

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 22 / 29 December 2019**

**Christmas Edition**



on Sunday 22 December 2019



*For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given: and the government  
shall be upon his shoulder: and his name  
shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.*

(Isaiah 9:6 KJV)

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



➤ This is the last newsletter for 2019 - next one Sunday 5 January 2020 ◀

**\*\*\* 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.**



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for the people of Iran,  
for those in other countries suffering as a result of conflict and war,  
and for the asylum seekers and refugees in our congregation  
who have friends and family in the affected areas.**

It's Sunday 22 December and we've reached the fourth Sunday on our journey through Advent. The waiting is almost over!

Today, the fourth Advent candle is lit, reminding us of the love that is at the heart of Christmas. Again, the light increases.



A new candle has been lit each week and we have been reminded that something is happening, and that there is more to come.

Christmas is a special time, with God's gift of love to the world at its heart.

As we are told in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (NRSV)

There is one more candle on our Advent wreath, the Christ candle, that will be lit during the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This candle is at the centre of the wreath to remind us that Jesus is at the centre of Christmas.

So, as you watch this candle burn remember that He is 'the reason for the season', and is the one who brings hope, peace, joy and love for us all. This final candle on the Advent wreath reminds us of the light Jesus brought into the world, a light to guide us, and a sign of His presence amongst us.

Take a moment to reflect on John 8:12 (NRSV) where Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Christmas is now just a few days away - we will soon be celebrating the true meaning of the season, and giving thanks for the greatest gift of all given to us some 2,000 years ago.

Enjoy your Christmas.

*Linda G.*

# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



ADVENT ANGELS BAUBLES BELLS BIRTH OF JESUS BOXING DAY  
CAROL SINGING CHIMNEY CHRISTMAS CAKE CHRISTMAS PUDDING  
CHRISTMAS TREE CRACKERS ELVES FAMILY FOOD HOLIDAYS HOLLY  
IVY MINCE PIES MISTLETOE MULLED WINE PARTY PRESENTS  
QUEEN'S SPEECH REINDEER ROBIN RUDOLPH SANTA CLAUS  
SCROOGE SHEPHERDS SNOWMAN STAR TINSEL TURKEY  
WISEMEN WRAPPING PAPER YULE LOG

## **A QUIZ - 80 QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER**

1. 51 what were destroyed by the Great fire of London?
2. Until 1862 there was a tax in England for those who used what?
3. What happened in Britain 3 Sept 1752?
4. What idea began in London in 1764?
5. In the UK which school choir had a No 1 with a song grandma?
6. Which British car was the first to sell over 1 million models?
7. Who had a hit in the UK singing about the Streets of London?
8. The group Simply Red were named after what?
9. What was founded in the UK 1694 because of war with France?
10. Who was the first golfer to get a hole in one on British TV?
11. Which UK city is the home of the Halle Orchestra?
12. Which British ski jumper became a national favourite for his failures on the slope?
13. Which British mystery writer was trained to be an eye doctor?
14. During 1997, which British institution produced a register of 2,292 animals it owns, including an antelope, two goats, a ram and a ferret?
15. Who was the last British Chancellor of the Exchequer whose father had held the same post?
16. Who was the first British Monarch to be styled Defender of the Faith?
17. For what purpose did the British use the bronze from the Russian guns captured at Sebastopol in 1855?
18. Which English town did the Romans call Eboracum?
19. In which London thoroughfare did the Great Fire of London begin?
20. What first appeared on London streets on 19 September 1960?
21. What was given on the fourth day of Christmas?
22. Which English monarch was first to make Xmas day broadcast?
23. What did Teddy Roosevelt ban from the White House?
24. Which English actor starred in "the Muppet Christmas Carol"?
25. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?
26. Who popularised the Christmas tree in England in the 19th century?
27. Which three of Santa's reindeer have named beginning with the letter 'D'?
28. Which mammal has the fewest teeth?
29. With what would you rock the baby or walk the dog?
30. King Zog ruled which country?
31. What was Eddison's first practical invention?
32. Which company invented the transistor radio in 1952?
33. The Russian composer Alexander Borodin had what other job?
34. Hydra Gyrum was the Latin name for which element?
35. Smiths Bon-Bons changed their name to what after 1840?
36. Group 1 of the periodic table of elements consist of 6 alkali metals, name 3 of them.
37. What colour does an alkali change litmus paper to?
38. In the 18th century Siberia used solid blocks of what as money?

39. Spelling counts - what is the singular of scampi?
40. What is a hypocaust?
41. Which vegetable got its name from a precious stone?
42. Philadelphia cream cheese was introduced in what city?
43. Ageusia is the loss of which sense?
44. David John Moore Cornwell became famous as who?
45. What do Fromologists collect?
46. What is the main ingredient of mock turtle soup?
47. What is the name for 100th of a second?
48. Approx how many gallons of water are in a cubic mile of fog?
49. What did Oliver Pollock invent in 1778?
50. What is measured in Scroville Units?
51. 1,500 paces was what Roman measurement?
52. What may be mixed, complex or vulgar?
53. Lucus Dominitus Ahenobarbus was better known as who?
54. According to legend, where did the Norse gods live?
55. What was the name of the horse that pulled Steptoe and Son's rag and bone cart?
56. Abel Magwitch and Biddy appear in which Dickens book?
57. In TS Elliot's book of practical cats name the mystery cat?
58. The Pillars of Hercules stands either side of which stretch of water?
59. What name is Mary Westmacott better known by?
60. In Penny Lane what is the nurse selling from a tray?
61. What job did Agatha Christie's husband do?
62. Eric Arthur Blaire was the real name of which author?
63. Which author wrote the screenplay for 'You Only Live Twice'?
64. E H Shepherd illustrated which series of stories?
65. Who wrote The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie?
66. Who was the wise cat in TS Eliot's book of cats?
67. Lovely Rita meter maid appeared on which Beatles album?
68. What did The Musician's Union ban on TV in 1966?
69. What links Da Vinci, Picasso, Charlie Chaplain, Ben Franklin?
70. Here we go round the mulberry bush - what/where was original bush?
71. Slugs have four of them - what?
72. What are young bats called?
73. Sigmund Freud had a phobia - what was he afraid of?
74. Camellia Sinesis is an evergreen shrub better known as what?
75. What bird lays the largest clutch of eggs?
76. Charcarodon Carcharias is the Latin name for what creature?
77. The Aubergine (Eggplant) is part of what family of plants?
78. Bees live in a hive, what do seals live in?
79. Which plants did Gregor Mendel use for experiments on genetics?
80. Insertion, Heap, Topological and Bubble are types of which IT thing?

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## SUDUKO

3 grids for you to complete,  
with graded levels of difficulty.

Complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9

Each number can only be used

once in each row,

once in each column,

and once in each of the 3x3 boxes.

Good luck!

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[www.sudokuoftheday.com](http://www.sudokuoftheday.com)



**106 items** of food and toiletries, weight **39.1 kg**, were donated last Sunday in support of Rochdale Foodbank.

Rochdale Foodbank have asked for their sincere thanks to be passed on to all who donated items.



**£264**

was donated at the Christmas Party fund-raising event on Tuesday 17 December for Rochdale Action with Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this.

## WINTER SOLSTICE

According to the Royal Museums Greenwich's website, this year's Winter Solstice is today, Sunday 22 December, and it's also the shortest day (or the longest night) of the year.

"Solstice" comes from the Latin word *solstitium*, which means 'Sun stands still' [*sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still)].

The date and time of the actual solstice does vary slightly from year to year, the precise timing being determined by factors such as the axis of the earth's rotation, speed of the earth's orbit and the length of the solar days. This year, the time of the Winter Solstice is around 4.19 am but people generally refer to the whole day as being the solstice.

The Winter Solstice can occur between 20 - 23 December, with 21 or 22 December being the most frequent dates. 20 December solstices are rare, the next one will be in 2080. The last 23 December solstice was in 1903, and you'll need to be around in 2303 for the next one.

So, we can look forward to about a quarter of an hour's extra daylight each week until we arrive at the Summer Solstice around 9.44 pm on 20 June and the longest day (or shortest night), Midsummer, from which date (no surprises here) the daylight then reduces again until we're back at the Winter Solstice and the shortest day once more. It's interesting to note that the mornings don't actually start becoming lighter for a few days after the solstice as the path of the Sun's travel appears to stand still before it changes direction and takes us on towards the Summer Solstice in June.

The astronomical seasons may be a more traditional, and perhaps familiar, way of defining the seasons. The Winter Solstice marks the first day of the astronomical winter season and this year it begins on 22 December 2019, ending on 20 March 2020. In contrast to this, the meteorological seasons take the first day of winter as 1 December and ends on 28 February (or 29 February during a Leap Year) .

However the seasons may be referred to, today is the Winter Solstice, the first day of the astronomical winter season - soon, extra daylight each day, and we're on our way towards summer!

*Linda G.*

\* The meteorological seasons begin on the first days of March (spring), June (summer), September (autumn) and December (winter), to make it easier to observe and forecast the weather and compare monthly and seasonal statistics.



## 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

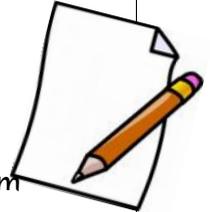
Caring and Sharing Drop-in: Tues 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (approx)

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

**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

## **CONTACT INFO**

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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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please come to church on a Sunday to make a booking  
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.

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