

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

# ***N E W S***

*(Please take one and pass it on)*



**Sunday 24 November 2019**



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### **CHRISTINGLE**

**Tuesday 24 December 4 pm  
at St Chad's**

Helpers needed earlier in the day  
to prepare oranges etc.

See Rev Mark.

### **AN INVITATION**

All are invited to come along to  
Bilal Mosque at 1.30 pm today,  
Sunday 24 November, as we present a  
garden gift to our Muslim friends.

There will be a short ceremony  
and prayers.

### **Election of Churchwarden**

There will be a meeting at St Chad's  
on Sunday 1 December at 12.15 pm  
to elect a Churchwarden.

All those on the church electoral roll or  
resident members of the parish  
on the register of electors  
are welcome to attend.

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## **CHRISTMAS GOODWILL**

It is at this time of year that we no doubt think of others who are in distress and less well off. This could be due to the economic climate, illness, hospital stays or being a victim of crime. The feel good factor is that we can help in a small way.

On behalf of Friends of Families (Young Carers' Families) I am asking you to donate towards the hampers for these disadvantaged families in the borough. Last year's venture was a huge success and gratefully accepted.

*The family details will be available later.* Thank you for your support. Sue Arkle

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Today is the last Sunday before Advent, the Feast of Christ the King, when the cycle of the church year comes to an end, and next Sunday we will begin our journey through another liturgical year with the celebration of Advent.

Some may know today as "Stir Up Sunday", taken from the words of the day's Collect, and it's the traditional time for people to prepare the Christmas Puddings with each member of the family making a wish as they stir the mixture.

*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may  
of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



**\*\*\* DON'T FORGET TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT THIS EVENT \*\*\***

## **ST CHAD'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We would welcome your donations for the various stalls at our  
Christmas Fayre on SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Raffle prizes ▪ Tombola prizes ▪ Bottle Tombola prizes  
Books ▪ Toys ▪ Bric-a-Brac ▪ Home-made Cakes and Preserves  
Handcrafted items ▪ Unwanted Gifts

*Note to Sidespersons and Wardens: don't forget  
to bring in your 6 bottles for the Bottle Tombola!!!*



- ⇒ IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU ARE ABLE TO STAY BEHIND AFTER THIS MORNING'S SERVICE TO HELP MOVE CHAIRS IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE. *Thank you.*
- ⇒ WE WILL BE SETTING UP READY FOR THE EVENT ON FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER - PLEASE DO COME ALONG AT 9.30 AM TO HELP WITH THIS.
- ⇒ WE WILL BE COMPLETING OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON 30 NOVEMBER FROM 9.30 AM - AGAIN, YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED.

## IRAN

You may have read, seen or heard about the events in Iran via the tv news or in the papers.

There have been many arrests throughout the country, including about 100 leaders of the protests against the steep rise in fuel prices.

Whilst Iranian officials have confirmed a dozen deaths, reports from Amnesty International say that more than 100 people have been killed during the protests, with other sources claiming the numbers killed are higher than reported so far.

(As a response to the restricting of internet access during the unrest, Iran's communications minister is now subject to sanctions by the USA for this action.)

We would ask for your prayers at this difficult and testing time for the people of Iran and also for the asylum seekers and refugees in our congregation who have friends and family in any of the affected areas.



There will be collection of food in support of Rochdale Foodbank  
at St Chad's on **SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER**

Your continued support is appreciated.

As well as food items, we are also collecting toiletries  
(soap, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, etc), sanitary items,  
toothpaste and toothbrushes.



Christian Climate  
Action Rochdale



THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S,  
AND EVERYTHING IN IT,  
THE WORLD,  
AND ALL WHO LIVE IN IT;  
PSALM 24

CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION  
IS A COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIANS  
SUPPORTING EACH OTHER TO TAKE  
MEANINGFUL ACTION IN THE FACE OF  
IMMINENT AND CATASTROPHIC  
ANTHROPOGENIC CLIMATE CHANGE.

INSPIRED BY JESUS CHRIST  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS OF THE  
PAST, WE CARRY OUT ACTS OF NON-  
VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TO URGE THOSE  
IN POWER TO MAKE THE CHANGE NEEDED

We are setting up a hub in Rochdale and we  
invite you to be part of it.

Please come to our first exploratory meeting  
on Mon 9th December 2019 730pm

St Edmund's New Vicarage

89 Clement Royds Street

ROCHDALE OL12 6PL

All are welcome!

Contact: 0779 520 2955

christianclimateactionroch@gmail.com



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **ST CHAD'S**

**Every Thursday - Place of Welcome 10.30 am - 12 noon**

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

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

**Thur 5 Dec Hospice Carol Service 7 pm**

**Fri 13 Dec Beech House School Carols and Nativity 10 am**

**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**

**Choral Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm**

**Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day Choral Eucharist at 11 am**

### **2020**

**Mon 20 Jan, Mon 17 Feb St Chad's PCC 7.30 pm at the Vicarage**

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

### **ST MARY IN THE BAUM**

**Red Cross Hub: 10 am - 3 pm each Monday**

**Caring and Sharing Drop-in: Tues 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (approx)**

**Tue 26 Nov Crossing the Line 10 am (by Caring and Sharing)**

**Wed 25 Dec Holy Communion at 9.30 am**

### **2020**

**Mon 20 Jan, Mon 17 Feb St Mary's PCC 2 pm**

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



## MUSIC AND CHORAL EVENTS AT ST CHAD'S

### **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

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### 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

#### November

27 **Catherine Strachan** cello, **David Hammond** piano (RSAMD & York University)

#### December

4 **Jennifer Wood** (mezzo soprano), **Graham Ascroft** (tenor / piano) and  
**Martin Stuart** (piano / violin)

11 **Louise Taylor** soprano with **John Gough** piano (RNCM staff)

18 **Voci Voices Christmas Concert Party:**

**Elizabeth Ambrose** soprano **Isobel Jenkins** mezzo

**David Cane** and **Simon Horsfield** baritones **Jonathan Ellis** piano

25 **Christmas Day - closed**

2020 **New Year's Day (1 January) - closed**

## **CHANGE TO ARCHDEACON ARRANGEMENTS**

Bishop David has announced changes to the archdeaconry arrangements:

We are currently preparing to bid farewell to the Venerable Cherry Vann, as she leaves our diocese to become the Bishop of Monmouth. As we do so, I have been considering with the remaining archdeacons and my other senior colleagues how best to serve the needs of the diocese at this time. We have concluded that it is right not to make a new appointment, but to reorganise the roles of the remaining three archdeacons.



In due course, the Venerable David Sharples will become the new Archdeacon of Rochdale, whilst remaining a residentiary canon of the Cathedral. The Venerable Jean Burgess has agreed to become Archdeacon of Salford in addition to being Archdeacon of Bolton. The Archdeaconry of Manchester will not be directly affected by these changes, although the Venerable Karen Lund will consider, with her archdeacon colleagues, how their diocesan-wide responsibilities may best be redistributed between them.

I am grateful to our archdeacons for their willingness to entertain these changes. They and I recognise that such a change is made necessary by the current financial position of the diocese. It follows reductions in the number of staff at Church House, which have had the same aim of limiting reductions in numbers of front-line stipendiary clergy whilst stabilising the diocese's finances. We shall keep under review whether the workload and practicalities of having three archdeacons is sustainable. I suspect that a key factor in this will be the support given by the proposed seven full-time area deans. This, in turn, will be dependent upon the outcome of the current consultation about reducing the number of deaneries from 20 to seven.



It will take a few months to put these new arrangements wholly in place. In the interim, from 1 December 2019 the Venerable David Sharples will be given delegated authority in matters pertaining to the Archdeaconry of Rochdale. As support during this period, I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Canon Karen Smeeton is to become temporary assistant archdeacon. Canon Smeeton will remain Area Dean of Rochdale and Vicar of St Clement, Spotland and St George, Oakenrod,

We are living through a time of accelerating change in our diocese. But I am confident for the future, knowing that God's purpose is to bless his church. I pray that we may be faithful to God's calling as, together, we become a Church for a Different World.

15 November 2019

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/news/2019/11/15/change-archdeacon-arrangements/>

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### The journey continues ...

#### 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 November is FRIENDSHIP

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/](http://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** ▫ **Aug - Worship** ▫ **Sept - Creation** ▫ **Oct - Forgiveness**

**Nov - Friendship** ▫ **Dec - Waiting** ▫ **Jan - Justice** ▫ **Feb - Generations**

**March - Generosity** ▫ **April - Witness** ▫ **May - Community** ▫ **June - Invitation**



# crossing the line

Sean wants out.  
The elders want their debt paid.

A short play about a tough choice facing a desperate older brother in an impossible situation

Will he cross the line?



**Tuesday 26 November, 10 am  
at St Mary in the Baum**

Organised by  
Caring and Sharing Charity Organisation



## Living Well Together

**Wednesday 27 November 2019, 2pm to 5pm**

Presentation and workshop by the Venerable Cherry Vann, current Archdeacon of Rochdale.

This event will introduce the Church's Pastoral Principles for Living Well together and share something of the challenges the church faces around sexuality and the positive work done towards a radical and generous inclusion.

After a presentation of the principles, and the significance for LGBT+ people and the church, there will be small working groups, case studies and the opportunity for feedback and discussion.

The event is free, and open to all, whether part of a church or not. Refreshments will be provided.

Join us at St Chad's Church  
on Wednesday 27 November



Let's Get the Borough Together

Call Sylvia on 01762589625 or 01706 658766  
Email [rainbows@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:rainbows@rochdale.gov.uk)

# Falinge Park Festival of Light

Friday 29th November  
4pm - 9pm

This year we are launching our First Winter Light Carnival Around Falinge Park.

A night time parade of light around the park, fun for all the family!

- Local Schools
- Community Groups
- Lantern Making Workshops
- Gift and Food Stalls
- Live Performances
- Kids Entertainment!

Parade Starts  
6pm

01760 364 688  
[vintageworxevents@gmail.com](mailto:vintageworxevents@gmail.com)



## FALINGE PARK FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Friday 29 November 4 - 9 pm

## Then on Sunday 1 December at Rochdale Town Hall (inside) there will be a WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT

(with awards for best lanterns made at the November workshops)

**Thursday 5 December at 7 pm**

Dedicate a light in honour of a loved one during the Light up a Life service at St Chad's with the Bishop of Middleton and St Michael's Primary School Choir.




JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

*White Gift Sunday*

**Your faith has healed you.**  
**Mark 10:52**

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 8 | 1pm - 4pm

Saint Chad's the Towns's Parish Church  
Rochdale OL16 1FF

Contact info: Mrs Elizabeth Julius  
Mobile No. 07498736807  
07931846942

St Chad's Asian Fellowship extend an invitation to everyone on Sunday 8 December 1 - 4 pm. White Gift Sunday began in 1904, with an idea from the minister's wife from a small Methodist church in Ohio.

The story goes that she wanted to solve the problem of the unequal value of gifts donated, and so by wrapping gifts in white paper the donors would be able to remain anonymous. Everyone would be able to share in the joy of giving to others and no-one would be judged by the value of their gifts.

During the event held at St Chad's you will be invited to place a gift of money inside the white envelopes available and the amount collected will be used to help others.

It is just one way in which we can show God's love along with our caring commitment to people in our community.

## **SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

### **St Chad's**

**Sundays** at 11 am

Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Matins at 11 am on 2nd Sunday of month

3 pm Asian Christian Fellowship

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) - dates tbc

### **St Mary in the Baum**

**Sundays** at 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

(BCP/Common Worship Order Two)

**Wednesdays**

Holy Communion (BCP) at 10 am

Evening Prayer at 5 pm

## **CONTACT INFO**

**Vicar:** The Rev'd Mark Coleman

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**Reader:** Wendy Cocks 07747 724804

**Asian Fellowship:** Elizabeth Julius 07931 846942 (please text)

**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

[www.rochdaleparishchurches.org.uk](http://www.rochdaleparishchurches.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/rochdaleparishchurches](https://www.facebook.com/rochdaleparishchurches)

@RochdaleStChads @stmaryinthebaum

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.

Please send news, notices or items of interest for the newsletter to:  
[stchadsrochdale@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsrochdale@gmail.com)