



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



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# NEWS

*(Please take one and pass it on)*

SEPTEMBER

2023



September  
2023



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



This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

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

*Thank You*



**THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER FOR  
SEPTEMBER**

**PLEASE RETAIN FOR INFO**

**ANY ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

**AND INFO WILL BE**

**ANNOUNCED IN THE SERVICE**



PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Arlo Grant Patrick O'Neill**

TO BE BAPTISED  
AT ST CHAD'S ON  
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

*Friends Together*

*Bereavement Support Group*

*at St Chad's*

*10 am - 12 noon*

*Everyone Welcome*

*Refreshments provided*

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



**Contactless Payments  
for donations now available!**



**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



*Please  
continue  
to pray  
for Ukraine*

We come into September, in the Anglican church, into the Season of Creation and it starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

This is a time when we renew our relationship with our Creator God and all His creation through celebration, and appreciation of the gifts of nature and the beauty of our world.

We consider how God created the World and continues to sustain everything in it.

We also think about how mankind, being tasked by God to 'steward' the earth.

We were told to look after it and nurture it, and we consider what sort of a job we are doing.



I shared with PCC a document that had been put together by a children's committee called Watch Our World and presented to Deanery Synod with the hope that we as churches would respond to their challenge to care for our planet, and with practical suggestions of how we can do that. There is a copy of what they produced at the back of the church.

I particularly want to respond to it as there are representatives from St Peter's school, which is linked to our parishes, on the committee. Have a look at the document and see what you can do to help.

I would also like to make all of our churches Eco Churches; if you think this is something you could help with please let me know.

We need to look after our planet for future generations, and as Christians who believe that God charged us with the care of His creation we should be leading the way.



We all see the news and hear about climate change, the time to change how we live is now, and be mindful that we do not inherit this Earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children. We need to care for God's beautiful creation and that starts with us as individuals, who when we come together and encourage others to join us can begin to make the difference needed to ensure that it is here for future generations to enjoy as it has been for us.

So here is the short prayer for our Creation to pray at home:

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation,  
and every living thing belongs to you:  
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.  
Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,  
to reduce the energy we use,  
to share the resources you provide,  
and to bear the cost of change.  
Forgive our past mistakes  
and send us your Spirit,  
with wisdom in present controversies  
and vision for the future to which you call us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

With every Blessing,  
Revd Anne.



# **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**Sunday 1 October 2023**

**St Mary in the Baum - 9.15 am**

**St Chad's - 11.15 am**



**We will be collecting monetary donations,  
food and personal toiletry items in support of**



## FAIR FOR ALL

is the only dedicated  
Fair Trade outlet in the  
Municipal Borough of Rochdale,  
and is situated at

### **5 The Walk**

on the ground floor of  
Couzen's Hair Studio.

Following on from Covid  
we are busier now, and people  
who didn't know about us  
are finding us and coming  
into the shop to look round,  
not always buying but realising  
that we have some  
excellent gifts as well as foods.

The shop is staffed entirely by  
dedicated volunteers  
and we are now in a position of  
needing more volunteers  
to help us in the shop.

If you feel that you are able  
to help please contact

**Monica Fowler**

01706 659453 / 07980 467228  
or email [mjfowler86@gmail.com](mailto:mjfowler86@gmail.com)

You will be made very welcome.



**FAIRTRADE**



## CHURCH OPEN DAYS at ST CHAD'S

Our historic  
Grade 2\* listed church  
will be open on

Wednesday 6 September

2 - 4 pm

Thursday 7 September

2 - 4 pm

## OUR HERITAGE WEEKEND OPEN DAYS

will be on

Friday 8 September

2 - 4 pm

Saturday 9 September

2 - 4 pm

Sunday 10 September

1 - 4 pm

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

<b>◆ SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 13 ◆</b>	
<i>There is a change to this week's scheduled service</i>	
9.15 am at St Mary in the Baum - MP	11.15 am at St Chad's - Matins
Both services led by Hannah Currin	
Exodus 3.1-15 Psalm 115 <b>Romans 12.9-end Matthew 16.21-end</b>	
<b>◆ THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER ◆</b>	
10 am at St Chad's - Eucharist - Revd Natty Gray presiding	
Colossians 1.9-14 Luke 5.1-11	
<b>◆ SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 14 ◆</b>	
9.15 am at St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - M
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert	Preaching: Revd Anne Gilbert
Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149 <b>Romans 13.8-end Matthew 18.21-35</b>	
<b>◆ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER ◆</b>	
10 am at St Chad's - Eucharist - Revd Anne Gilbert presiding	
Numbers 21.4-9 John 3.13-17	
<b>◆ SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 15 ◆</b>	
9.15 am at St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert	Presiding: Revd Anne Gilbert
Preaching: Sue Horobin	Preaching: Revd Pamela Parr
Exodus 14.19-end Psalm 114 <b>Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35</b>	
<b>◆ THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER ◆</b>	
10 am at St Chad's – Morning Prayer - Sue Horobin presiding	
Ecclesiastes 5.4-12 Matthew 19.16-end	
<b>◆ SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 16 ◆</b>	
9.15 am at St Mary in the Baum - HC	11.15 am at St Chad's - HC
Presiding: Revd Canon Roger Hill	Presiding: Revd Canon Roger Hill
Preaching: Revd Canon Roger Hill	Preaching: Revd Canon Roger Hill
Exodus 16.2-15 Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end <b>Philippians 1.21-end Matthew 20.1-16</b>	





is currently supporting over 100 families / single people each week and stocks are **LOW** due to the increasing demand. People who once contributed to the foodbank now find themselves its clients, including those who are working full time, pensioners, Universal Credit claimants (5 week wait for benefits), and every item you donate will enable the Foodbank to continue helping local people in need of support during these difficult times.

All items are urgently required...

Whole or Semi-Skimmed Milk (1 litre, UHT)

Tea Bags • Instant Coffee (Jar) • Sugar • Cup-A-Soups • Long Life Fruit Juice

Pasta / Cooking Sauces • Tomato Ketchup (small)

Tinned Foods:

Tomatoes • Soups • Peas • Carrots • Sweetcorn • Potatoes

Meat • Fish • Baked Beans • Spaghetti

Fruit • Rice Pudding • Custard (or packet)

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

Jam / Honey (Jar) • Breakfast Cereal • Snacks • Crisps • Biscuits (packets)

Personal Toiletries, including: Shower Gel • Soap • Shampoo • Deodorant

Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Feminine Hygiene Products • Disposable Nappies



Rochdale Foodbank Warehouse is open to accept your donations

**Monday to Friday, 10 am - 12 noon**

Exchange Shopping Centre Service Entrance,  
Newgate, Rochdale Town Centre, OL16 1XB (under the bridge).

Our sign will be on the door.

There are also in-store donation points at  
Asda's Dane Street and Tesco's Silk Street stores.

*Michaelmas* is celebrated on 29 September, traditionally the last day of the year's harvest season, and in medieval times the day used by farmers to mark the changing of the seasons.



Coventry Cathedral's "St Michael's Victory over the Devil" by Epstein

It's also the time of year that darker nights and colder days begin - winter is coming - and people believed negative forces were stronger in the darkness and that they would need stronger defences to protect them during the later months of the year, so Michaelmas celebrations are associated with encouraging protection during the dark of the months ahead.

Michaelmas is also one of the four 'quarter days' of the year, the others being Lady Day on 25 March, Midsummer on 24 June, and Christmas on 25 December.

Being close to the solstices or equinoxes these days are three months apart and were the four days of the year when servants would be hired, rents becoming due or new leases started.

It is also the festival of Michael and All Angels. Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, the protector against the dark of the night, and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels, hurling Lucifer (the devil / Satan) down from Heaven for his treachery.

*Rev 12:7-9 7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (NRSV)*

The Bible mentions many angels, but only four are called by name: Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael and Michael.

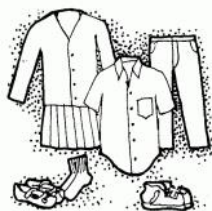
Archangel Michael leads and supervises the other archangels. He is a warrior and the powerful agent of God who wards off evil from God's people and delivers peace to them at the end of their life on earth.

According to English folklore we shouldn't eat blackberries after Michaelmas Day because the devil landed in a prickly bramble bush after being thrown out of Heaven, and in his annoyance scorched the fruit with his fiery breath as well as stamping and spitting on the fruit and cursing it.



The story continues by telling us that this curse is renewed each year and it's considered to be very unlucky to pick blackberries after Michaelmas.

*Linda G.*



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

“Uniform For All” is a community uniform recycling project set-up with the aim of helping parents who are struggling to afford school uniform; however it is also a way to help recycle and try and protect the environment from wearable clothing being taken to landfill.

So far, over 500 families have been helped, with more than 7,200 items of uniform being made available for:

Falange Park, Oulder Hill, Redwood and St Cuthbert's High Schools, and Spotland, Meanwood, St Vincent's RC, Caldershaw and Norden Primary Schools in Rochdale as well as schools in Heywood and Middleton.

Items required: jumpers, cardigans, shirts, skirts, ties, trousers, blazers, shoes, PE bags, summer dresses, coats, and lunch bags.

Perhaps you know someone who would benefit from this scheme, have school uniform to donate or would like to volunteer?

There is more information on the group's Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Uniform4A/> or contact Councillor Rachel Massey

# Autumn Equinox 2023

**SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER AT 6:50AM GMT (7:50AM BST)**

Once again our journey around the Sun has seen us travel on from the Summer Solstice in June and we will soon be arriving at the Autumn Equinox.

Meteorological Autumn begins on 1 September, but the Autumn Equinox is the first day of Astronomical Autumn and this transitional point is a key stage between the seasons of Autumn and Winter.

As our Earth travels around the Sun its elliptical orbit brings us to the point in the year where both northern and southern hemispheres are illuminated equally by the sun, giving us equal hours of daytime and night-time, hence 'equinox'.

We'll also be losing 2 minutes of daylight each day as we travel on towards the Winter Solstice on Friday 22 December 2023, at 03:27am GMT, and the shortest day of the year.

The full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox is the Harvest Moon, which will be on 29 September this year. It was said that the light from this moon provided farmers and farm workers with extra light to enable them to work late into the night around this time and harvest the crops, and no doubt they still take advantage of this.

The Autumnal Equinox also provides us with an increased chance of being able see the spectacular Aurora Borealis displays, or Northern Lights, that can occur In the higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere due to increased geomagnetic activities around this time.



Keats called autumn the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', and it's this season that we remember for the harvest and harvest festivals along with the temperature cooling and the nights beginning to "draw in".



The deciduous trees prepare for winter as the chemical chlorophyll in their leaves, which has made them green, declines to allow the other chemicals to become more prominent and so display a kaleidoscope of reds, yellows and ambers before the leaves fall. (Did you know that some of the chemicals responsible for this change in colour are the same ones that give carrots (beta-carotenes) and egg yolks (luteins) their colours?)

The word "fall" was actually a common term in England until around the 17th century, deriving from the shortening of the phrase "fall of the leaf" and may explain why Americans use this word to describe the Autumn season as their English ancestors took it with them when emigrating to those shores.

The word "Autumn" came into use here around the 18th century, deriving from the French term Automne, and one reason for its use may have been when the upper-classes of English society wanted to adopt a more refined vocabulary to separate them from the lower and working class population.

According to Greek mythology, autumn began after Hades abducted Persephone to be the Queen of the Underworld. Her mother was Demeter, goddess of the harvest, and in her distress caused all the crops on Earth to die until her daughter was allowed to return, marking spring.

In conclusion, it's September and Autumn is here... enjoy the season!

*Linda G.*

# 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

### ◆ SEPTEMBER 6 ◆

**Isabel Williamson** *cello* & **Jonathan Ellis** *piano*  
(both RNCM & Manchester University)

### ◆ SEPTEMBER 13 ◆

**Anne Butterworth** *soprano* **Stephen Taylor** *baritone* **Elaine Marsden** *piano*

### ◆ SEPTEMBER 20 ◆

**Maria King** *piano* (RNCM & Paris)

### ◆ SEPTEMBER 27 ◆

#### TELEMANN BAROQUE ENSEMBLE

**Alastair Roberts** *flute*, **Alfred Pollard** *oboe*, **Elaine da Costa** & **Sarah Snape** *violins*,  
**John Goodstadt** *viola*, **Roger Bisby** *cello* & **Peter Collier** *harpsichord*.

### ◆ OCTOBER 4 ◆

**John Powell** *baritone* (Cambridge & BBC Singers) & **Elin Rees** *piano* (RNCM)

### ◆ OCTOBER 11 ◆

**Richard Haslam** *guitar* RNCM (& **George Strickland** *piano* for Rodrigo Concerto)

### ◆ OCTOBER 18 ◆

#### OLDHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

### ◆ OCTOBER 25 ◆

**Freda Farnworth** *soprano* (Guildhall) & **J Edward Rigg** *piano*

◆ Thank you for your continued support ◆

Contact Dr Joe Dawson 01706 648872 for more info



# MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHAD'S

## ◆ Saturday 16 September - 12 noon - The Dunelm Duo ◆

Robert Rainford (*piano/organ/keyboards*)  
and Lynne Williams (*flute/oboe/clarinet/saxophone*)

*Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6*

## ◆ Saturday 7 October - 12 noon - Lainton Trumpet Quartet ◆

From classical favourites to modern arrangements, Lainton will be performing a varied selection of tunes, showcasing all things trumpet!

*Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6*

## ◆ Saturday 14 October :: 3-4 pm ◆

Oldham, Rochdale & Tameside Organists' Association

**Anthony Gray**

*(The Brereton Memorial Recital)*

*Doors open 2.20 pm - refreshments available before concert - Admission £8*

## ◆ Saturday 28 October - 12 noon ◆

**Dimitra Ananiadou (*Violin*) and Richard Whalley (*Pianoforte*)**

J.S. Bach: Allegro from BWV 1093: Sonata for Solo Violin in A minor,  
Massenet: 'Meditation' and Beethoven: from Op. 47 Violin Sonata

*Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6*

## ◆ Saturday 18 November - 12 noon - Reisling Piano Quartet ◆

Including Music by: C.M. Weber, Frank Bridge and Elgar (*Salut d'amour*)

*Doors open 11.20 am - refreshments available before concert - Admission £6*

## 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*

2.00 - 4.00 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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*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*

