

Rochdale Parish Churches
of St Chad and St Mary in the Baum



*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)

NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

Christmas

2022

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
FOR OUR SERVICE TODAY



A POLITE REMINDER...
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS ON SILENT
DURING THE SERVICE. THANK YOU.

“The Holy Star”

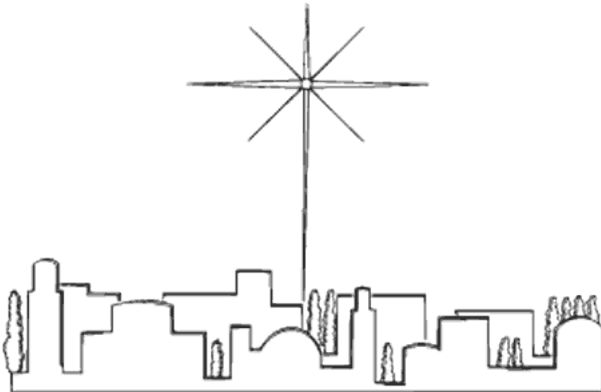
As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o’er the summer grass,
So, in Thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth’s generations pass.

And while the years, an endless host,
Come pressing swiftly on,
The brightest names that earth can boast
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth the Star of Bethlehem shed
A lustre pure and sweet,
And still it leads, as once it led,
To the Messiah’s feet.

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

William Cullen Bryant



We are in need of luggage for use by
the Asylum Seekers and Refugees

SUITCASES - HOLDALLS - RUCKSACKS

If you have any spare luggage
please bring it into church where it will be
gratefully received and put to good use.



Graham Knox would like to thank everyone
at St Chad's who donated items for the
'WINTER WARMING WOOLIES' APPEAL.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards
the purchase of the Christmas Tree at St Chad's.

Also, thanks to everyone who donated items
for the various stalls at the Christmas Fayre, and to those
who gave their time to help make this event a success.



Thanks to everyone at St Chad's who kindly donated
Sweet Treat Items on Sunday 27 November
and also food and monetary donations
on Sundays 11 and 18 December.

YOUR CONTINUING HELP TO SUPPORT
LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS IS APPRECIATED.



place of welcome
coffee. cake. community.



Thursdays 10.30 am - 12 noon
at St Chad's Church Rochdale

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PLEASE CONTINUE
TO PRAY
FOR UKRAINE



Christina Georgina Rossetti

5 Dec 1830 - 29 Dec 1894

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay:
enough for him whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,
but only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.



Christina Rossetti wrote this poem in 1872 after receiving a request for a Christmas poem from Scribner's Monthly Illustrated Magazine.

The familiar melody was composed in 1906 by Gustav Holst, with the English composer Harold Darke publishing his setting of the music in 1909.

In addition to the many recordings of this carol by choirs around the world, it has also been covered by popular singers including Annie Lennox, Sarah Brightman, Julie Andrews, James Taylor and many others.



Time to sharpen your colouring pencils again!!!

Star Of The East

Eugene Field (1850-1895)

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay -
Above that Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out to-night, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all and me.

Star of the East! show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the child -
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!



The author shares the hope of Christmas with readers of this poem, beginning with a brief reminder of the Christmas story and then moving on to an invitation to be like the wise men and in doing so lay their hearts and gifts before the Child in Bethlehem.

50 QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS...



1. Name Santa's reindeers.
2. Poinsettia plants are native to which country?
3. What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan?
4. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?
5. In the Twelve Days of Christmas song, what was sent on the 7th day?
6. What type of tree is mentioned in the same song?
7. Which Christmas carol was originally written in Latin as 'Adeste Fideles'?
8. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the best-selling number 1 single Christmas song of all time has sold 50 million copies. Name the writer and also the singer.
9. In the 1955 Christmas number 1 Christmas Alphabet, what does the letter C represent?
10. One of Christina Rossetti's poems became the basis of a famous Christmas Carol? Name the poem and also the carol.
11. The song 'Driving Home for Christmas' was written about a journey to where?
12. Name the famous scientist who developed the three laws of motion and was born on Christmas day 1642?
13. How many wise men / Magi / kings does the bible say visited the baby Jesus?
14. What cartoon character is essential tv viewing on Christmas Eve in Sweden?
15. Which wordless children's picture book by Raymond Briggs was first published in 1978?
16. Which British monarch delivered the first ever Christmas message, and in what year?
17. Astronauts broadcast which Christmas song from space in 1965?
18. Which character declares "Merry Christmas, one and all!" in Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'?
19. Name the children's classic in which it is "always winter but never Christmas", and the author?
20. Which country was founded on Christmas Day 1000 by King Stephen - Portugal, Poland, Sweden or Hungary?
21. In what year was Clement C Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas" first published?
22. Name the chemical compound normally used to create the bang in Christmas crackers.
23. In which direction should you stir mincemeat for good luck: clockwise or anti-clockwise.

24. Which pudding is demanded in the song “We wish you a Merry Christmas”?
25. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey’s neck?
26. Which two books of the New Testament tell us about the birth of Jesus?
27. Who is credited with introducing the popular Christmas tradition of sending Christmas cards in 1843?
28. From which country does panettone originate?
29. “Once in Royal David’s City” was composed in 13th 15th 19th or 20th century?
30. True or false? Christmas pudding was originally a soup made with wine and raisins.
31. ‘Silent Night’ was first sung in an Austrian church – for what reason was the tune played on a guitar instead of the church organ?
32. In the novel ‘A Christmas Carol’, which is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?
33. How many gifts in total were given in “The Twelve Days of Christmas” song?
34. “Walking in the Air” is a song taken from which Christmas film, shown on TV for the first time on Boxing Day in which year?
35. What type of animal carried Mary to Bethlehem?
36. In the book “A Christmas Carol”, Bob Cratchit has what type of bird before Scrooge brings a turkey?
37. In 1978 the German-based group Boney M had a number one hit with which Christmas song?
38. The song from question 37 was written and released in 1956. Who sang this well-known version?
39. Which member of the Royal Family introduced the Christmas tree to England?
40. In which carol are the lyrics “Gloria, Hosanna In Excelsis”?
41. Name the fruit traditionally used to make a Christingle?
42. Christmas Island was discovered on Christmas Day in 1643 – true or false?
43. Why are candy canes shaped like shepherds’ crooks?
44. Which festive dessert stems from a pagan fireplace tradition?
45. Name the states in America that have towns called Santa Claus.
46. Translated literally from the Anglo Saxon, Mistletoe is _____ on a stick?
47. On what day of the festivities in France would you eat a Galette des Rois?
48. What was Jesus wrapped in after when he was born?
49. Snowflakes are typically portrayed as being 6 sided, but studies suggest that less than 0.1%, 1% or 10% of snowflakes exhibit the ideal six-fold symmetric shape?
50. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College, Cambridge, was introduced in 1918. In which year was it first broadcast?

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ALLELUIA	CAMEL	GIFTS	JOSEPH	PROCLAMATION
ANGELIC	CEREMONIES	GLORIA	LORD	PROPHECY
ANGELS	CHRIST CHILD	GOLD	MAGI	SACRED
ANNOUNCEMENT	CRECHE	GOODWILL	MARY	SHEPHERDS
ASTROLOGERS	DONKEY	HOLY	MIRACLE	STABLE
BABE	IMMANUEL	INCARNATION	MYRRH	STAR
BABY	EPIPHANY	INN	NATIVITY	WISE MEN
BETHLEHEM	FLOCKS	JERUSALEM	PAGEANT	

CHRISTMAS CAROL

LONG time ago, in Palestine,
Upon a wintry morn.
All in a lowly cattle shed,
The Prince of Peace was born.

The clouds fled from the gloomy sky;
The winds in silence lay;
And the stars shone bright, with strange delight,
To welcome in that day.

His parents they were simple folk,
And simple lives they led;
And in the ways of righteousness
This little Child was bred.

In gentle thought, and gentle deed,
His early days went by;
And the light His youthful steps did lead
Came down from heaven on high.

He was the friend of all the poor
That wander here below;
It was His only joy on earth
To ease them of their woe.

In vain He trod His holy path,
By sorrow sorely tried;
It was for all mankind He lived,
And for mankind He died.

Like Him, let us be just and pure,
Like Him, be true always;
That we may find the peace of mind
That never fades away.

Edwin Waugh 1817-1890



Another picture to colour in.

The Holy Night

We sate among the stalls at Bethlehem;
The dumb kine from their fodder turning them,
Softened their horned faces
To almost human gazes
Toward the newly Born:
The simple shepherds from the star-lit brooks
Brought their visionary looks,
As yet in their astonished hearing rung
The strange sweet angel-tongue:
The magi of the East, in sandals worn,
Knelt reverent, sweeping round,
With long pale beards, their gifts upon the ground,
The incense, myrrh, and gold
These baby hands were impotent to hold:
So let all earthlies and celestials wait
Upon thy royal state.
Sleep, sleep, my kingly One!

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)



Father

You make this holy night radiant
with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light.
We welcome Him as Lord, true light of the world.
Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

(International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL))

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine
with the illumination of the true Light:
Grant us, we beseech thee,
that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth,
so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven;
where with thee and the Holy Spirit
he liveth and reigneth, one God,
in glory everlasting. Amen

(BCP 1979)

As we journey from one year to the next,
remembering the days we leave behind,
the joys and sorrows, mountains and
valleys, may we know God's presence
with us, as our constant companion,
a hand to hold if we should stumble,
words of truth we can build upon,
our faithful guide along life's journey,
love that inspires, light for each day,
and, empowered by God's Spirit, may we
become the people He knows we can be.

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TOAD LANE CONCERTS

Rochdale's Weekly Music at Lunchtime on Wednesdays
at St Mary in the Baum
Doors open at 12 noon • Concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm • Entry fee: £6

◆ JANUARY 4 ◆

More than Melody Ladies Choir
Jonathan Gibson *MD*, J Edward Rigg *Accompanist*

◆ JANUARY 11 ◆

Tim Kennedy *piano* (Cambridge University & RNCM staff)

◆ JANUARY 18 ◆

Katy Allan *soprano* Trinity-Laban & RNCM and Tim Kennedy *piano*

◆ JANUARY 25 ◆

'Opera for the people' with Nicola Mills *soprano*
(Royal Scottish Conservatoire) Glyndebourne,
Dutch & Flemish Opera, Opera Monte Carlo

◆ FEBRUARY 1 ◆

Evi Wang *piano* (China, Sweden, Norway & RNCM)

◆ FEBRUARY 8 ◆

Voci Voices
Elizabeth Ambrose & Margaret Ferguson *sopranos*,
Eric Cymbir *tenor*, David Cane *baritone* and Jonathan Ellis *piano*

◆ FEBRUARY 15 ◆

Jonathan Ellis *piano* (Manchester University and RNCM)

◆ Thank you for your support ◆

Contact Dr Joe Dawson **01706 648872** for more info



SERVICES OF WORSHIP

♦ Sundays

ST MARY IN THE BAUM

9.15 am

Week 1 - BCP Communion

Week 2 - Service of the Word

Weeks 3, 4 and 5*

Common Worship Communion

** where there is a 5th Sunday in a month*

ST CHAD'S

11.15 am

Choral Eucharist

Matins on 2nd Sunday of month

1.00 - 2.30 pm

Asian Fellowship

♦ Thursdays

ST CHAD'S

from 3 November at 10.00 am

Weeks 1, 4 and 5* Morning Prayer

Week 2 and 3 Holy Communion**

** months with a 5th Thursday*

*** for those who wish to receive
the sacrament in the week*



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at St Chad's or St Mary in the Baum,
please come along to church
on Sunday morning
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.*

