

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 15 December 2019



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

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

Your continued support is appreciated.



***** PLEASE INVITE OTHERS TO COME ALONG TO THESE SERVICES *****

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 22 December at St Chad's

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



CHRISTINGLE

Tuesday 24 December 4 pm at St Chad's

Helpers needed earlier in the day

to prepare oranges etc.

See Rev Mark.





Advent marks the start of the Christian calendar year, beginning on the Sunday nearest to 30 November and extending until Christmas Day on 25 December.

The Church of England's website tells us that "Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*Latin: adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time."

We've reached the third Sunday on our journey through Advent.

On each of the first two Sundays of Advent we lit a purple candle and today we will light a rose (pink) coloured candle, rose being the liturgical colour used to signify joy.

The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete is taken from the Latin word for joy - it is a day for rejoicing as we arrive at the halfway point of our journey through Advent and now travel on towards Christmas Day, and the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Today, three candles have been lit ... the light increases.



Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent (BCP)

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Please write your **PRAYER REQUESTS**
on the form provided on the table near the main door



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Christmas Party

A fund-raising event for Rochdale Action with
Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17th

FROM 6.00 PM TO 11.00 PM

DELICIOUS FOOD ♦ RAFFLE ♦ PRIZE QUIZ

CAROL SINGING ♦ DANCING

St Edmund's Vicarage, 89 Clement Royds St, Rochdale OL12 6PL

Food from Iran and Rochdale

Entry £5. Free to Asylum Seekers and Refugees

➤➤➤ Please bring a Raffle Prize ◀◀◀





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 December is WAITING

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.

Sign up to the email at 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**

SUGGESTED ACTIONS for DECEMBER, from this month's email.

We want to encourage you to try actions that will help you to slow down this month, amidst the busyness of season. Find opportunities to let people cut in front of you in a queue, or walk more slowly so that you are better able to take in what is happening around you. Try taking up a daily prayer routine, perhaps using the daily prayer page of the Church of England website so that you can join others who will be praying the same words. Maybe there are things you have prayed for in the past but given up on. Could you take up a discipline of patiently praying the same thing each day? Or try to resist taking out your phone if you find yourself waiting for a bus, or waiting in line – let your mind wander, or even use the time to pray and reflect.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST CHAD'S

Every Thursday - Place of Welcome 10.30 am - 12 noon

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

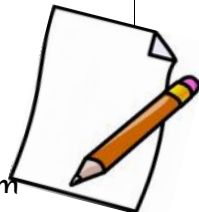
Caring and Sharing Drop-in: Tues 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (approx)

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 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

December

18 **Voci Voices Christmas Concert Party:**

Elizabeth Ambrose soprano **Isobel Jenkins** mezzo

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

25 **Christmas Day** - no concert today

2020 **New Year's Day (1 January)** - no concert today

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

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St Chad's: Paul Bollington 0756 698 3798, Alan Wild 0790 583 7847

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.

Please send news, notices or items of interest for the newsletter to:
stchadsrochdale@gmail.com