

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 18 August 2019



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REST IN PEACE

The funeral of Audrey Kay,
late of Braeside Nursing Home,
will be held at St Mary in the Baum
on 21 August at 1.45 pm

Evensong at St Chad's

Come and join us for this beautiful service according to
the Book of Common Prayer with the St Chad's Choir and friends

Sunday 18 August 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm (approx)

YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP #morethanSunday/

THE THEME FOR AUGUST IS WORSHIP

Sign up to **#MoreThanSunday** to 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!!!

CHURCH WATCH

(open for prayer and heritage,
or to enjoy a quiet space)

at St Chad's

on Wednesdays and Thursdays
each week from 2 - 4 pm
until 12 September



Our newsletters are now available to view online at
<http://rochdaleparishchurches.org.uk/news/>

SUMMER FOOD APPEAL - UPDATE

There have been additional items donated to St Chad's recent food appeal in support of Rochdale Foodbank.

The updated totals are now **85 items**, weight **39.35 kg**

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal.

The ST SWITHUN'S CHALLENGE

ends on 23 August but *there's still time to sign up for this* if you haven't already done so.

Just add your name to the list that's on the table near the main door.

Thank you for your support.



ST CHAD'S ALTAR GUILD

invite you to their
**HERITAGE WEEK-END
AFTERNOON TEA**
on Saturday 14 September

2.30 - 4.30 pm

Tickets £5

available from Lyn Taylor



THE RENOVATION OF ST CHAD'S BELLS

There will be a meeting of the planning group at St Chad's on **Monday 2 September at 7.30 pm**, open to everyone who is interested.



DEANERY RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS

The Archdeacon has asked for parish representatives to attend the special Archdeaconry consultation on **Thursday 12 September at 7.30 pm**.

Please let Rev Mark know if you would like to be there.

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/documents/fit-mission-briefing-document-july-2019/>

PLACE OF WELCOME

There will be a meeting at St Chad's on **Friday 13 September at 11 am** to discuss the future development of Thursday mornings at St. Chad's, incorporating the church cafe, the 'Place of Welcome' and 'Global Conversation'.

Please do come along if you're interested in mission alongside asylum seekers and refugees.

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' (Carcenet) 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.

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/>



PETERLOO REMEMBERED

On Friday 16 August there was a short service of commemoration and thanksgiving outside St Chad's, in the old church grave yard where so many of Rochdale's sons and daughters have been laid to rest, to remember those killed and injured at Peterloo.

200 years earlier, on 16 August 1819, there was a gathering of 60,000 people, men, women and children, at St Peter's Field in Manchester, to bring attention to their request for a fairer political system and the right to vote to Parliament.

In 1819 just 2% of the UK population had the right to vote. Wages had halved since the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 and many could not afford basic foods such as bread, made worse by The Corn Laws of 1815 keeping the price of grain artificially high. People wanted a voice, and there were increasing demands for political representation.

Some of the protesters had walked almost 30 miles to hear Henry Hunt, a radical orator, speak that day on the need for reform. They were wearing their Sunday best, many of them were literate and articulate, they had previously struck for better wages, had petitioned the king for food, and now they also wanted political change.

There had been other protests, and 2 years previously 35,000 men and women had marched through Rochdale to attend a political reform meeting on Cronkeyshaw Common, with Samuel Bamford being amongst the crowd.

They wanted the parliamentary system to be reformed and for Manchester to get representation for the first time. They also wanted working men to have the vote, not just those with property and wealth.

Female reform societies, asking for votes for women, had also been started up in the north-west. Cartoonists had ridiculed them, saying that they had no place in politics. So the women dressed in white, symbolising their purity of character and motive, which led to them being singled out for attack by the cavalry - if they wanted equal rights then they would have to face the same treatment.



Intended as a peaceful protest, the events of the day would be remembered for the tragedy that ensued.

Rev William Hay was a Church of England clergyman, and chairman of the Salford Quarter Sessions. He was one of ten magistrates on duty at St Peter's Field on that day, agreeing with William Hulton and the other magistrates that Henry Hunt, John Knight, Joseph Johnson and Joseph Moorhouse should be arrested.

The Manchester and Salford Yeomanry were a force of volunteer soldiers, mostly local businessmen, hostile to reformers, working for the local government leaders and their captain was Hugh Hornby Birley, a Manchester mill owner.

Fearing the crowd had revolutionary intent, the order for the Yeomanry to charge into the crowd was given by Birley, to arrest Hunt and other speakers on the platform.

Hunt had been invited to speak at the meeting by the Patriotic Union Society that had been formed by the Manchester Observer. To the establishment, Hunt believed in some very dangerous things: equal rights, universal suffrage, parliamentary reform and an end to child labour, all things that would threaten the profits of business.

During the Yeomanry's charge, a woman was knocked down on Cooper Street and two-year old William Fildes is knocked out of his mother's arms and killed, becoming the first fatality of the day's events.

Panic ensued ... then Hulton, chairman of the Cheshire Magistrates, called upon the 15th Hussars with orders to disperse the crowd ... they charged, sabres drawn.

The crowd was unarmed and peace became terror as protestors were trampled and crushed, resulting in 18 people being killed and around 650 injured. (Some of the injured died later but were not included in the number of fatalities.)

It was a frontpage headline in the Manchester Observer that referred to the event as "the Peterloo Massacre" - the name Peterloo being taken from St *Peter's* Field and the recent Battle of *Waterloo* in 1815.



The list of those injured on 16 August 1819 includes 2 people with Rochdale addresses: Abel Ashworth of Church Stile aged 37 and William Kershaw of Lower Place aged 70.

However, our common humanity moves us to remember all those who were killed or injured.

While we know of Abel and William who were injured and later buried in St Chad's graveyard, we should also remember all others from the communities that are now part of the Rochdale Metropolitan Borough, and from the other parts of the region.

Abel Ashworth was the son of John Ashworth and his wife Mary of Sheffield, baptised at St Chad's in 1779 by Thos. Bellas, curate. Abel married Betty Hartley at St Chad's on 21 July 1801 and would have been aged about 40 years on 16 August 1819.

William Kershaw was the son of William Kershaw and Susan, baptised on 8 April 1749. His address is given as Lower Place, age as 70, at the time of the Peterloo massacre. Surviving 10 years after the events of August 1819, William was buried at St Chad's on 1 August 1829.

The location of their graves in the churchyard remains uncertain as many of the grave stones have been moved over time.

Rev William Hay (1791-1839) was rector of Ackworth, near Pontefract, and already known for his firm actions during the 1812-3 Luddite riots in Lancashire.

After Peterloo, he was tasked with writing a report for the government about the event, and it could be said that this report was "economical with the truth".

A few days later he travelled to London to give a first-hand account to the Home Secretary, Lord Sidmouth.

The Government appointed Hay as Vicar of Rochdale in January 1820, one of the richest livings in England with a stipend of £1,830 and equal to more than £180k per annum today. He remained Vicar until 1839, living in Ackworth and rarely visiting here.

Samuel Bamford, a weaver from Middleton and a leading Manchester radical who was arrested and imprisoned in Lincoln Castle Jail after Peterloo is also known for his writing, including a poem about Rev Hay - "*Lines to a Plotting Parson*".

At Henry Hunt's trial, Rev Hay gave evidence that the Riot Act had been read by one of the magistrates, Rev Charles Ethelston, from a Mr Buxton's house in Mount Street, but there were no independent witnesses to confirm this. Hunt was convicted and imprisoned for 2½ years in Ilchester Goal.

The 1715 Riot Act had been passed in an attempt to give civil authorities more power when there was threat of riotous behaviour, making it a serious crime for those in a crowd of 12 or more who refused to disperse when ordered to do so by a magistrate.

There was always the possibility that a magistrate would not be heard in a serious disturbance, especially if they had a quiet voice or made no real attempt to be heard, and most of those convicted after Peterloo said they had *not* heard the Riot Act being read despite Hay's claims that Mr Ethelston's voice had never been so powerful.

The events at Peterloo also led to John Edward Taylor, a 28-year-old Manchester businessman and witness to the massacre, starting his own newspaper in 1821, the Manchester Guardian (later to become The Guardian), to campaign for reform.

UK politics did begin to change in the years that followed Peterloo, although it took another 13 years before Manchester had its own Member of Parliament following the Parliamentary Reform Act of 1832. The franchise was extended but on the basis of wealth, to £10 householders in the boroughs and £50 tenants in the counties. The population of Rochdale was 28,000 at that time with just 687 were entitled to vote.

Successive Reform Acts and Representation of the People Acts gradually extended the franchise to include more people, the most recent being the Representation of the People Act of 1969 with the right to vote being extended to include people aged 18 and over, effective in 1970.

Another important reform after Peterloo was the 1872 Secret Ballot Act, allowing for secrecy when voting, with voters putting an 'X' against the chosen name on the ballot paper and then putting this into a sealed box. Previously, those able to vote could be asked to cast their vote in public with employers and landlords overseeing this, giving ample opportunity to "influence" their decision.

The first sealed ballot box was used in 1872 at the by-election in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, and the ballot boxes used at elections today are still sealed so that voting papers cannot be tampered with.

It can be said that we ourselves are not personally responsible for the attitudes that made it natural for the magistrates to give the order, but there are lessons to be learnt from the past to enable us to care for all humankind, made in the image of God, and of all creation which sustains all life.

The idea of human rights has deep roots in the Christian tradition - the writings gathered in the Bible often cry out for justice for the poor and speak of a God who cares for those who suffer exploitation, yet all too often those who have sufficient influence to bring about positive change have been silent.

We should not neglect those who need our help, and who seek to be heard today.

The events at St Peter's Field on 16 August 1819 paved the way for political and social reforms, and we should always continue to remember and give thanks for those who bravely spoke out in their efforts to make for a fairer society and learn what we can do in order to avoid repeating injustices.

Linda G (using research by Donald Fletcher, Rev Mark Coleman's words from Friday, and lots of internet trawling).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST CHAD'S

Every Thursday - Place of Welcome is closed during August, re-start date tbc.

Mon 2 Sept 7.30 pm Bells Restoration Planning Meeting

Thur 12 Sept 7.30 pm Archdeaconry Consultation

Fri 13 Sept 11 am Place of Welcome Discussion Meeting

Fri 13 - Sun 15 Sept Heritage Week-end

Sat 14 Sept St Chad's Altar Guild Heritage Week-end Afternoon Tea 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Mon 23 Sept St Chad's PCC 7.30 pm at the Vicarage

Sun 29 Sept Harvest Festival

Sat 19 Oct Rochdale Literature and Ideas Festival

am Canon Rachel Mann 'Writing the Divine' Creative Writing Workshop

6.30 pm Rev Kate Bottley 'the vicar off Gogglebox' - Talk with Q&A time

11 Nov St Chad's PCC 7.30 pm at the Vicarage

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20 Jan St Chad's PCC 7.30 pm at the Vicarage

17 Feb St Chad's PCC 7.30 pm at the Vicarage

15 Mar St Chad's PCC APCM after the morning service

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 Fri 13 - Sun 15 Sept

St Mary's PCC: Mon 23 Sept and Mon 11 Nov 2 pm

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17 Feb St Mary's PCC 2 pm

29 Mar St Mary's PCC APCM after the morning service

PLEASE PRAY

Forthcoming Baptisms at St Chad's

Please pray for those to be baptised

29 Sept Amelia and Oliver McDermott

Weddings at St Chad's

Please pray for those to be married

21 Sept 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 18 Aug, 22 Sept and 27 Oct

AUTUMN 2019 EVENTS

Saturday Lunchtime Concert – Chopin Songs & Piano Works

5 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 £5.50 payable on the door

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

2 November 2019 - 10 am to 4.30 pm

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

Callum Speed – Baritone (Goldsmith's - London)

Alicia Cadwgan - Soprano (RNCM)

Kate Aitchison - Mezzo Soprano (RNCM)

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 four 'up and coming' professional soloists.

Participant fee £12

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

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

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

LATE SUMMER and AUTUMN 2019 PROGRAMME

- Aug 21 **'Voci Voices'**
Elizabeth Ambrose soprano, **Isobel Jenkins** mezzo, **Eric Cymbir** tenor,
Simon Horsfield baritone and **Jonathan Ellis** piano – a very experienced
and talented group of soloists from Manchester City Opera.
- Aug 28 **Toad Lane Concert Party:** featuring young local talent such as
Year 9 treble **Adam Thetford**, Year 9 soprano **Rachael Brooks**
and Birmingham University student **Joel Thetford** baritone.
- Sep 04 **Maria King** - Concert pianist extraordinaire ex-RNCM
- Sep 11 **David Butterworth** piano, **Rachael Gibbon** clarinet,
Richard Webster violin and **Will Mace** cello
- Sep 18 **Eccles Community Choir MD Angela Rowley**
- Sep 25 **Duncan Reid** violin, **Jonathan Ellis** piano ex-RNCM & Manchester University
- Oct 02 **Matt and Jason Lam** Piano Duo RNCM
- Oct 09 **Telemann Baroque Ensemble**
Alistair Roberts flute, **Alfred Pollard** oboe, **Elaine Turnock** violin,
Roger Bisby cello, **Peter Collier** harpsichord
- Oct 16 **Oldham Community Choir MD Jonathan Gibson** piano **Edward Rigg**
- Oct 23 **Dr Olga Paliy** - Concert Pianist ex-RNCM
- Oct 30 **Duettists Margaret Ferguson** soprano and **Eric Cymbir** tenor
with **Jonathan Ellis** piano
- Nov 06 **Angela Rowley** soprano, **Ann Durnford** flute (RAM)
and **Tim Kennedy** piano (Cambridge and RNCM staff)
- Nov 13 **The Telemann Baroque Ensemble**
Alistair Roberts flute, **Alfred Pollard** oboe, **Elaine Turnock** violin,
Roger Bisby cello, **Peter Collier** harpsichord

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)

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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To book a Wedding or Christening at St Chad's or St Mary's
please come to church on a Sunday to make a booking
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.