

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

NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)



Sunday 2 February 2020



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Candlemas

Patronal Festival at St Mary in the Baum (1911 - 2020)

Canon Roger Hill will be at St Mary in the Baum today, 2 February,
for our Festal Celebration service at 9.30 am.

The funeral for Canon David Finney
(former vicar at St Mary in the Baum)
will take place at 3 pm on **Monday 3 February**
at Rochdale Crematorium

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020.

With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation,
it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect
the abundance God has created.

This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions
to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God,
neighbour and nature. It has been inspired and informed by
the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book,
Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

For more information visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

St Chad's Fold Trust

Meeting of the trustees will be today, **Sunday 2 February**, after the service.

St Chad's Bells Sub Group

Meeting on **Monday 10 February**, 7.30 pm at the vicarage.

All are welcome ...

to a Bible Study led by Dylan on **Monday 10 February** from 7 - 8 pm in St Chad's Church (Studying the word, prayer and fellowship). Dylan Edwards is part of the new church planting project in the town *The Antioch Network* and can be contacted on 07393 704772.

Valentines Day ...

There will be a special celebration on the morning of **Friday 14 February** at St Chad's Place of Welcome. We will celebrate the special bond of love and friendship which comes in so many varieties, and there will also be specially themed food and drink.

The Archdeacon's Visitation to St Chad's

will be on **Wednesday 10 June** at 7 30 pm. *(Put the date in your diary)*

All sidespeople should attend please.

Everyone is welcome to join in this special and motivating occasion.

Come and meet the new Archdeacon of Rochdale, the Venerable David Sharples.

Mark and Wendy's Pub Crawl - organised by Revd Gill Barnett

Please join us at any or all of these venues on **Saturday 8 February**.

We plan to start with breakfast in the Regal Moon/Wetherspoons, then go for coffee and a quick half before disbanding for lunch.

We'll meet again in the afternoon in Healey and finish off by walking down into town for pre-dinner drinks then across for dinner in The Flying Horse.

10.00 Breakfast at Wetherspoons – The Regal Moon

11.30 Brown's Cafe, St Mary's Gate

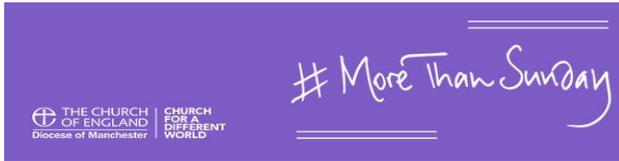
12.30 Brownhill, corner of Falinge Road and Heights Lane

4.00 The Healey

6.00 Medicine Tap (opposite Town Hall)

7.00 Dinner in The Flying Horse

Hopefully there are enough options here for everyone who wants to, to come along and have a final relaxed natter with Mark and Wendy.



This month's reflection has been written by
Raylia Chadwick (Reader Emeritus at Manchester Cathedral)
and is shared with you in this week's newsletter.

REFLECTION

Coming from a long line of Lithuanian Rabbonim it was always expected that I would follow in the Orthodox Jewish faith as generations of my family before me. Yet often, as a very small child walking home from the synagogue with my father on a Saturday morning I would stop to watch the cars whizzing by on the main road.

'Who are you?' I wanted to shout.

But I never did. And I experienced what I can only describe as a loneliness of heart - a profound longing - that never went away.

I knew nothing of the Christian faith. I had ever heard of the Gospel, let alone read it.

In later life, I began to study Literature. Suddenly, here were the Gospel accounts as part of the set reading. I read them over and over again. I loved Jesus immediately: a fellow Jew from my own faith tradition. And that strange *loneliness of heart* I had experienced all through childhood and into adult life disappeared.

Matthew's Gospel was my favourite, perhaps not surprising as theologians tell us it is Jewish in character, intended to bring Jews and Gentiles together. What Matthew's Gospel means to me, in my own discipleship, is to hear the truth, and do it, for the Kingdom is our childhood inheritance.

So one Sunday morning, after much 'soul searching', I went to a local church, terrified to walk through the doors. But I did. I was baptised and confirmed in that same church many months later, along with three of my little grandchildren.

'...let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs...'

Matt 19:14 NRSV

Much later, I felt drawn to Reader Ministry. I felt that my commitment to Christ didn't end with Sunday Evensong. To mean anything it had to be an everyday faith, seven days a week. Now I am Reader Emeritus and Hon Chaplain at Manchester Cathedral.

As for generations of Lithuanian Rabbonim and their heritage – they live on in my grandchildren and their life of Christian discipleship. I remember that little girl who used to watch the cars whizzing by on the sabbath, who wanted to shout 'Who are you?' but never did. Christ had been present all the time, right from childhood, showing the real meaning of loving communion with all peoples, and everyday life in all its fullness. Only I never recognised it.

There may well be challenges along the way. All I can say, from experience, is that - as disciples travelling together - whatever walk of life you come from - do not be afraid. You will be nurtured and loved beyond your wildest dreams as discipleship grows and impacts on daily life, from one generation to another.

Raylia Chadwick (Reader Emeritus at Manchester Cathedral)

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 February is GENERATIONS

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 ▫ **Aug - Worship** ▫ **Sept - Creation** ▫ **Oct - Forgiveness**
Nov - Friendship ▫ **Dec - Waiting** ▫ **Jan - Justice** ▫ **Feb - Generations**
March - Generosity ▫ **April - Witness** ▫ **May - Community** ▫ **June - Invitation**

MUSIC AND CHORAL EVENTS AT ST CHAD'S

2020 Saturday Lunchtime concerts - 12 noon till 1 pm

Refreshments available from 11.20 am
and included in admission price of **£5.50**, payable on the door

February 15

Emyr Lloyd Jones (Baritone) (RNCM) **Samuel Knock** (Tenor)
with **Mark Leighton** (Lute/Guitar)

SONGS with LUTE & GUITAR

Works by Angelo Notari & John Dowland
and also by Mozart (from Don Giovanni),
Schumann, Schubert and George Butterworth



March 7

ANEMOI QUINTET

Mixed Wind Ensemble

Mozart - Marriage of Figaro
Arnold - Three Shanties
Dukas - Sorcerer's Apprentice
Hallam - Dance Suite
and pieces by Poulenc, Ibert & Milhaud

March 28

Celebrity Concert by the (amazing) violinist

Savva Zverev

who will be accompanied by
new Junior Fellow in Accompaniment

Sid Ramchander (Pianoforte)



CHORAL EVENSONG (BCP) Sunday 29 March at 6.30 pm

April 25

THE HAYDN BRASS QUARTET

Saturday Lunchtime Concerts also arranged for:
May 16, June 6 and June 27

Awaiting final details - watch this space!!!



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

will be on
Saturday 8 August
at 3 pm

Limited number of Disabled access parking places in Church yard
For further information email j.midgley448@btinternet.com
or phone 01706 639162

ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH APPEAL

Dear Congregation / Electoral Roll Member

Not another appeal, surely ... but I am afraid it is.

You are probably aware that the organ is out of action due to motor failure, which means no air can get to the pipes - no air, no sound.

The bill for the repair is £5,450 and this amount makes a great big hole in our finances - money we do not have.

Steps have been, and are being, taken in the form of applying for loans and grants but there is NO guarantee that we will be successful.

Even if successful then any loans would have to be repaid.

So donations, please, from yourselves and your friends and anybody else you can think of will be welcome and most graciously received.

Donations to the Wardens: Alan Wild & Paul Bollington
or the Treasurer: Martin Butterworth.

Cheques payable to: Rochdale Parish Church

BACS transfers to: Sort Code 05-07-22, Account No 24990011



Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

presents the gospel pantomime



Doctor Watt and her (steam-powered) Time Machine

Saturday 21 March at 7 pm
and
Sunday 22 March at 6.30 pm

**Bamford Chapel
Norden Road
OL11 5PQ**

**Tickets
Adults £5 Children £3
from Lesley Sutton
638005**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ST CHAD'S

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

Sun 2 Feb - St Chad's Fold Trust, meeting of trustees after morning service

Mon 10 Feb - St Chad's Bells Sub Group meeting, 7.30 pm at the vicarage

Mon 10 Feb - Bible Study with Dylan from 7 - 8 pm at St Chad's

Fri 14 Feb - Valentine's Day Celebration at Place of Welcome 10.30 am

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

Sun 29 Mar - Choral Evensong (BCP) 6.30 pm

Sun 26 Apr - Confirmation 11 am

Wed 10 June - The Archdeacon's Visitation 7.30 pm

LGBT CARERS' GROUP

The borough of Rochdale's first LGBT group for carers
launched in January 2020.

If you are LGBT and you are someone's carer, feel free to come along.

The group provides the chance to socialise and receive information and advice.

Tuesday 4 February and Tuesday 3 March, 10 am - 12 noon

St George's Hall, Bury Road, Rochdale, OL11 4ED



Would you be willing to help support destitute asylum seekers in Rochdale? A number of those who have travelled long distances, often making dangerous journeys, find themselves homeless and without any money.

Working with other churches, the Red Cross, the Council, the Council of Mosques and others we have established a project to offer a home to the homeless and provide a warm welcome - but we need your help, and if you would like to help then please talk to the vicar.

All are welcome to attend the next general meeting:

Tuesday 11 February at Bamford Chapel - 7 pm

(Please note new time)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 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 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

February

5 **Margaret Ferguson** soprano (Ghana, Poland & RNCM)



ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL FUND at ST MARY IN THE BAUM

We are very grateful for all donations received for this appeal,
which is now closed.

The target amount has been reached,
enabling some of the restoration required to be carried out
and also pay for other work that is needed.

Thank you for your support.

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 Choral Evensong (BCP) 29 March

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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Asian Fellowship: Elizabeth Julius 0793 184 6942 (please text)

Priest in Charge at Healey, Hamer and Belfield:

Rev'd Gill Barnett 01706 458506

Churchwardens:

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