



Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad



NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

OCTOBER
2025

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

ON SILENT

DURING THE SERVICE

Thank You



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
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 the churchwardens.

Prayer 
Request



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
2 AM on SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER
DON'T FORGET
TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS AND TIMERS
BACK BY ONE HOUR



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

Sunday 12 October 2025

Macey Ford
Mark Richardson

Sunday 19 October 2025

Atreus George Greenwood



The 2025
St Swithun's Challenge

ended on 23 August.

Rainfall was recorded on **21** of 40 days.

AMOUNT RAISED

£370.63

(including GiftAid)

Thank you for supporting this event.

URGENT

PLEASE CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT



*** PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES TO LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS ***

The full shopping list...

Semi-Skimmed or Whole Milk (UHT) (1 Litre)

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

Pasta Sauces ♦ Tomato Ketchup

Tinned Foods

Soups ♦ Tomatoes ♦ Baked Beans ♦ Spaghetti ♦ Vegetables ♦ Potatoes

Rice Pudding ♦ Custard (or Packet) ♦ Fruit ♦ Meat ♦ Fish

Instant Mash ♦ Rice (500g) ♦ Pasta (500g)

Jam / Honey (Jar) ♦ Breakfast Cereals

Biscuits (Packets) ♦ Snacks / Crisps (etc)

Personal Toiletries



The 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).

Their sign will be on the door.

There are also in-store donation points at most supermarkets.

This link gives up-to-date info on items required:

<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

(currently everything on the Foodbank's shopping list)

You can also give monetary donations via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/rochdalefoodbank>



**Sunday
5 October
2025**



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

at 11.15 am



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

Thank you for your continuing support.



MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHAD'S

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025 - 12 NOON

Alicia Cadwgan (Soprano) and Philip O'Connor (Tenor)



Logan Ferris (Accompanist)



Bon Voyage!

Alicia and Philip are known to St Chad's audiences through working with us on Singing Days.

Alicia, now a proud mum, is returning to her native New Zealand in the new year and we are delighted that she has agreed to come and perform again with Philip.

Their programme, with a romantic bias, will be likely to take in some Rachmaninov, Strauss, Tosti and Rossini.

PAY ON DOOR £6.00

including light refreshments beforehand at 11.30 am

(Concerts last about 50 minutes)

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 near the refreshment area
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.

Contactless Payments
for donations
are now available



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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UPDATE: Hiuyan had completed **54** miles by 28 September and aiming for **60** miles by the end of September. Please support her in this challenge.

Hiuyan set herself a challenge to walk **30 miles** in September to help raise awareness and funds for Dementia UK.

However, she has now raised this to

♦ **50 miles** ♦



As a physiotherapist working on a geriatric and dementia ward she witnesses daily the profound impact that dementia has, not only on those living with the condition but also on their families and carers.

Dementia UK provides specialist support that makes a real difference

and Hiuyan invites you all to support her fundraising challenge by making a donation via this link:

<https://fundraise.dementiauk.org/fundraisers/hiuyanlou/walk-30-miles>

Alternatively, you can give your donation directly to her in church and she will send it to the charity on your behalf.

Many of you reading this will have seen how dementia has affected people you know or members of your family, so please do consider making a donation to help Dementia UK continue providing their specialist support.



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



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!!!*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN OCTOBER

Sunday 5 October - Trinity 16

- Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am
HARVEST FESTIVAL



Wednesday 8 October

- **Friends Together Bereavement Support Group**
10 am - 12 noon at St Chad's
Everyone Welcome - Light Refreshments

Saturday 11 October

- Music on Saturdays at St Chad's - more info on p4

Sunday 12 October - Trinity 17

- Matins at St Chad's - 11.15 am

Sunday 19 October - Trinity 18

- Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am
- Breathe Service at St Michael's Bamford - 7.30 pm
(*Rochdale Mission Community 3*)

Sunday 26 October - BIBLE SUNDAY

- Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am

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.





Sarah Coleridge - The Months
Fresh October brings the pheasants,
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.



Libra



23 Sept - 22 Oct

Scorpio



23 Oct - 22 Nov



In the UK, the full Harvest Moon rises at around 18:20 GMT on 7 October, marking the start of three consecutive supermoons for the final three months of 2005.

It will be the first supermoon since November last year and will be the largest and brightest of the full Moons so far this year.

Opal and Tourmaline are the traditional birthstones for October.

Opal is associated with love, hope, purity, luck and intuition,
Tourmaline with emotional healing, protection and creativity.



**FLOWERS
OF THE MONTH**



COSMOS
symbolising
order and harmony



MARIGOLDS

When talking about marigolds, the clue is in the name.

Marigolds were once only available in a warm gold colour - useful for those who didn't have the means to place gold coins at the altar of the Virgin Mary as they could place marigolds there instead.

Originally this flower was a warming gold colour, which came in quite useful when it came to worshipping the Virgin Mary - if you didn't have enough money to place gold coins at her altar you could instead choose the flowers of marigolds.

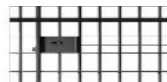
Very quickly the flower earned its name from two old English words – Mary and Golde.

Don't worry if you're after a brighter colour, the flower has been developed and you can also get it in white, yellow and red varieties too, even though traditional golden orange colour is still one of the most common choices today.

This flower has certainly been a useful bloom over the centuries. Marigolds have antiseptic, anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, where extracts from the flower have been used on rashes, wounds and burns. Not only is it powerful, but it is edible too!

It's no wonder the famous herbalist of 1653, Nicholas Culpepper, called Marigolds a 'herb of the sun'.

A VIEW BEHIND BARS - *LIVELINESS AND LIVES LOST*



It was obvious as soon as I entered the gym, expectant for my weekly lunchtime visit, that I wouldn't be hopping on the cross trainer that day. Twenty-four sweaty prisoners were going all out on the treadmills in a charity event to raise money for the local hospice. Due to the limited number of machines, they were in relays of two or three men, running hard for two minutes before swapping, to eventually cover thirty-six miles in each team.

Martin and Lucas were dripping, not to put too fine a point on it, but Martin nodded to the top of the machine where, propped up in his eyeline was a verse from Ecclesiastes about making the most of the time and enduring in difficulty. It gave me a buzz to know that the idea of living out your faith in all aspects of life had made it onto a scruffy bit of paper at the top of a treadmill to keep him going.

The staff effort to raise money for the same hospice involved several of us joining a 'three reservoir ramble' on the Saturday. 'Ramble' conjures up ideas of strolling gently and taking in the views, whilst chatting along and getting to know one another better. Instead, several hundred people managed half an hour in drizzle before the deluge began and we strode out for two and a half hours in a constant downpour, and avoiding bow waves from people crashing through puddles ahead of us. I think it was a lovely route but couldn't quite see, between the mist and the drips running into my eyes. Sunday was gorgeous!

My eyes were opened in a different way during the counter-corruption training. How many staff have been sacked or, worse, given prison sentences, for falling into collusion with prisoners! It doesn't begin that way. A bit of information about personal circumstances carelessly dropped, leads to people 'on the out' getting to know things from their mates inside and perhaps making demands hard to resist. An officer of our own was somehow persuaded to be a carrier for some drugs a few years back. Perhaps he, like others we heard about, was threatened and felt he couldn't back out.

Then there are those who deliberately take a paid job as staff for some months before using their position to ferry things back and forth, and others who are 'groomed' by prisoners who give them compliments or find them to be a good listening ear when they are feeling low, and then turn, with people too scared for their families or personal lives, to speak out. There are horror stories that remind me where I'm working when I become too used to things.

It has been lively of late, not only in terms of sport or the possibilities of corruption. Whilst talking to someone on the Wing, there was a huge bang just opposite, followed by shouting, officers running and men being

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



*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 at events,
and the many other jobs
not mentioned here
that enable St Chad's
to keep running smoothly.*

Find the missing link words... e.g. Solid Garden Cake ROCK

Coffee Sprout Baked _____

Care Lance Kick _____

Oil Beef Branch _____

Active Portable Wave _____

Fence Leader Signet _____

Bread Lemon Cosy _____

Centre Telephone Close _____

Beech Row Hog _____

Insect Walking Drum _____

Full Beam Walk _____



<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Always 100% Anonymous

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

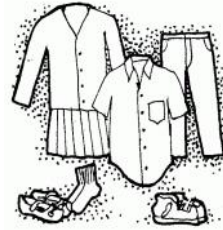
(Pause)

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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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, we now also see it as a way to help recycle and also try and protect the environment from wearable clothing being taken to landfill.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this scheme, there is more information via their Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/Uniform4A/>

We have, and also need, used school uniform items such as blazers, skirts, trousers, shirts, t-shirts, ties, sportswear, coats, shoes and bags.

The new school year is here and we are asking if you would please consider donating any good quality, reusable items of school uniform for any school across the borough.

The project has already helped many families in the borough and distributed 1,000s of school uniform items to those in need.

For more information, including how to volunteer, donate or request school uniform, please visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Uniform4A or look on the website: <https://uniformforall.co.uk/>

And now... time to give those 'little grey cells' another workout!

1. Who is considered to be the first actress to endorse a product commercially, and what was the product?
2. Bridge House is a National Trust Property in which Lakeland town?
3. What does a digitabulist collect?
4. The first Miss World contest was held in London, 1951. What country won it?
5. In Norse mythology, Tyr is the god of what?
6. Who played the first male lead in 'The Mousetrap', and in what year?
7. What was the former name of the Chrysler Corporation?
8. Who was elected as President of FIFA in 2016?
9. What is the real name of the Oxford landmark often known as '*The Bridge of Sighs*'?
10. What colour is lycopene?
11. Who was the first player from outside the British Isles to captain a Ryder Cup team?
12. Erasmus of Fornia, known as St Elmo, is the patron saint of which travellers?
13. What name is given to the upper edge of a boat's side?
14. The activity of '*plogging*' combines jogging with what activity?
15. What unit of time is added to the Chinese calendar at intervals instead of an extra day in a Leap Year?
16. Who was Jesus talking to when he taught the Lord's Prayer?
17. Complete the Beatitude: "Blessed are the pure in heart..."
18. Which disciple was a tax collector?
19. Which city was the letter to Philemon written from?
20. Which book comes after the book of Job?
21. How many horsemen are there in Revelation chapter 6?
22. What was the name of Solomon's son who succeeded him as king?
23. How did the people listening to the Sermon on the Mount view Jesus' teachings?
24. What does faith require to make it a living faith?
25. Where did Jesus first see Nathanael?

shuffled behind their doors and locked down. It didn't end well. The prisoner had barricaded himself in with his table, which was eventually shoved aside but negotiation wasn't going to work once the staff were inside and he proceeded to wrench his sink from the wall and cut his wrists with a shard of broken pottery.

There's a curious mix of calmness and mayhem at these times. The trained officers know how to try to de-escalate things but around them will be a crowd forming of those who need to be ready to restrain a man or treat wounds or get others out of the way. This one was helped, housed somewhere else and the Works people were called to fix yet another beaten-up cell.

Slightly less chaotic but still needing careful handling was the 'incident at height' which causes the whole prison to come to a standstill in terms of normal activity, all because of a man who climbed up a tree. Frustration comes out in all sorts of ways.

Lives lost, rather than lives lived at full speed, is also a regular theme. Scott found out that his brother had been in an accident and the family were discussing whether his life support would be turned off. Scott was desperate. We managed to get him out to see him and he waited for the call the following day that would say life had ended.

Yet Gary's mum is not (quite) so close to death. She has made a rapid decline due to a tumour only diagnosed a few months ago. Until a couple of weeks ago Gary was seeing her on visits, when his dad and sister could bring her. It has been a quick shift in her capacity. This week he was taken out to see her in her home, knowing it would be for the last time.

Lives lost – and found, perhaps. One of the young men I've seen regularly over the year or so that he's been with us, has moved on to a Cat D prison. His parents sent me a 'thank you' card to say how pleased they were that he had had someone from the chaplaincy to talk to. He has changed, for the good, and I'm delighted. Maybe he'll make it out with new hope and direction. The Good shepherd looks for that one sheep that's gone astray and rejoices when it's found.

And Marcus has got a new job. He's on the 'paint party'. A broadly-accented Scot is contracted to paint the prison. Forth Bridge comes to mind. With his team of one or maybe two trusted men, he works his way round in magnolia (or occasionally a bit of white gloss for the bars or blue for the outside doors) before starting again. Marcus is happy - and is recognisable by the state of his work trousers, which are already stiff with paint splashes. He has a purpose now. Life continues - in all its varied forms.

*Hilary Edgerton - September 2025
Chaplain, HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale*

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

♦ Sundays

ST MARY IN THE BAUM 9.15 am

Week 1 - BCP Communion Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5* CW Communion

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

ST LUKE'S DEEPLISH 10.00 am

Holy Communion, Service of the Word or Family Worship

ST CHAD'S 11.15 am

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

ST CHAD'S 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Asian Christian Fellowship

♦ Wednesdays

ST LUKE'S DEEPLISH 11.00 am

Morning Prayer or Holy Communion



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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 to make arrangements.*

