Rochdale Parish Church
of St Chad



NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

11th
OCTOBER
2026

Welcome to
Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad





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



PLEASE SWITCH YOUR PHONE TO

*** SILENT ***

DURING THE SERVICE

Thank You



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







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.



At St Chad's Harvest Festival Service
on Sunday 4 October

we collected **107.5 KG** of food and toiletry items

together with **£50** in monetary donations

for Rochdale Foodbank.

A sincere "Thank You" for your continued support.



Your donations of food and personal toiletries being weighed at the Foodbank.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

2 AM on SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

DON'T FORGET

TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS AND TIMERS

BACK BY ONE HOUR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 11 October - Trinity 19

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am

led by The Revd Sue Morgan

Wednesday 14 October

Friends Together

Bereavement Support Group

10 am - 12 noon at St Chad's

Everyone Welcome - Light Refreshments

Sunday 18 October - Trinity 20

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am

led by The Revd Pamela Parr

Sunday 25 October - Bible Sunday

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am

led by The Revd Pamela Parr

Sunday 1 November - All Saints Sunday

Choral Eucharist at St Chad's - 11.15 am

led by The Revd Dr Christopher Halliday

Thanks to a generous donation
from within our congregation,
we don't have to stress over the cost
of this year's Christmas Tree.

On behalf of everyone,
"Thank You".





This means we can now focus
on donations towards the cost of the
Christmas flowers and decorations
which are needed in Church
for the festive period
and there is a collection box
on the refreshments table
for your donations.

October's full moon will occur in the UK on Monday 26 October 2026 at 04:12 (London time) and is known as the Hunter's Moon.

The moon will look full for a day or so either side of its peak, so Sunday/Monday 25/26 October should also be good for viewing the full moon, weather permitting of course!



The Hunter's Moon is the first full moon after the Harvest Moon (the full moon closest to the autumn equinox) and as the fields had been harvested and leaves fallen from the trees, hunters could see animals more easily by moonlight and stock up ready for the winter ahead.



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!!!*



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

St Chad's Christmas Fair

Saturday 5 December 2026
11 am - 1.30 pm

FREE ENTRY



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

Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad
Sparrow Hill • Rochdale • OL16 1QT
Top o' th' Steps behind the Town Hall

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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The Early Doors Club has arrived in Rochdale!

Nigel Clarke

Friday 23 October 2026

We're buzzing to announce that Nigel Clark, frontman and songwriter of Britpop favourites **Dodgy**, will be joining us at St Chad's Church for a very special Early Doors Club night.

Best known for hits like *Good Enough*, *Staying Out for the Summer* and *If You're Thinking of Me*, Nigel's unmistakable voice and timeless songwriting have made him one of the most enduring artists of the Britpop era.



Expect an intimate, up close performance filled with the warmth, humour and melody that define **Dodgy's** music, along with stories from a career that's seen him share stages with the likes of Oasis, Blur and The Lightning Seeds.

Come along and be part of The Early Doors Club, in a building that's been part of Rochdale for over 850 years.

St Chad's Church, Rochdale **Friday 23 October 2026**

Doors 5 pm, finish by 8 pm **Pay What You Can**

Book your place:

https://events.humanitix.com/nigel-clark-dodgy/tickets

#EarlyDoorsClub #Rochdale

Music on Saturdays at St Chad's 2026

Saturday 14 November - 12 noon



Stephen Laidlaw *(violoncello)*
with
Chris Pulleyn *(piano)*



Bridge - Sonata : Beethoven Variations
and
Schumann - Short Pieces

➢ Admission £6 - pay on door ➢

Doors open 11.30 am
with light refreshments available before the concert

For further info…
please speak to Philip Lowe or Jill Midgley

https://rochdaleparishchurches.co.uk/diary.html



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!

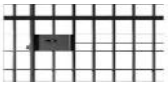
The more completed forms we have then the more realistic
the calculation for our parish share will be.

Thank you.

Contactless Payments
for donations
are now available



A VIEW BEHIND BARS - *OVERCOMING IMAGE ISSUES*



Despite the meagre payments received for any job in the prison, it is surprising to see the amount of Hugo Boss clothing that is worn. One man told me about his £26 socks. I was wide-eyed. These are men who seemingly want to save their small earnings for their families, buy a few extra tins of tuna every week and make sure they have some soap and toothpaste. And Hugo Boss socks.

They know they are paying for the name and the logo. Whether in prison or out, many people need to be viewed as having some kind of image or status through looks, clothes, background, strength or achievements (be they good or bad, depending on your circle of acquaintances).

Jesus made it clear: *'Why do you worry about food or drink or clothes?'* He compared these longings (possibly far more vital for survival than our present situation) with the bigger picture of provision that God gives in the natural, big world. What's needed will be given, was his principle. How hard to hold onto... especially if you've been ignored, mistreated, overlooked and abused, as many of these men have. I don't know if I'll be able to persuade Andy to buy more cheaply and save his cash.

Someone else who has been ignored and mistreated is Dylan, who once again was placed on an ACCT for self-harming. His face bore the scars. He has just had enough. He knows that he took the actions leading to him being here. Yet there are times when it all feels so bleak to him. He ranted for a while, complained about treatment.

Apparently this time it all started with shorts. Being told to change into trousers when he went to work. *'Why can't I wear shorts if I want to?'* But of course, underneath, that wasn't the issue. It was the old, worn script of wanting someone who wouldn't just tell him what to do but would allow him, as he put it, *'to be weak'* and look after him when he feels low.

'You've not had many people to say they've loved you, have you?' I ventured. The answer was in the tears which instantly sprang into place instead of the rage. He sank, bent into a curled up version of the muscle-bound individual he'd been a few moments earlier.

I gave him a hug, told him that God had given me a love for him and I wouldn't give up on him. He thanked me and sniffled his way back into his cell.

What was not expected was that when I went back to the chaplaincy, and mentioned I'd seen Dylan, our volunteer said he'd also been. We shared a similar story. The chaplain had also told Dylan to remember the times that he personally had shown love to him.

I wondered how many times Dylan would have to be told the same message, to counteract all the negative stuff in earlier life that had shaped who he felt himself to be.

It was a draining time later that week when Kyle came for some bereavement counselling. He listed three horrendously traumatic deaths from recent years, knowing that none have been dealt with emotionally. *'I'm not looking forward to this but let's get started'* It had been at his request but he was afraid of the emotions.

As the hour went on, Kyle dragged up the struggle with his losses, one being a child he'd never been able to hold but still felt was his own. After a certain time he asked *'Can we finish now?'* But he came back the week after, despite his trouble with expressing things for the first time.

Image, again. Nobody wants to look less well dressed; nobody wants to appear weak; nobody wants to appear to be unable to handle life's difficult events.

This Tuesday my highlight again was the Bible study where I tentatively began a new series on 'Women in the Bible'. A lesser remembered character, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist was the first character we looked at, in the story where she and her husband were miraculously given the birth of a child in old age, preceded by the message of an angel.

'If that happened to me and my partner, I'd be wanting to know what we'd been on the night before….what were we stoned on when that happened?' It's not the kind of comment I'd expect in our church groups! Honesty and unfiltered conversation can be the (refreshing) order of the day on occasions.

The story talks about how Elizabeth feels God has taken away her disgrace in front of the people who must have wondered why they hadn't been blessed with a child to that point in their lives.

We work to persuade some of these men that their shame and disgrace can be taken away, so that they will then live productive, peaceful, non-violent, helpful lives for everyone's benefit.

Hilary Edgerton –August 2026
Chaplain, HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale

URGENT

PLEASE CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT

Rochdale foodbank

*** 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

Find the missing link words…
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Coffee Sprout Baked

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Care Lance Kick

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Oil Beef Branch

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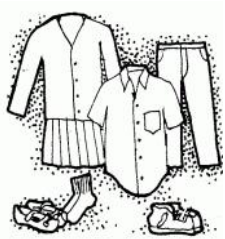
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Full Beam Walk

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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/

ST CHAD'S

Sundays

11.15 am

Choral Eucharist

(*Matins on 2nd Sunday of month)*

2.00 - 3.30 pm

Asian Christian Fellowship

(*4th Sunday 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 to make arrangements.

ST MARY IN THE BAUM

Sundays 9.15 am
Holy Communion*
* BCP service week 1

Churchwarden:
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ST LUKE'S DEEPLISH

Sundays 10.00 am
Holy Communion, Family Worship
or Service of the Word

Wednesday 11.00 am Morning Prayer

Churchwarden:
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