

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
ST CHAD, ST MARY IN THE BAUM AND ST EDMUND
ROCHDALE

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(Please take one and pass it on)



Sunday 14 July 2019



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Have you signed up for this?

YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP
#morethanSunday/

If you sign up to **#MoreThanSunday** you will receive a **monthly email** outlining a **theme** and **suggested actions** for that month, along with a **podcast** featuring local people who have particular insight to share. You can join the online community, sharing your journey on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag **#MoreThanSunday** and meeting fellow disciples in the diocese-wide Facebook group.

Use this link to sign up to the email:
www.manchester.anglican.org/more-than-Sunday/

There's also a short film to watch - you may see people and places you recognise!!!

Black and Ethnic Minority
Vocations in the C of E.

Revd Aaron Jackman will be visiting St Chad's on **21 July** at 5 pm.
(Please note change of date.)

PROPOSED PASTORAL SCHEME

Please take a minute to read the notice in church about the **Proposed Pastoral Scheme** to create the Rochdale Central Team.

This will authorise what we are doing already by working with St Ann's Belfield and Christ Church Healey.

Any objections to be made by 30 July.

PETERLOO TOUR

You are invited to take part in a tour of the People's History Museum in Manchester led by Canon Roger Hill on

Friday 19 July at 2pm

It will include the main gallery and the special Peterloo Exhibition.

Cost is £4.50

To register your interest please contact
hillraj@gmail.com

ST SWITHUN'S CHALLENGE

St Chad's is running the St Swithun's Challenge again this year.

It's easy to do ... no marathon running or abseiling required ... just sign up to pledge a donation of between 10p - £1* for each day it rains between St Swithun's Day on 15 July and 23 August.

Tick off the rainy days on your personal St Swithun's Challenge calendar then calculate the amount due and give in your donation before the end of August.



The sign-up sheet is on the table near the main door, along with your personal St Swithun's Challenge Calendar.

Thank you for your support.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

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SUMMER FOOD APPEAL

There will be a collection of food in aid of Rochdale Food Bank at St Chad's on Sundays 21 and 28 July.

ROCHDALE FOOD BANK'S SHOPPING LIST as at 1 JULY 2019



Needed Urgently:

Jam / Honey (jar) ♦ Tinned Fruit ♦ Tinned Fish

In Short Supply:

Tinned Tomatoes ♦ Tinned Spaghetti

Plenty of Stock:

Pasta ♦ Tinned Baked Beans , Meat, Soups & Vegetables ♦ Tea Bags



You'll find a leaflet about the Food Collection on the table near to the main door

PARISH PIXELS

Ecclesiastical Insurance has launched Parish Pixels, a new national photography competition for Anglican Churches in England, Wales and Scotland.

The insurer is calling on budding photographers to capture the essence of their church in a single snapshot.

Churches will need to submit a single photograph together with a one-sentence caption to accompany it.

Put your church in the picture and it could win £5,000

More information can be found on the Ecclesiastical website

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/latest-news/parish-pixels/>



ROCHDALE LITERATURE & IDEAS FESTIVAL 2019

19 October will be a busy day here at St Chad's as we host a fringe event in the morning and then a festival event in the evening.

The morning sees *Canon Rachel Mann*, a parish priest, writer and poet, deliver a workshop event, **'Writing the Divine'**.

In this workshop, Rachel will explore the ways in which Christian writers and poets can write about God and the Divine in a sceptical literary culture.

This session will include an opportunity to try some writing exercises and reflect on our writing techniques. No previous experience is expected or required.

She is the author of seven books with her book about the Great War, *'Fierce Imaginings'* being shortlisted for the Michael Ramsey Prize.

Her poetry collection, *'A Kingdom of Love'* (Carcanet) is due to be published in September 2019. She is former poet-in-residence at Manchester Cathedral and currently Visiting Teaching Fellow in English and Creative Writing at The Manchester Writing School, Manchester Met University.

Later that day, there will be a Festival event at St Chad's with *Rev Kate Bottley*, 'the vicar off Gogglebox', doing a talk and Q&A starting at 6.30 pm.

Further details to follow when available.

REAL PEOPLE, HONEST TALK

Bringing people together to talk about the tough issues around how we live together well. Come and join us for food and chat. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Rochdale Women's Only Event

Mon 15 July 12.30 - 15.30 pm at Rochdale Connections Trust, 60 Drake St, OL16 1PA

Kirkholt

Weds 17 and 24 July from 10 am - 1 pm at Community Hall, 1st Floor, The Strand, Kirkholt, Rochdale, OL11 2JG



For further information, and also to register, contact:

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A graphic for 'FOUNDATIONS for MINISTRY'. It features a red banner with the word 'FOUNDATIONS' in white, and a blue banner below it with a logo of three stylized figures and the text 'for MINISTRY'. Below this is a grid of eight small portrait photographs of diverse individuals. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocese of Manchester' and 'CHURCH FOR A GLOBALLY CONNECTED WORLD'. At the bottom center, a teal diamond shape contains the text 'Explore your gifts, vocation & calling'.

More Info soon about this,
starts in September.
Watch this space!!!

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CHURCHWATCH

(open for prayer and heritage, or to enjoy a quiet space) is at St Chad's on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week from 2 - 4 pm until 12 September



ST SWITHUN

St Swithun, also spelt Swithin, *Old English: Swīþhūn*, was born c800 in Winchester, capital of the kingdom of Wessex, in the reign of Egbert of Wessex. There is little known for definite about his early life but he is thought to have been of noble parentage.

He was educated at the old monastery in Winchester, ordained priest by Helinstan or Helmstan, bishop of Winchester (c838-852) and was a pious man known for his humility, building churches and charitable giving.

It is said he was spiritual adviser to the King of Wessex, Æthelwulf, and became tutor and mentor to the king's son Alfred, who later became 'Alfred the Great' and ruler of Wessex. Swithun must have tutored Alfred well as he is the only English monarch to have 'the Great' as part his title

Æthelwulf donated a good portion of his royal land to Swithun, enabling him to build many churches and restore others.

Swithun was later elected to the Bishopric of Winchester on 30 Oct 852, consecrated by Ceolnoth, Archbishop of Canterbury.

NOWRUS / NEW DAY EXHIBITION at TOUCHSTONES

This exhibition is now open in *Gallery Four* at *Touchstones*

Tuesday - Saturday ♦ 10 am - 5 pm ♦ 13 July - 21 September

Supported by the Art Fund, an important collection of contemporary photography focusing on the Middle East has been assembled since 2009 by the British Museum and the V&A - known as the Art Fund Collection of Middle Eastern Photography.

In 2016 Touchstones were approached with a view to curating an exhibition drawing from this collection.

As you may know, the Borough of Rochdale has become home to people from Middle Eastern countries who are seeking refuge and with this in mind 'Global Conversations', a group of refugees meeting each week at St Chad's Church, were invited to become co-curators of this exhibition.

This unique collaboration has resulted in the ***Nowrus/New Day*** exhibition, which also poses some critical questions about the collection for us to consider and also how the media currently presents the Middle East.

Well done to Ali Reza, Farzaneh, Dina, Abdullah and everyone who has contributed their time and energies to help create this exhibition.



He died on 2 July 862 (863?), and the story is that whilst he lay dying Swithun insisted on being buried outside the north wall of the cathedral, so people could pass over his grave and that raindrops from the eaves were able to fall upon it. These wishes were respected and he rested here for over 100 years.

By 971 the monastic reform movement had become established with secular clergy being expelled from monasteries and cathedrals to be replaced by monks, and so on 15 July of that year Bishop Swithun's remains were moved from his simple grave, placed into a precious reliquary donated by King Edgar* (the Peaceful) and then interred with great ceremony in a shrine commissioned by Bishop Æthelwold of Winchester at the new Cathedral, now the largest church in Europe at that time. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, decreed Swithun to be its patron saint.

(*King Edgar's coronation was organised by Dunstan and took place 973 in Bath, and forms the basis for the current coronation ceremony.)

As was religious practise of the day, Swithun's head was later detached and taken to Canterbury Cathedral, with other parts of his body sent to smaller shrines; an arm was sent to the abbey at Peterborough.

In 1093 his main shrine was moved to its new position behind the high altar in Bishop Walkelin's new Norman Cathedral and remained there until 1450. The shrine was popular with pilgrims as Swithun's bones were considered to have healing powers. An even larger shrine was inaugurated in 1476, and grateful pilgrims decorated the shrine with gifts of gold, silver and many jewels.

The shrine was destroyed in 1538 during the English Reformation when control of the Catholic Church in England was seized by King Henry VIII who had declared himself to be the head of the Church of England. The relics became scattered but a memorial to the shrine remains in the Cathedral to this day.

According to legend, forty days of terrible weather followed the move in 15 July 971, suggesting perhaps that St Swithun was none too happy with his relocation! Since then, it has been said that the weather on 15 July supposedly determines the weather for the next forty days, as noted in the popular Elizabethan verse:

*“St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days will rain na mair”*

There are similar weather-based 'rules' in other western Europe countries, with 'Weather Saints' credited with influencing the weather.

In France, there is St Medard of Noyon, 8 June (for people who work in the fields, for good harvests), and folklore states *“Quand il pleut a la Saint Gervais Il pleut*

quarante jours apres" - rain on St Gervais' and St Protais day, 19 July, will bring rain for the next forty days. The Flemish celebrate St Godelieve's Day on 6 July and in Germany farmers, harvesters, haymakers, venerated St Gervasius (St Gervase) "*Wenn's regnet auf Gervasius / es vierzig Tage regnen muss*" - "*When it rains on St Gervasius' Day / forty days of rain will follow*". Also in Germany, 27 June, Seven Sleepers' Day (*Siebenschläfertag*).

Whatever you choose to believe, it can make for an interesting conversation when weather is mentioned.

Interestingly, St Swithun is one of the saints traditionally prayed to for rain in times of drought!

Swithun was canonised by popular request after miraculous cures had been reported. The known miracle during his lifetime relates to a basket of eggs being dropped by a flustered lady of his parish. There are different reports as to how the basket came to be dropped - on unexpectedly encountering the Bishop, or while being harassed by workmen. Whichever it was, the eggs were miraculously made whole again when Swithun picked them up and gave them back to the lady.

Other miracles were credited to Swithun posthumously by contemporary writers and his enduring legend is due to events after his death on 2 July 862.

One posthumous miracle concerns Queen Ælfgifa, or Emma as she is known, mother of King Edward (the Confessor). Things had not gone well for her (more about this another time perhaps), and then she had been accused of unchastity with Bishop Aelfwine (Alwyn) of Winchester. Proving innocence required her to undergo the ordeal of walking over nine red-hot ploughshares that had been placed on the pavement of the Cathedral nave. A great crowd had gathered to see this including her son Edward and all the nobles of the Kingdom. After a short prayer the Queen's shoes and stockings were removed then she was led to the ordeal with a bishop on either side holding her hands. The crowd cried out for St Swithun to help her, and the Queen prayed "St Swithun, rescue me from the fire that is prepared for me." Miraculously, guided by the Bishops, she walked over the red-hot ploughshares and did not feel the metal or the fire, emerging from the ordeal unharmed and proclaimed innocent, with the miracle worked by St Swithun also given credit. (A variation is that St Swithun appeared to her the evening prior to the ordeal and told her "I am St Swithun whom you have invoked; fear not, the fire shall do you no hurt.")

St Swithun is honoured as far afield as Norway, commemorated at Stavanger Cathedral and also named in his memory is St Swithun's Lane in London and St. Swithun's quadrangle at Magdalen College, Oxford University.

Linda G.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Chad's

Every Thursday - Place of Welcome

10.30 am to 12 noon

Black and Ethnic Minority Vocations in the C of E.

We look forward to Revd Aaron
Jackman's visit to St Chad's
on **21 July** at 5 pm.

27 July

Asian Fellowship 2nd Annual Convention

Heritage Open Days

13 - 15 September

29 Sept Harvest Festival

St Chad's PCC

7.30 pm at the Vicarage on
15 July, 23 Sept and 11 Nov

St Mary's in the Baum

Red Cross Hub:

10 am - 4 pm each Monday

Caring and Sharing Drop-in:

Tues 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (approx)

Heritage Open Days

13 - 15 September

St Mary's PCC:

22 July 7.30 pm

23 Sept and 11 Nov 2 pm

St Mary's Gate/Toad Lane, Rochdale
OL16 1DZ

PLEASE PRAY

Forthcoming Baptisms

Please pray for those to be baptised.

At St Mary's

14 July 9.30 am

Arien (Mersad and Samira's son)

At St Chad's

4 August

Oscar and Thea

29 September

Amelia and Oliver McDermott

Weddings

Please pray for those to be married.

11 August

Victoria and husband (renewal of vows)

16 August

Daniel and Marnie

21 September

Sanjay and Jayde



MUSIC AND CHORAL EVENTS AT ST CHAD'S

Evensong 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm (approx)

A beautiful service according to the Book of Common Prayer
with the St Chad's Choir and friends.

Come and join us on Sundays 28 July, 18 Aug, 22 Sept and 27 Oct

Sun 14 July at 5 pm

Margarita Capas Piano School Annual Concert

The concert will be finishing at 6 pm

SUMMER CELEBRITY CONCERT

3 August 2019 at 3 pm

Celebrity Piano Duet Concert given by **Scott Brothers Duo** (Jonathan & Tom Scott)

We're told it will be "a popular concert, with something for everyone"

Tickets are £10 (including light refreshments) and available on the door
or in advance via 01706 639162 / j.midgley448@btinternet.com

AUTUMN 2019 CONCERTS

Saturday Lunchtime Concert – Chopin Songs & Piano Works

05 October 2019 at 12 noon

A special lunchtime concert devoted to vocal and keyboard music by Frédéric Chopin
given by **Izabella Goldstein** (Soprano) and **Julia Laskowska** (Pianoforte)
from the University of Manchester / Academy of Music of Lodz, Poland.

Refreshments available from 11.15 am :: Admission payable on the door - £5.50

SINGING DAY – Come and Sing Mendelssohn's ELIJAH – part 1

02 November 2019 - 10 am to 4.30 pm

Philip O'Connor – Conductor/Tenor (Manchester Cathedral / RNCM)

Callum Speed – Baritone (Goldsmith's - London)

Philip Lowe - Organ (Rochdale P.C.)

The return of our popular singing day event:

Come and take part in a performance of part 1 of Mendelssohn's masterpiece
and enjoy listening to two 'up and coming' professional soloists.

Participants pay £12

The day concludes with Public performance at 3.30 pm :: Admission on the door £5

MUSIC AND CHORAL EVENTS AT ST CHAD'S

CELEBRITY LUNCHTIME CONCERT – *Lowry Brass Quintet (RNCM)*

23 November 2019 –at 1 pm

The return of the popular award-winning brass ensemble who will perform a full programme. Admission including refreshments £10

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S IN THE BAUM

Every Wednesday 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Admission £5

Refreshments available from 11.30 am

- July 17 **Anne Butterworth** soprano **Peter Walker** baritone **Edward Rigg** piano
- July 24 **More than Melody Ladies Choir** MD Jonathan Gibson
- July 31 **Chris Wilkinson** voice, clarinet, trumpet & piano accordion
- Aug 07 **Kay Jordan** soprano & **Friends** with **Tim Walker** piano
- Aug 14 **Elinor Nicholson** harp & clarsach (Celtic folk harp) (RNCM)
- Aug 21 to be confirmed
- Aug 28 **Toad Lane Concert Party:** Isabella Despositos, Adam & Joel Thetford, Rachael Brooks, Chris Wilkinson
- Sep 04 **Maria King** - Concert pianist extraordinaire

St Mary's Gate/Toad Lane, Rochdale OL16 1DZ

Following our 900th concert in March 2019, it was felt that to help us reach our next 900th we needed to raise our entry fee.

Having resisted this for several years we hope it is not too discouraging: from £4 to £5.

This still represents fantastic value for what is on offer.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

St Chad's

Sundays at 11 am

Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Matins at 11 am on 2nd Sunday of month

4 pm Asian Christian Fellowship

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

28 July, 18 Aug, 22 Sept, 27 Oct 2019

St Mary's in the Baum

Sundays at 9.30 am

Sung Eucharist

(BCP/Common Worship Order Two)

Wednesday at 10 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

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Churchwardens:

St Chad's - Paul Bollington 07566 983798

St Mary's - positions vacant

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MEET THE CLERGY - BOOK CHRISTENINGS AND WEDDINGS

Our office hour for the Churches of St Chad, St Mary in the Baum, St Ann Belfield and Christ Church Healey is held on Wednesdays from 6 - 7 pm (except for the weeks after Christmas and Easter) in the vestry of St Mary's in the Baum, St Mary's Gate/Toad Lane, Rochdale OL16 1DZ.

PLEASE PHONE US FIRST to check we'll be there.

Sometimes we meet in the Baum pub.