



Rochdale Parish Church
of St Chad



NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

OCTOBER
2024

Welcome to
Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad



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



A polite reminder...

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PHONE IS

OFF

DURING THE SERVICE

Thank You



*Please continue to pray for
UKRAINE and THE HOLY LAND
and also for all affected
by conflict and/or disaster*



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.





PLEASE PRAY
FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED
AT **ST CHAD'S**

Sunday 13 October 2024

Olivia Grace Pugh
Teddy Arthur Pugh



We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.



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provide emergency food boxes
to local people in crisis

Currently, urgently needed items are:

Jam, UHT Milk, Pasta and Noodles

(but stocks are low on all items on their shopping list)

Rochdale Foodbank's Full Shopping List:

Whole or Semi-Skimmed UHT Milk (1 Litre)

Sugar • Tea Bags • Instant Coffee (Jar) • Long Life Fruit Juice

Pasta Sauces • Tomato Ketchup (Small)

Tinned Soups • Tomatoes • Baked Beans • Spaghetti

Tinned Vegetables • Potatoes • Meat • Fish

Tinned Rice Pudding • Fruit • Custard (or Packet)

Instant Mash Potatoes • Rice (500g) • Pasta (500g)

Breakfast Cereals • Jam/Honey (Jar) • Biscuits (Packets) • Snacks/Crisps

Personal Toiletries





*Here are your donations
of food and personal toiletries
being weighed at the Foodbank*

**AT ST CHAD'S
HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER**

WE COLLECTED

63 kg

**of FOOD AND PERSONAL
TOILETRY ITEMS and**

£80

**in monetary donations
for Rochdale Foodbank**

**Thank you for your continued
support**

A reminder that many of the local supermarkets
have a collection point for donations of food and personal toiletries.

You can also take donated items directly to:
Rochdale Foodbank Warehouse
Exchange Shopping Centre Service Entrance, Newgate,
Rochdale Town Centre, OL16 1XB (under the bridge).

The Foodbank sign is displayed on the door.

Opening times are: Monday to Friday, 10:00am – Midday
Alternatively you can give monetary donations via this link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/rochdalefoodbank>



We welcomed
 The Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester,
 to St Chad's on Sunday 6 October
 for the Dedication of the New Bells.

ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH
 OF ST CHAD



DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS

by
 The Rt. Revd. Dr. David Walker
 Bishop of Manchester

Sunday 6 October 2024
 2.00 pm

There should still be
 some copies of these
 booklets on the
 front desk...
 if they're all been taken
 by the time you look
 then please ask me
 and I'll print you a copy.

Linda G

New Bells for Rochdale


A Journey of Dedication and Perseverance


At long last, the new pair of 10 bells is ringing over Rochdale.
 This significant achievement marks the completion of twelve years
 spanning over 20 years to replace the old bells.
 This is the only pair of ten bells in the Rochdale area.














Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition to name the new bells.

Here are the chosen names...

 **Dedicated 6th October 2024**
By The Rt. Rev Dr David Walker
Bishop of Manchester

 **ST CHAD'S BELLS**

 01 St Peter	
 Broadfield	02
03 Sparrow	
 Gracie	04
05 John Bright	
 Pioneer	06
07 Isaiah	
 Chad	08
09 Dunstan	
 Great Happiness	10

*More photos from this event
will be in the next newsletter.*



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
2 AM on SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

DON'T FORGET
TO ADJUST YOUR CLOCKS AND TIMERS

Let us be still before the Lord.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

(Pause)

Let us bring before the Lord
the words that may have hurt
and all those left unsaid;
the anger we have felt
and resentment we have fed.
Let us be still before the Lord.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

(Pause)

The Lord is slow to anger,
willing to forgive,
full of Grace.
Draw near to him.
Rest quietly in his presence.
Listen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 13 - TRINITY 20

Matins at St Chad's
11.15 am

Sunday 20 - TRINITY 21

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's
11.15 am

Breathe Service

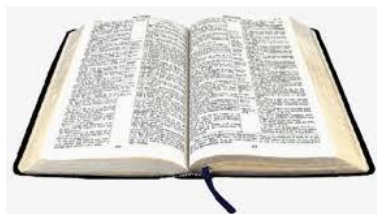
St Michael's Bamford

7.30 pm

(Rochdale Mission Community 3)

Sunday 27 - BIBLE SUNDAY

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's
11.15 am



ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CHAD

ALL SOULS' SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
AND COMMEMORATION

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

AT 3.00 PM



The 2024

St Swithun's Challenge

ended on 23 August.

Rainfall was recorded on 22 of 40 days.

AMOUNT RAISED

£377.40



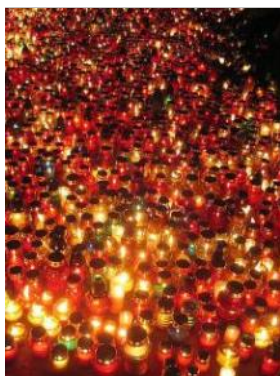
"Thank you" for supporting this event.

Sharing again Revd Anne's reflection on this seasonal topic...

Summer holidays are over and the shops once more are filled with a combination of Christmas Decorations and everything you can imagine for Halloween.

I could rant for a long time about how all feasts and festivals have now been commercialised; it is a pet topic of mine. However so is the regaining of Halloween back to its origins as All Hallow's eve.

It was never about trick or treating, or the terrorising of your neighbours, but the eve of when we remembered the saints who have gone before us, those who have dedicated their lives in sharing their faith.



*The dark is bright with
quiet lives and steady
lights undimmed*

I follow Malcolm Guite and his blog on the internet, which can be found at <http://www.malcolmguite.com/> and this is what he shared about All Hallow's Eve...

All Hallow's Eve; a sonnet of reclamation

As we come towards Hallowe'en, its worth remembering that the word Hallowe'en itself simply means 'the eve of all Hallows', and All Hallows is the Christian feast of All Saints, or All Saints Day', a day when we think particularly of those souls in bliss who, even in this life, kindled a light for us, or to speak more exactly, reflected for us and to us, the already-kindled light of Christ!

It is followed immediately on 2nd November by All Souls Day, the day we remember all the souls who have gone before us into the light of Heaven. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance and a time when we feel that the veil between time and eternity is thin and we can sense that greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. It is also good and right that the Church settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. But it was right that, though they kept the day, they

changed the custom. The greatest and only offering, to redeem both the living and the dead, has been made by Christ and if we want to celebrate our loving connections we need only now make gifts to the living, as we do in offering sweets to the 'trick or treaters' in this season, and far more profoundly in exchanging gifts at Christmas.

Anyway, given that both these seasons of hospitality and exchange have been so wrenched from their first purpose in order to sell tinsel and sweets, I thought I might redress the balance a little and reclaim this season with a sonnet for All Souls/All Saints that remembers the light that shines in darkness, who first kindled it, and how we can all reflect it.

All Saints

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being.
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

(This sonnet is from 'Sounding the Seasons', the collection of sonnets for the church year, published by Canterbury Press.)

So this year let us reclaim All Hallow's Eve, and light a candle to those who have inspired our faith and for those we loved who have died and gone before us.

With blessings
Revd Anne

No apologies for including this in the October newsletter, but the year is rushing by at an alarming speed! Linda G.

**ST CHAD'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024
11 AM - 2 PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

RAFFLES
TOMBOLAS
CAKES & BAKES
BRIC-A-BRAC
BOOKS & CDs
CRAFTS
TOYS
REFRESHMENTS
* & MORE*

**Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad
Sparrow Hill • Rochdale • OL16 1QT**

Any items you can donate for the various stalls at the Christmas Fair will be appreciated.

We need...

Tombola / Raffle prizes • Bottle Tombola prizes
Books, DVDs, CDs • Bric-a-brac • Toys and Games
Handcrafted items • Jewellery and Accessories
Home-made Cakes and Preserves • Items for Hamper Raffle

Note to Sidespersons and Wardens: don't forget to bring in your 6 bottles for the Bottle Tombola!!!

ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY

Parish Share

is the amount of money that a parish is asked to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends and their housing.

It's now that time of year again when we need to complete the income survey and so we invite

EVERYONE

to complete one of the forms you'll find on the table regarding their annual income to enable the calculation for our parish share to be as relevant as possible.

The information you provide is **totally confidential.**

You are not asked to give your name!

The more completed forms we have then the more realistic the calculation for our parish share will be.

Thank you.

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST CHAD'S

WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE ALTAR GUILD.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR DONATION TO LYN TAYLOR,
OR TO ANY MEMBER OF THE ALTAR GUILD.

THANK YOU.



A few more questions to test those 'little grey cells'...

1. What was significant about the Battle of Edgehill in 1642?
2. Who was the famous queen whose navy defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588?
3. Which historic document limited the power of the monarch and laid the foundation for constitutional governance in Britain?
4. In which century did the Industrial Revolution begin in Britain?
5. Which monarch is associated with the expansion of the British Empire during the 19th century?
6. In what year did England have its first Norman king?
7. Which cousin of Queen Elizabeth I was executed in 1587?
8. What was the name of the book commissioned by William the Conqueror that was a survey of England's land and resources for tax purposes?
9. Who is credited with building the first successful steam locomotive, the Rocket, in 1829?
10. Who was the first monarch of England?

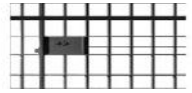


11. During which war did the Battle of Marston Moor take place in 1644 ?
12. Sydney is the capital of which Australian region?
13. Which cricket commentator was known as 'Blowers'?
14. Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone in which year?
a) 1836 b) 1856 c) 1876
15. Playing for Sheffield Wednesday against Wolverhampton Wanderers on 13 August 2000, which record did Kevin Pressman create?
a) most penalty saves in normal time
b) fastest substitution
c) fastest red card
16. The name of Argentina's capital city translates to what in English?
17. What nationality was Roald Amundsen, the leader of the first expedition to reach the South Pole?
18. What was pumped ashore at Easington in County Durham for the first time in 1967?
19. Which actress played Forrest Gump's mother, Mrs Gump?
20. Which native American, who died 400 years ago, was captured by English settlers, eventually married an English tobacco planter and moved to England with him?

21. In Norse mythology, who guided the souls of heroes slain in battles to Valhalla?
22. In geography - where could you find a Moraine?
23. What breed of dog was Pickles who is famously credited for finding the Jules Rimet Trophy after it was stolen?
24. Which fictional character made the French prison Château d'If famous after the character survived 14 years imprisonment before escaping?
25. Joseph Priestly invented which mixer often drunk with alcoholic drinks or cordial?
26. Who was the expedition leader when Edmund Hillary first climbed Everest?
27. The Garonne flows through which 2 countries?
28. Which British actor played Russell 'Stringer' Bell in the Baltimore crime drama 'The Wire'?
29. A Woo Woo is a cocktail of cranberry juice, peach schnapps and which other spirit?
30. Which English actor played the role of Batman in the film 'The Dark Knight'?
31. Ishmael and Queequeg are characters from which novel?
32. Marco Polo gives his name to which Italian city airport?
33. An Aardvark's diet consists almost exclusively of what?
34. The river Rhone flows through which 2 countries?
35. What is the atomic number of Nitrogen? a) 7 b) 15 c) 33
36. By volume, which is the largest reservoir in the UK?
37. Who was the captain of the ship 'Duke' who rescued castaway Alexander Selkirk who had spent 4 years on an uninhabited island, and about which Daniel Defoe was inspired to write Robinson Crusoe?
38. In which 2016 Olympic event did Adam Peaty win gold for Great Britain?
39. Vasco Núñez de Balboa, was the first European to see which body of water?
40. The Maipo Valley is one of which South American country's most important wine-producing regions?



A VIEW BEHIND BARS - SUBMERGED



Wayne knows what it feels like to be stuck in a small metal box for a long time. As a submariner he shared a space even smaller than his current cell, with a couple of others, for a long time, with no fresh air at all. He is positively luxuriating in his current accommodation.

He knows what it means to be submerged. He admits that he went for the job in which he served for ten years because of the kudos and the money. He wonders if it was worth it. He's struggling to keep his head above water in different ways now.

As the underwater missions in the Navy became longer, the morale grew poorer. As COVID hit, the isolation in a tiny bunk was almost unbearable.

When he finally went back to his family after a four month stint in the depths Wayne discovered that his girlfriend had had enough... which led to the downward spiral of emotional fragility and efforts to relieve it through drink and fast cars which ultimately caused the accident that now haunts him as he serves again - in a very different way.

He is not your average prisoner. He is clearly confident with staff and able to converse naturally with his seniors. One prisoner told him, aiming to give some brotherly advice, not to try to be friendly to 'the screws'. Wayne was confused. He has not learnt how much that kind of easy approach will be disliked by other prisoners and exploited along with his fresh-faced boyish looks and middle class background.

I heard the carefully rehearsed details of Wayne's story in a very long conversation.

He wants to write to the families of the two people who died in the crash which he caused. He wants to appeal to the Naval authorities saying that his stress in work resulted in the PTSD that is now another feature of life as he replays the horror of his own immense injuries (several months in hospital followed) and firmly imprinted vision of someone being covered over with plastic after the medics had failed to revive them.

I advised him who to speak to about 'Restorative Justice' and letter writing to victims and their families but was more direct than I usually would be in saying

that if I was a parent, I wouldn't want his apparently self-justifying rationale that his car driving recklessness was the fault of the Armed Forces. Leave that one out, Wayne.

I may, of course, if I'm a parent, not want your letter at all. It may make me more angry than ever. I told him he would have to work out whether he could, if he wrote, live without a response or cope with a response that would not forgive.

Forgiveness: the heart of Christian faith and the most difficult thing to live with, even as it is the most necessary if we are not all to fall into an abyss of blame, shame, regret, isolation, broken relationships, lack of trust and hopelessness.

We can choose to forgive but we cannot compel anyone else to forgive us, no matter how sorry we are. The catharsis may simply have to come from knowing you've done the right thing in making your apology - except that it may not be the right thing if it causes more hurt for the people struggling to manage an endless painful loss.

Wayne seems to think it will all be alright again in a couple of years. For now he has the darkness overwhelming him like the water above the boat from time to time.

He is bored and wants to get back into his history course but he will have to endure the chill of this new environment for a while before that can happen. There's learning of a different kind that's needed first.

Meanwhile, John may miss his father's funeral because of his cancer treatment; David is happy growing his veg; Aidan has taken yet more photos on the family visits, to produce for the men to give away; our catering manager is somehow turning out four hundred and sixty meals a day with one functioning oven out of four and I almost got crushed in the rush for apple crumble yesterday teatime as I arrived at the crucial moment. It could have been messy.

The apostle Paul says we've been transferred from darkness to the kingdom of light if we trust in Jesus Christ. I hope for so many of these men that they can indeed rise to the surface and breath in the air and find the light again.

*Hilary Edgerton, Chaplain
HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale
September 2024*

Answers for last month's newsletter brain workout...

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The missing link words... e.g. Solid Garden Cake **ROCK**

- 1. Coffee Sprout Baked **BEAN**
- 2. Care Lance Kick **FREE**
- 3. Oil Beef Branch **OLIVE**
- 4. Active Portable Wave **RADIO**
- 5. Fence Leader Signet **RING**
- 6. Bread Lemon Cosy **TEA**
- 7. Centre Telephone Close **CALL**
- 8. Beech Row Hog **HEDGE**
- 9. Insect Walking Drum **STICK**
- 10. Full Beam Walk **MOON**

ST CHAD NETWORK



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024

Newsletter 4

A Message from Bishop Jan

Dean Designate of Lichfield Cathedral

I am thrilled to have been appointed as the next Dean of Lichfield – and indeed, the first female Dean in the Cathedral's 1300 year history. Lichfield Cathedral is a very special place. Visitors and pilgrims are first captivated by the magnificent west front of the Cathedral, with its array of statues with Biblical figures and royalty alike peering down at them, and the unique three spires pointing their heavenswards. When they enter the Cathedral, their first reaction is often "wow!" It truly is a beautiful Cathedral, especially when the sun is streaming through the stained glass. I'm so often reminded of the words from Genesis Chapter 28: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

By the time that visitors and pilgrims have made their way to the Lady Chapel and the Shrine of St Chad or the far east end of the Cathedral, they have "walked in" and so it is no surprise that the area in which the Shrine is situated is the most prayerful part of the Cathedral. It is also where we hold services of prayer for the healing and wholeness, and where, on the day that I was announced as the next Dean of Lichfield, the Bishop of Lichfield, Chad's successor, prayed for me. I'm much looking forward, in my new role, to see the Chad family across the world grow in bonds of fellowship and friendship. If you have never been to Lichfield Cathedral, we hope that a pilgrimage here might be possible for you one day. We'd love to greet you. And we're grateful to Pete Morris for his work in bringing together all those of us for whom Chad is an important part of our heritage. It's not for nothing that he was awarded a Chad Medal by Bishop Michael on St Chad's day this year.

We do hope that we may see you soon, and until then, in the words of our Cathedral motto – *Invenio Deum et laetor* – Serve God. And be joyful!

Bishop Jan
Dean Designate of Lichfield



Photo: Lichfield Cathedral Photographers

St Chad Icon

St. Chad's Episcopal Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico



Photo: Patricia Cadena

A new icon of St Chad was presented to the congregation and blessed on 17 February 2024. It was an important occasion for the church which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

The icon is the work of iconographer Patricia Cadena of Albuquerque, New Mexico USA.

Patricia used egg tempera for her medium. Her base consisted of equal parts egg yolk, white wine and water, to which dried pigments were added. Gold leaf was applied to the board before the colour was added. The icon measures approximately 51 centimetres wide and 91 centimetres tall.

Iconographer Patricia Cadena



Photo: Jim Frost

Children from the Sunday School classes were invited to participate in the ceremony by making their own icons of St Chad. They assembled at the front of the church with their completed icons to have them blessed also. The presentation was part of an early celebration of St. Chad's Feast Day.



Photo: Jim Frost

Patricia Cadena, the Reverend Leslie St. Louis, Father Jeremiah Griffin, the warden of St. Chad's, and Sanctuary Intern Judy Taylor

"Thank You"
to everyone

who gives their time to help with cleaning the church, tidying the garden areas, arranging the floral displays, providing refreshments after our services of worship, and the many other jobs not mentioned here that enable St Chad's to keep running smoothly.



Can **you** spare an occasional hour on Wednesdays or Thursdays to help with cleaning the church or tidying the garden areas?

If so, please speak to Peter G, Linda G, Jill, Sue F or Martin.

Your help in maintaining our wonderful church will be appreciated.



A few copies of the St Chad Network Newsletter - Summer 2024

are still available on the table near the South Door.

(Graham Knox's article on our 830th Anniversary is included!)

Contactless Payments for donations are now available



ST CHAD'S

Sundays 11.15 am Choral Eucharist (*Matins on 2nd Sunday of month*)

2.00 - 3.30 pm Asian Fellowship

Thursdays 10.00 am Said Eucharist on 2nd Thursday of the month



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*To book a Wedding or Baptism/Christening at any of our churches
please come along to church on Sunday morning
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.*

ST MARY IN THE BAUM

Sundays 9.15 am

Week 1 - BCP Communion

Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5* CW

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

ST LUKE'S DEEPLISH

Sundays 10.00 am

Holy Communion, Family Worship
or Service of the Word

Mondays 10.30 am Bible Study

Wednesday 11 am Morning Prayer