, water them down, impregnate paper with them and make thousands from selling them to the most vulnerable.

The sophisticated replica packaging, letter purporting to be from another prison and remarkable canning production were, fortunately, still suspicious enough to have everyone stop before it went further. Several hours, fire engines, police disposal experts and ambulances later, the drugs were removed safely but the Reception was closed down for fear of contamination for the next few days.

All in a day's work?

All in a day's work is a bit more stressful and energetic for some than others. In my half hour slot in the staff gym over lunch one day, I couldn't help but smile at Natasha. She is someone who I've hardly heard speak. She 'glides' rather than walks through the prison. I wish I could glide sometimes.

Sporting her designer jogging bottoms and top which looked far too warm for the weather and for exercise, I noticed the logo down her leg reading '*Sweat-sport style*'. As she walked on the treadmill at maybe one mile per hour at a push, I felt that perhaps she was not aptly dressed if she was aiming for either the 'sweat;' or the 'sport'. Perhaps the 'style' was what she was planning to demonstrate. I pedalled on, getting redder and hotter and definitely more sweat than style was emanating from my corner of the room.

Later, I listened to the tale of Sam's work life. He had been a roofer, from a decent family, who didn't earn a lot but taught him good morals. Sam had gone to church with a friend when he was young and ended up being a mentor to a youth group in due course.

Something went wrong with a friend and he drifted away from church. Still, he married (young) and maintained his honest profession. He has two children. They lived well enough.

Then Sam met Callum. And life took a turn downwards. Callum had had enough of mending roofs the honest way and having to get up every morning to get a wage. They would work together, he said. For a while it went well. Then Callum taught Sam how to persuade vulnerable homeowners that they had damage to their roofs. They would go up to take a look, tell them about the large amount of repair work needed, and carry out a quick patch, before presenting a huge bill.

Most of us wouldn't sprint up a ladder to check. So the money just rolled in.

Sam knew it was badly wrong and getting him in deep. He tried to stop but that didn't work. Callum would lose income if he didn't have his accomplice with him. If Sam hadn't charged enough for a job, he would be physically beaten and threatened.

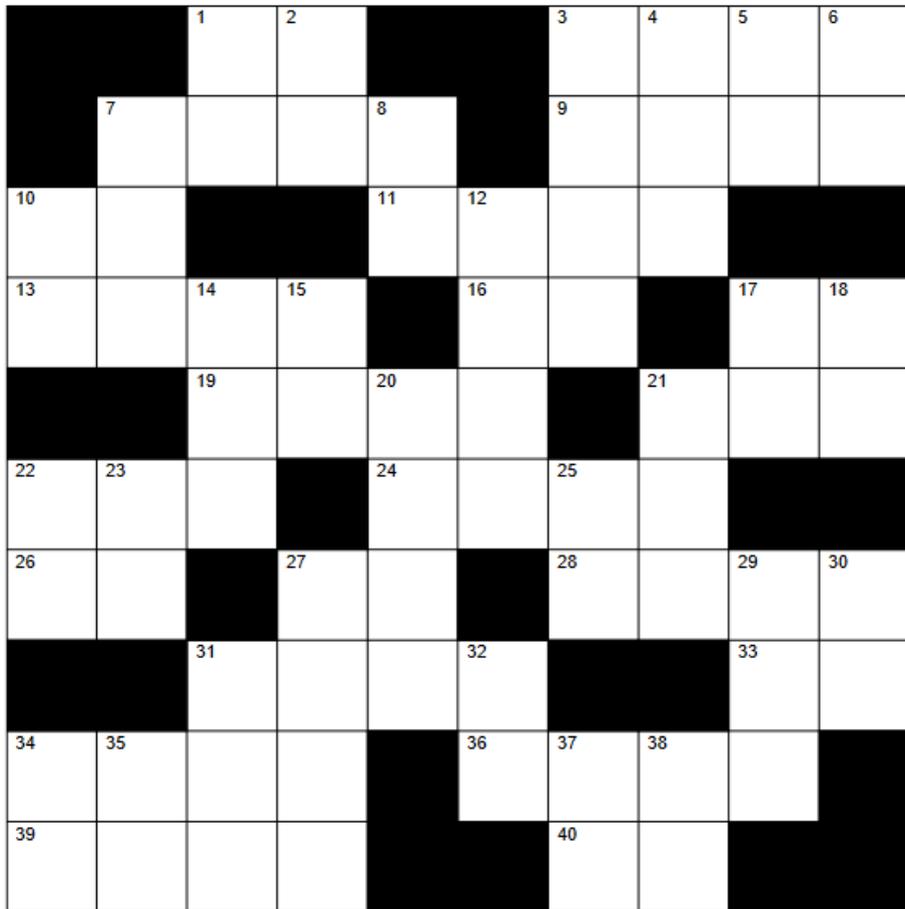
It didn't last. The police caught up with them. The legal representative told Sam that he could 'get him off' with no sentence and perhaps some community work and a fine, given what tip offs they'd been given about Callum. Sam refused. He would be in danger if Callum took the whole brunt of the sentencing. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced.

As he was taken down, Sam said, he cried for 'joy' - yes, really. Taken to a prison cell, he felt free - from the threats, the coercion, the violence, the fear and the wrongdoing. He believes that there will be an exclusion zone around his family and his own home when he is released and that Callum will be in prison for a long time.

Freedom - not always what you imagine it to be.

*Hilary Edgerton, Chaplain  
HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale  
August 2024*

Complete the puzzle using the answers to the questions



### **ACROSS**

1.  $48 - 10$

3.  $5,088 + 645$

7.  $1,412 \times 2$

9.  $5,367 + 2,054$

10.  $6 \times 2$

11.  $2 \times 3,566$

13.  $36,624 \div 8$

16.  $2 \times 31$

17.  $17 \times 2$

19.  $4,682 + 2,541$

21.  $1,331 - 568$

22.  $1,750 \div 7$

24.  $6,389 - 2,802$

26.  $184 - 90$

27.  $4 \times 3$

28.  $5 \times 1,637$

31.  $6,606 + 2,850$

33.  $37 \times 2$

34.  $3,661 - 890$

36.  $5,068 + 1,400$

39.  $3,274 + 1,995$

40. 7 dozen

**DOWN**

1.  $342 \div 9$
2.  $161 - 79$
3.  $3,137 + 2,595$
4.  $328 + 414$
5.  $34 - 2$
6.  $248 \div 8$
7.  $9 \times 25$
8. number of dozens in 564
10.  $8 + 6$
12.  $6,540 \div 4$
14.  $2,310 \div 3$
15.  $99 - 17$
17.  $216 \div 6$
18.  $258 \div 6$
20.  $3,376 - 1,051$
21.  $615 + 156$
22.  $145 \div 5$
23.  $270 \div 5$
25.  $2 \times 44$
27.  $1,078 + 341$
29.  $439 \times 2$
30.  $85 - 31$
31.  $965 + 11$
32.  $126 - 60$
34.  $43 - 18$
35.  $12 \times 6$
37.  $63 - 15$
38.  $38 + 26$

Find the missing link words...

e.g. Solid Garden Cake ROCK

1. Coffee Sprout Baked  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Care Lance Kick  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Oil Beef Branch  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Active Portable Wave  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Fence Leader Signet  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Bread Lemon Cosy  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Centre Telephone Close  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Beech Row Hog  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Insect Walking Drum  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Full Beam Walk  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Answers from the August newsletter...

### \* Fears and Phobias \*

Acrophobia - heights :: Anthrophobia - flowers

Astrophobia - thunder and lightening :: Batrachophobia - frogs

Chronomentrophobia - clocks :: Coulrophobia - clowns

Dendrophobia - trees :: Enochlophobia - crowds :: Genuphobia - knees

Globophobia- balloons :: Heptadecaphobia - number 17

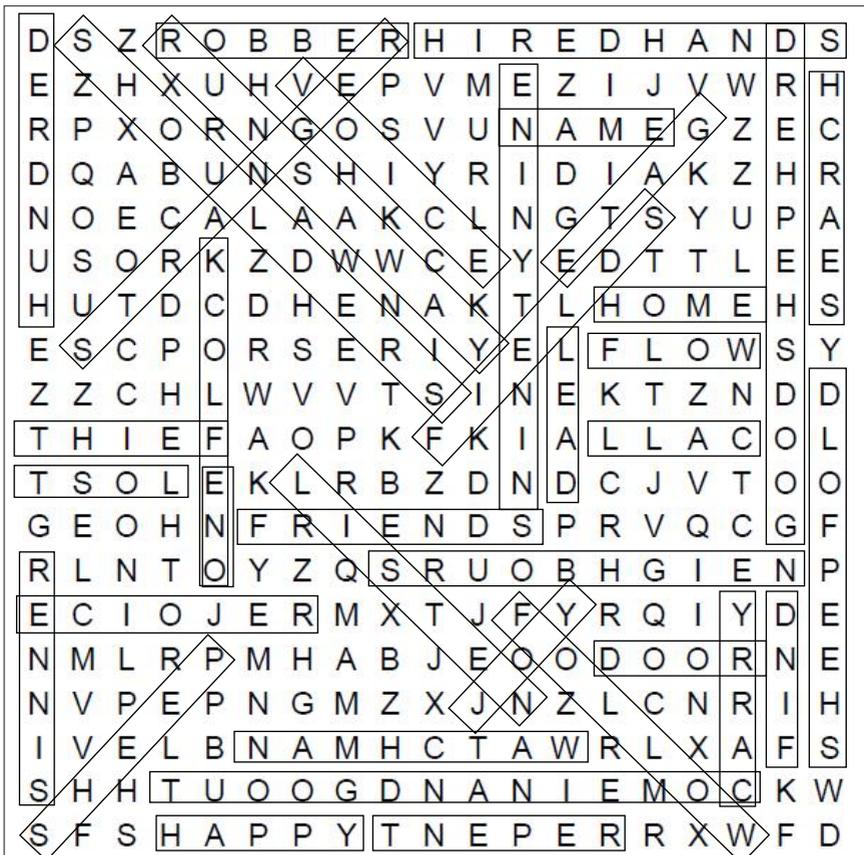
Koumpounophobia - buttons on clothing :: Mageiricophobia - -cooking

Nomophobia - being without your mobile phone :: Pogonophobia - beards

pteromerhanophobia - flying :: veloxrotaphobia - roller coasters

Xanthophobia - the colour yellow :: Zuigerphobia - vacuum cleaners

## WORD SEARCH - THE GOOD SHEPHERD



**URGENT**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT



The 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

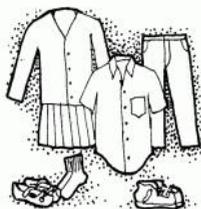
There are also in-store donation points at  
Asda Dane Street, Tesco Silk Street  
and other supermarkets



This link gives up-to-date info on items required:

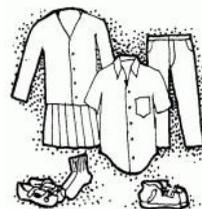
<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

*(currently everything on the Foodbank's shopping list)*



## 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, we now also see it as a way to help recycle and also try and protect the environment from wearable clothing being taken to landfill.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this scheme, there is more information via their Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/Uniform4A/>

We have, and also need, used school uniform items such as blazers, skirts, trousers, shirts, t-shirts, ties, sportswear, coats, shoes and bags. The new school year is here and we are asking if you would please consider donating any good quality, reusable items of school uniform for any school across the borough. The project has already helped many families in the borough and distributed 1,000s of school uniform items to those in need. For more information, including how to volunteer, donate or request school uniform, please visit their Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/Uniform4A](http://www.facebook.com/Uniform4A)

or look on the website: <https://uniformforall.co.uk/>

## **ST CHAD'S**

**Sundays** 11.15 am Choral Eucharist (*Matins on 2nd Sunday of month*)

2.00 - 3.30 pm Asian Fellowship

**Thursdays** 10.00 am Said Eucharist on 2nd Thursday of the month

## **ST MARY IN THE BAUM**

**Sundays** 9.15 am Week 1 - BCP Communion Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5\* CW Communion

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

## **ST LUKE'S DEEPLISH**

**Sundays** 10.00 am Holy Communion, Family Worship or Service of the Word

**Mondays** 10.30 am Bible Study

**Wednesday** 11 am Morning Prayer

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*To book a Wedding or Baptism/Christening at any of our churches  
please come along to church on Sunday morning  
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.*

