

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 6 October 2019



on Sunday 6 October 2019

EVENSONG

at St Chad's on Sunday 27 October

Come and join us
for this beautiful service
according to the Book of Common Prayer
with the St Chad's Choir and friends
from 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm (approx)

YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP #morethanSunday/

The theme for October is FORGIVENESS

More info on page 4

PARISH SHARE - INCOME SURVEY 2019

Today, regular members of the congregation are asked to complete the diocese's Annual Income Survey. The survey is needed for the calculation of parish share, which is the amount of money requested from us by the diocese each year to contribute to the costs of - amongst other things - clergy stipends, housing and training.

To calculate the level of parish share we are asked for, the Diocese needs to take account of worshippers' income by asking you to complete a confidential and anonymous form that will be available at today's service.

Only complete this form if you are 16 or over, and have attended this church at least twelve times in the past twelve months.

The forms are individual - so, for example, a husband and wife should each complete their own form.

It is also important that everyone who is eligible completes the form, even (indeed, especially) if you have no, or little, personal income.

If you attend worship at more than one church, please complete the form only at your 'home' church.

Once you have ticked the relevant box, fold the form over and place it in the sealed box at the back of church before you leave today.

Thank you for your help!

FOOD COLLECTION

181 items were donated, weight **112 kg**, at the FOOD COLLECTION in support of ROCHDALE FOODBANK during St Chad's HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE last week. Thank you - every item is appreciated.

ST SWITHUN'S CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who supported this challenge, which has raised £500.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gift of the gab? Good with a teapot? Volunteers needed to help serve refreshments and/or help with simple conversational English for the newly arrived at our friendly chatty church cafe (aka the Place of Welcome) each Thursday from 10.30 am to 12 noon. More information from the Vicar.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Vicar is setting up a worship leadership team to inform, shape and involve others in the worship at St Chad's. More information from Jill Midgley.

ST CHAD'S ROOF

Work to repair the damage caused by vandalism has been carried out this week.

VERGER

The Vicar is inviting anyone interested in the position of Verger at St Chad's to have a word with him. It's a rewarding job, not demanding, and modest remuneration is offered for Weddings and Funerals.

More info at <https://cofegv.org.uk/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL at ST MARY IN THE BAUM

This will be held on Sunday 13th October.



ROCHDALE WRITERS FESTIVAL

An event at St Mary's, in the evening on Sunday 20 October - more info to follow. Keep the date free if you are of a literary leaning.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

There will be a *Free Cultural Celebration* at St Chad's on 31 October starting at 11.00 am, with a tasty selection of snacks afterwards. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write these on the form provided on the table near the main door.

YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP #morethanSunday/

A Year of Discipleship: encouraging us all to live out our faith every day of the week - not just on Sundays!

The theme for October is FORGIVENESS

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!!!

The themes for each month are:

July - Doubt ▫ **August - Worship** ▫ **September - Creation**
October - Forgiveness ▫ **November - Friendship** ▫ **December - Waiting**
January - Justice ▫ **February - Generations** ▫ **March - Generosity**
April - Witness ▫ **May - Community** ▫ **June - Invitation**

Theme 4: FORGIVENESS

This is the fourth of the monthly instalments of **#MoreThanSunday**,

and has been written by *Canon Rachel Mann* who will be at St Chad's on Saturday 19 October (morning) for her 'Writing the Divine' Creative Writing Workshop as part of the Rochdale Literature and Ideas Festival.



Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. *St Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:13*

REFLECTION I wonder if you've ever been hurt by another person. I suspect you have. Indeed, I'd be amazed if you haven't. We are, after all, mere flesh and blood. Much as some people might love 'Superheroes', to live well in this world requires a kind of radical vulnerability. Because we are flesh and bone, we are so readily hurt and wounded. While some of us might struggle with vulnerability, perhaps even seek to avoid it, it is part of the character of a life fully lived. It is out of vulnerability that so many wonderful things are revealed: compassion, community, love.

This vulnerability matters when we come to talk about the question of forgiveness. Forgiveness and reconciliation draw us very close to heart of the Christian faith. Indeed, such has been the focus on forgiveness as a key Christian virtue, that Christianity gets parodied as a religion for 'pushovers' and the naïve. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says that church members should forgive each other "seventy times seven times" (18:22). This number arguably represents no limit to forgiveness. This can be sent-up as suggesting that Christians are irresponsible when it comes to forgiving people. The parody runs thus: should someone hurt another or damage the community or wider society, a 'good' Christian must just say, 'Oh well, I forgive you. Let's start over', even when the hurt is catastrophic, demeaning and vile.

Being a Christian and being called to forgiveness is not about being a pushover and it is not about giving an easy 'bye' to those who exploit our vulnerability. There are situations which are toxic and there are people who are toxic for us. God is not calling any of us to be exploited by them; He does not say to us, 'Because you're Christian you have to forgive whatever is done to you without reference to consequences or the wider situation.' The most commonly used Greek word translated as "forgive" in the New Testament, *aphiēmi*, carries a wide range of meanings, including to remit (a debt), to leave (something or someone) alone, to allow (an action), to leave, to send away, to desert or abandon, and even to divorce. This is the word used specifically in *The Lord's Prayer*.

There is another word used for forgiveness: *charizomai*. This is the word used in the Colossians passage above. It has implications of bearing with one another – of lavishing grace. This is challenging to say the least. We are all vulnerable human beings who can be so readily damaged and broken, used and abused by others, and this passage invites

us to operate out of an abundance of grace and love. I don't need to point out that there are many times, especially when we've been hurt, when we can feel very far from 'abundant grace'. Indeed, I have known what it is to be hurt profoundly and there have been very real situations where I've struggled to find lavish grace to meet the wounds inflicted on me or on the communities I've served.

However, the challenge remains: 'Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.'

In the midst of the challenge, I want to issue a warning or reminder: I would not dare say to anyone who has been hurt profoundly that they must forgive the perpetrator right here, right now. Because we are creatures limited in time and space we have to work through our hurts across time and space. Sometimes, the deep and honest repentance of those who have hurt us needs to happen, as well as be received and be heard. Equally, it may be that the pain which has been inflicted is so profound that works of community healing are required. St Paul's letter is addressed to a community called to be the Body of Christ. Sometimes that community, that body, is so wounded, that works of restitution may be required before St Paul's words can be heeded.

Nonetheless, the challenge remains: 'Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.'

Within the community of God we are called to be a community of forgiveness. Our bearing with each other is an embodied matter. We are called to be the Body of Christ. When one part of the body is wounded, the whole body is; in the issuing forth of forgiving grace the body begins to heal. This work of healing may not take away the scarring, but the wounds can be transformed.

Indeed, on Easter Day, in the Garden of Resurrection, we see transformation revealed in Jesus Christ's crucified and risen body. For on Christ's body the wounds of crucifixion remain, but mysteriously they become a place for healing and forgiveness. The Jesus who greets us in the Easter Garden does not meet us as one seeking revenge on those who crucified him, but as one inviting us to reconciliation and new life.

What would it be like for any of us to act like Jesus? It is so easy to want revenge for the hurts inflicted on us. I sense God's justice requires something more: an issuing forth of abundant grace, that comes ultimately from the wellsprings of God. What might be like for us to live on such grace, not wanting revenge for our hurts and wrongs, but discovering the promise of new life?

Canon Rachel Mann

EXTINCTION REBELLION

Established in the UK in 2018, with about one hundred academics signing a letter calling for action to show support in October 2018, Extinction Rebellion was launched by Roger Hallam, Gail Bradbrook and Simon Bradwell together with other activists from the campaign group Rising Up! The aim was to seek to force more action against climate change to be taken by the government and, with belief that demonstrations and marches are by themselves ineffective, “mass arrests” have been made a key part of their strategy – to allow themselves to be arrested in large number to bring more attention to the campaign. A year later and Extinction Rebellion now includes 340 groups across 72 countries.



Revd Mark Coleman has been supporting this cause by attending demonstrations in Manchester and he will be in London during the coming week to be part of ‘International Rebellion’ - two weeks of protests that start on Monday 7 October.

The aim is to occupy sites like Westminster Bridge, Lambeth and Trafalgar Square and bring about the closure of 11 roads in the Westminster area, and also stage a sit-in at London’s City airport.

Some 30,000 protesters are expected to be part of this, and similar events have been planned in an estimated 60 other cities globally, including New York, Madrid and Berlin, with the intention of creating a unified protest around the world in order to bring increased attention to the climate crisis.

There is an article featuring Revd Mark on the Rochdale Online webpage:
<https://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/2/news-headlines/130534/reverend-mark-coleman-to-protest-against-climate-crisis-with-extinction-rebellion>

Also, the October edition of Crux has an article regarding this:
https://cofemanchester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2019/09/cruxdesign_October2019_WEB.pdf

(There are also email links for more information in the featured article in Crux.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

20 October at St Chad's

Alishley Afzal ▪ Ehsan Yararkhani ▪ Soushian Yararkhani

Alessio Degli Innocenti ▪ Ashreif Ghorbani Neshalji

Mohammad Elahi ▪ Farzad Heidarayan

Leily Hassan Dolatabadi ▪ Mohammad Amin Shamshadian

A special service will be held jointly with St Chad's Asian Fellowship on Sunday 20 October at 4 pm, followed by a celebration meal.

All are invited.

Preparation Course and Bible teaching will be held on Wednesdays 2 - 4 pm

25 Sept and 2 Oct - at 89 Clement Royds Street, OL12 6PL

9 Oct- at St Chad's

16 Oct - at 89 Clement Royds Street, OL12 6PL

PREACHING SERIES - PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

September to November, over 6 Sundays, with breaks for Harvest and Remembrance Sunday, the ministry team will be preaching on the new Pastoral Principles which have been developed to help us as a church deal with diversity and practise the radical hospitality of Jesus.

Cherry Vann, our Archdeacon (and now Bishop Elect of Monmouth), was part of the groups that developed this excellent resource.

You can check it out at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/PAG-PP-website.pdf>

Cherry will be talking about them in a workshop at ***St Chad's on Wednesday 27 November from 3 - 5 pm***, so do keep this date free and come along.

22 Sept #1 Acknowledge Prejudice

27 Oct #4 Cast out Fear

29 Sept #2 Harvest or Speak into Silence

3 Nov #5 Admit Hypocrisy

6 Oct Harvest or #3 Address Ignorance

11 Nov Remembrance

13 Oct Harvest or #3 Address Ignorance

17 Nov #6 Pay Attention to Power

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST CHAD'S

Every Thursday - Place of Welcome 10.30 am - 12 noon

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

Sun 27 Oct EVENSONG 6.30 pm

Thur 31 Oct Free Cultural Celebration 11 am, with tasty selection of snacks afterwards!

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

Wed 27 Nov Cherry Vann - Talk and Workshop, 3 - 5 pm

Sat 30 Nov St Chad's Christmas Fayre 11 am - 2 pm

Sun 22 Dec Candlelit Carol Service 3 pm, followed by festive refreshments

Sun 22 Dec Asian Fellowship Christmas Service at 6 pm

Tue 24 Dec Christingle Service for all the family at 4 pm

Tue 24 Dec Choral Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm

Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day Choral Eucharist at 11 am

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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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST MARY 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)

Sun 13 Oct Harvest Festival

Sun 20 Oct Rochdale Writers Festival Event in the evening, more info to follow

Keep the date free if you are of a literary leaning.

St Mary's PCC Mon 11 Nov 2 pm

Wed 25 Dec Holy Communion at 9.30 am

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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 on Sunday 27 October

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 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

- 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 **Telemann Baroque Ensemble** Alistair Roberts flute, Alfred Pollard oboe,
Elaine Turnock violin, Roger Bisby cello, Peter Collier harpsichord

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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Candlelit Carol Service 3 pm
followed by festive refreshments

Asian Fellowship Christmas Service at 6 pm

Tuesday 24 December at St Chad's

Christingle Service for all the family at 4 pm

Choral Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm

Wednesday 25 December at St Mary's

Holy Communion at 9.30 am

Wednesday 25 December at St Chad's

Christmas Day Choral Eucharist at 11 am



ON THIS DAY ... 6 October

- 1536** William Tyndale, the English Protestant bible translator and scholar, was strangled and burned at the stake, age approx 41 years of age
- 1732** Nevil Maskelyne, London-born Astronomer Royal who produced the *British Mariner's Guide* and *Nautical Almanac*, helping to open up the world to British navigators and explorers - born
- 1889** Thomas Edison shows his first motion picture
- 1892** Alfred, Lord Tennyson - the great English poet of the Victorian Age - died
- 1927** Premier of *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, and the first prominent movie with a soundtrack, premieres in New York
- 1930** Richie Benaud, Australian cricketer and sportscaster - born
- 1941** Electric photography, now known as xerography or photocopying, was patented by Chester Carlson
- 1951** Will Keith Kellogg, founder of the W.K. Kellogg Company - died
- 1955** LSD made illegal in USA
- 1956** Dr Albert Sabin discovers oral polio vaccine
- 2010** Instagram is founded.

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)

27 Oct 2019

St Mary 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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Priest in Charge at Healey, Hamer and Belfield: Rev'd Gill Barnett 0161 971 6318

Churchwardens:

St Chad's - Paul Bollington 07566 983798

St Mary in the Baum - positions vacant

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