

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 5 January 2020**

Welcome  
to our Church

on Sunday 5 January 2020



*Epiphany*

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We welcome Canon Roger Hill to St Chad's today

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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 January is JUSTICE**

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**

St Chad's Asian Fellowship invite you to join them at 4 pm today



A REMINDER ...  
please bring in your  
Christingle collection boxes  
for The Children's Society  
by the end of January.

Thank you.

**EPIPHANY** is celebrated 12 days after Christmas and is associated with the Magi's visit to Bethlehem to see the new-born king that their astrological observations had led them to, with a visit to King Herod on their journey there.

Western Christians began to celebrate Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with this visit to Bethlehem and until the 19th century was considered more important than Christmas Day.

Of the four canonical gospels, Matthew is the only one to mention the visit. There's no mention of how many visitors, doesn't say they were kings, and also doesn't tell us their names. (*Matthew 2: 1-12*)

The names Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar that we know them by first appeared in mosaics commissioned in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian for various churches in Ravenna, and St Apollonare in nearby Classe, Italy. Before then they were known by other names in different areas.



So, *three* gifts mentioned in Matthew along with the names shown above *three* gift bearers in the mosaics, and we have *three* Magi, Kings, or Wise Men as the familiar story tells us today.

Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were of great symbolic importance.

Gold was to represent Jesus' royal standing, frankincense for his divine

birth and to signify his role as high priest, and myrrh, used for medicine and anointing the dead, for his mortality.\*\*

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



Christian celebrations at Epiphany differ depending on the country or region.

In some European countries children leave their shoes out the night before to be filled with gifts, while others leave straw for the three Kings' horses.

Celebrations can include carol singing, dressing up and going around door to door and singing, special cakes, celebration meals and exchanging of gifts.

In some places markings are placed above the door using blessed chalk, to protect the house during the coming year. The first and last numbers refer to the current year. The C, M and B



can have two meanings: the names of the Magi and also the abbreviation for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means, “May Christ bless this dwelling!”

With this house blessing God’s presence is invited into our home.

These markings also serve to remind us of the Israelites marking their doors in order to be spared from death as written in the Old Testament, as well as the hospitality of Jesus’ family to the Magi (and so all Gentiles).

Here in Britain Twelfth Night was a time for wassailing, when wassailers would go from house to house to sing (like carol singers) and wish their neighbours good health.

In London, there has been a tradition at The Drury Lane Theatre since 1795 of providing a Twelfth Night cake thanks to a bequest in the will of actor Robert Baddeley to provide cake and punch in the green room for the company in residence at the theatre every year on 6 January, and this tradition still continues.

Traditionally it’s also the time to take down your decorations as some consider it unlucky to leave them up after Twelfth Night - apparently if you do forget then they should be left in place until Candlemas!

*Linda G.*

\* Magi was originally a name for the Persian priestly caste, and became used for those regarded as having more than human knowledge. Matthew’s magi are astrologers.

\*\* The Egyptians used both frankincense and myrrh for the mummification process.

\*\*\* Research suggests the three Kings, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, represented Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively.

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**MUSIC AND CHORAL EVENTS AT ST CHAD'S**

Dates for the 2020 Saturday Lunchtime concerts

February 15 ▫ March 7 ▫ April 25 ▫ May 16 ▫ June 6 ▫ June 27

12 noon till 1 pm

Details of the performers will be announced soon - watch this space!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**ST CHAD'S**

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

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

**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:** Tuesday 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (approx)

**Mon 20 Jan - St Mary's PCC** 2 pm

**Mon 17 Feb - St Mary's PCC** 2 pm

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

**ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2020 3pm

**SCOTT BROTHERS DUO**  
(Jonathan & Tom Scott)  
Celebrity Piano Duet Recital

*"I don't think I've ever met two people so talented as the Scott Brothers..."*  
MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

TICKETS: £10 available on door (includes tea/coffee & cakes)  
or in advance: 01706 639162 j.midgley448@btinternet.com  
St Chad's Parish Church  
Sparrow Hill, Rochdale, OL16 1QT  
[www.scottbrothersduo.com](http://www.scottbrothersduo.com)

The Annual Concert with  
**SCOTT BROTHERS DUO**  
*(Jonathan & Tom Scott)*  
*Celebrity Piano Duet Recital*

will be on  
Saturday 8 August  
at 3 pm

## **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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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)