



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



# NEWS

*(Please take one and pass it on)*

25 JUNE

2023



Sunday  
25 June 2023

3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today.  
You are welcome to stay  
for refreshments after the service.*



**Be With Us Today**

Father in heaven,  
you have given us a mind  
to know you,  
a will to serve you,  
and a heart to love you.  
Be with us today in all that we do,  
so that your light  
may shine out in our lives.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*St Thomas More (1478-1535)*



**Please continue  
to pray  
for Ukraine**



**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR  
PHONE IS  
\*OFF\*  
DURING THE SERVICE**

*Thank You*



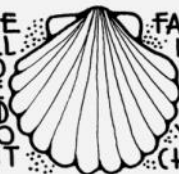
PLEASE PRAY FOR  
**PAM PARR**  
 TO BE ORDAINED AT  
 MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL  
 ON SUNDAY 2 JULY



PLEASE PRAY FOR  
**Anya Joandri Ranasinghe**  
**Ivanya Lenadri Ranasinghe**  
**Livan Leandro Ranasinghe**  
**Michael Oluwalonimi Ossai**  
**Nathaniel William Olayemi**

TO BE BAPTISED  
 AT ST CHAD'S  
 ON SUNDAY 9 JULY

• MAKE ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST FAITHFUL IN OUR CALLING TO BE YOUR CHILDREN •




PLEASE PRAY FOR  
**Lynette Pounder**  
**and Gary Brierley**  
 TO BE MARRIED  
 AT ST CHAD'S  
 ON SATURDAY 8 JULY



If you would like us to pray  
 for someone who is ill  
 or who has died,  
 please add their name to the list  
 located on the desk  
 or speak to one of the clergy.



## Mid-week service at St Chad's - Thursdays 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*



### CHURCH OPEN DAYS at ST CHAD'S

Our historic Grade 2\* listed church  
will be open from 2 - 4 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays  
starting on 7 June  
and continuing through to the **HERITAGE WEEKEND**  
on Fri/Sat/Sun 8/9/10 September.

*\* Our Sunday and Thursday services will be at their usual times \**

**Contactless Payments  
for donations  
now available!**



I am conscious that we are now entering ordination season, this is particularly on my mind as Pam Parr will be ordained on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

I remember each time I am at an ordination or renewing my vows at a Chrism Mass what an awesome responsibility we are taking on, what a privilege and a blessing it is and that I cannot do it on my own.

I do it with the help and support of other priests and those with authority in the diocese, I do it with the support of the PCCs and church officers, I do it with the support of the congregations of our churches and I do it with the support of the community of Rochdale.

Most of all I remember the answer I gave when I was asked will you take on these vows "With the help of God, I will."

Nothing I do in ministry is on my own, at all times when I put on my collar or wear my robes I am asking God to work through me.

Please pray for Pam as she prepares for her ordination and keep the whole ministry team in your prayers constantly, we can only do what we do with the help of God and the support of you all.

So, as Pam prepares to also make these vows, I want to share with you the Poem 'Priestly duties' that starts on the next page...

With Blessings,  
Revd Anne.



## **Priestly Duties**

What should a priest be?

All things to all –

male, female and genderless

What should a priest be?

reverent and relaxed

vibrant in youth

assured through the middle years

divine sage when ageing

What should a priest be?

accessible and incorruptible

abstemious, yet full of celebration,

informed, but not threateningly so,

and far above

the passing soufflé of fashion

What should a priest be?

an authority on singleness

Solomon-like on the labyrinth

of human sexuality

excellent with young marrieds,

old marrieds, were marrieds, never

marrieds, shouldn't have marrieds,

those who live together, those who live

apart, and those

who don't live anywhere

respectfully mindful of senior

citizens and war veterans,

familiar with the ravages of arthritis,

osteoporosis, post-natal depression,

anorexia, whooping-cough and nits.

What should a priest be?  
all-round family person  
counsellor, but not officially because  
of the recent changes in legislation,  
teacher, expositor, confessor,  
entertainer, juggler,  
good with children, and  
possibly sea-lions,  
empathetic towards pressure groups

What should a priest be?  
on nodding terms with  
Freud, Jung, St John of the Cross,  
The Scott Report, The Rave Culture,  
The Internet, the Lottery, BSE, and Anthea Turner,  
pre-modern, fairly modern,  
post-modern, and, ideally,  
Secondary-modern – if called to the inner city

What should a priest be?  
charismatic, if needs must,  
but quietly so,  
evangelical, and thoroughly  
meditative, mystical, but not New Age.  
Liberal, and so open to other voices,  
traditionalist, reformer and revolutionary  
and hopefully, not on medication  
unless for an old sporting injury.

Note to congregations:

If your priest actually fulfils all of the above, and then  
enters the pulpit one Sunday morning wearing  
nothing but a shower-cap, a fez, and declares: 'I'm  
the King and Queen of Venus, and we shall now sing  
the next hymn in Latvian, take your partners please'  
– Let it pass.



Like you and I,  
they too sew the thin thread of humanity,  
Remember Jesus in the Garden –  
beside Himself?

So, what does a priest do?  
mostly stays awake at Deanery synods  
tries not to annoy the Bishop too much  
visits hospices, administers comfort,  
conducts weddings, christenings –  
not necessarily in that order,  
takes funerals  
consecrates the elderly to the grave  
buries children, and babies,  
feels completely helpless beside  
the swaying family of a suicide.

What does a priest do?  
tries to colour in God  
uses words to explain miracles  
which is like teaching a millipede to sing,  
but even more difficult.

What does a priest do?  
answers the phone when sometimes they'd rather not  
occasionally errs and strays into tabloid titillation,  
prays for Her Majesty's Government

What does a priest do?  
tends the flock through time,  
oil and incense,  
would secretly like each PCC to commence  
with a mud-pie making contest  
sometimes falls asleep when praying  
yearns, like us, for heart-rushing deliverance



What does a priest do?  
has rows with their family  
wants to inhale Heaven  
stares at bluebells  
attempts to convey the mad love of God  
would like to ice-skate with crocodiles  
and hear the roses when they pray.

How should a priest live?

How should we live?

As priests,  
transformed by The Priest  
that death prised open  
so that he could be our priest  
martyred, diaphanous and  
matchless priest.

What should a priest be?

What should a priest do?

How should a priest live?

*By: Stewart Henderson, "Priestly Duties:  
Written for Eric Delve 23.5.96" in Limited Edition  
(Plover books, 1997)*

**❖ JUST FOR FUN ❖**  
**ANOTHER 20 QUESTIONS,**  
**AND A SUDOKU GRID**

**General Knowledge...**

1. Augustus Gloop is a character in which children's book?
2. From which city was the Wife in Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales"?
3. Which chemical element has the symbol W, taken from its old name of Wolfram?
4. What is winceyette?
5. Which Fawly Towers character was noted for saying, "I know nothing"?
6. Water Ice is another name for which dessert?
7. In which decade was Rafael Nadal born, and where?
8. The town of Weymouth has a coastline on which body of water?
9. In which London borough is Waterloo Station situated?
10. Is Llandudno in North, South or West Wales?



**Bible Knowledge...**

1. What was the name of Ruth's great-grandson?
2. How many Psalms are there in the Bible?
3. Where was Abraham born?
4. In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus say would happen to the meek?
5. Where did Moses first meet his future wife?
6. Which Christian doctrine did the Sadducees reject?
7. Who was the first of the apostles to perform a miracle in the name of Jesus?
8. Out of the ten lepers Jesus healed, what nationality was the one who returned to thank him?
9. By what name was the disciple Tabitha also known?
10. Which apostle was a Pharisee?

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# MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHAD'S

Saturday 22 July at 3.00 pm

## SCOTT BROTHERS DUO

*A Concert of Piano Duets*

**TICKETS £10 (PAY ON THE DOOR)**

*Includes refreshments after concert*



# MUSIC AT ST MARY IN THE BAUM

## 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

♦ **JUNE 28** ♦

Ellada Angelina Pavlou *piano* (Greece, Trinity-Laban & RNCM)



♦ **Thank you for your continued 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 - Holy Communion

Weeks 3, 4 and 5\*

Common Worship Communion

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

#### ST CHAD'S

11.15 am

Holy Communion

*Matins on 2nd Sunday of month*

1.30 - 3.00 pm

Asian Fellowship

### ♦ Thursdays

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from 3 November at 10.00 am

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Week 2 and 3 Holy Communion\*\*

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the sacrament in the week*



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*To book a Wedding or Baptism/Christening*

*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.*

