

PEW'S NEWS

FOR THE CONGREGATIONS OF ST CHADS CHURCH, THE PARISH CENTRE & KILNGREEN CHURCH
APRIL 2021



Reading:

John 20:18 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Thought for the month:

The resurrection of Jesus brought much-needed hope to Mary Magdalene, who was compelled to share the good news with the rest of the disciples. What hope does Easter bring to you? What is the good news that your community need to receive and what part can you play in sharing it?

Prayer:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Away-giving for April

This month our Away-giving is for **The Oshandi Aids Trust in Namibia**.
Registered Charity No 1098669

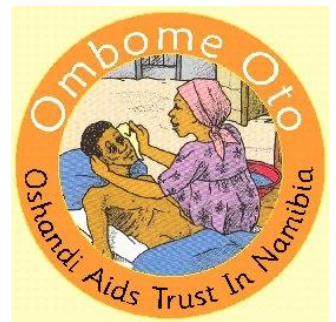
Sadly, we cannot meet yet for our usual coffee morning, but we hope you will still want to support our charity.

We have some wonderful news to share with everyone.

We now have a website, created by Jack and Ethan, from The Blue Coat School.

Do have a look at www.oatin.co.uk

They made it as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, but have gone way over what was required. Congratulations lads! Many thanks to you both for your excellent work. We are thrilled with it.



We are waiting for further news of how things are going in this pandemic for the Oshandi Communities. The schools returned in late January but the distribution of food parcels had been halted due to restrictions. According to John Nghiwilwa, Headteacher at Omungholyo Combined School texting in early March, "*Covid19 is the big elephant in the kraal. It is increasing every day and learners are coming to school in groups on time based cohort to make sure that the teaching and learning are not compromised at all*".

Unemployment is high, especially among the school leavers, including many of the orphans we support. Currently, we are looking at ways we can help them to access vocational training as a route to employment.

Any support you are able to give would be very welcome.....please give contributions to Ruth Broadhurst or Liz Rooke or Chris Chardor go to the new website as there is the facility to give there too!
Thank You

Church Openings for Easter Weekend at St Chads

Good Friday

Open for visitors 10-4pm with an Act of Worship led by Canon Sharon Jones 12-1pm

Easter Saturday

Open for visitors 10-4pm

Easter Day

11am Easter communion.



Edith Crabtree has celebrated her 90th Birthday!

A few photos of Edith's birthday celebrations on 24th March which took place under Covid restrictions.

Edith is the oldest chorus member of St Chad's All Stars and has played several roles in some of the shows and pantomimes. Her friend Joyce Mallalieu and I and Geoff decorated her front garden and then played music from our car including Happy Birthday, Celebration and Sex Bomb by Tom Jones and we danced and waved cheer leader pompoms on the pavement. There were tributes from friends from across Saddleworth and a lovely floral tribute from St Chad's, the Parish Centre and Kilngreen.

Janet Iles



Photo: Suzanne Bradshaw



Can you make an Easter Garden for St Chad's Church?

Collect a container e.g. mushroom box or plastic tub and plant up with anything you can find around your garden/area. Use twigs for a cross, pebbles, moss, flowers or it could be a desert garden and an empty tomb

Look forward to seeing your creations. Church will be open 10-4 Good Friday and Saturday for dropping them off.



Christian Aid – May Challenge



It's simple: take 300,000 sponsored steps across the month of May to raise vital funds for communities battling the worst of this climate crisis.

"Our steps challenge clocks in at just under 10,000 steps a day and you can do the challenge alone or with a team, supporting each other to reach your goal. Whether you decide to walk, jump, skip, hop or run your steps is completely up to you!"

The next step is to join our 300,000 steps in May Facebook group. You'll find lots of people who are also taking on the challenge, get access to top tips, a support network and lots of motivation."

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself>

Please let us know if you participate!

News from Eco Church

Hi Everyone

What a glorious time of year this. Spring is bursting out around us. Godfrey's greenhouse is full of little seedlings and a pair of ducks have been visiting our pond. My favourite job, at this time, is sorting out the compost heaps!! I love seeing all the crumbly compost full of wiggle worms and always marvel that once it was all our vegetable scraps and grass cuttings, Nature is amazing!

It is something worth everyone trying, you just need a small corner of your garden to put a bin or make a wooden frame and then instead of putting veg peelings etc into your green bin you can reduce the waste collected and once the bacteria and worms have done their work you can use it to enrich your garden soil. You may find toads living in it if you are lucky. NB. Never put cooked food into the compost heap

Happy gardening everyone look forward to seeing your Easter Gardens.

Sarah



Contributions:

Many people support their church by setting up a standing order rather than give during a service. This is especially helpful when we cannot have regular church services. Most banks will allow you to set up a standing order over the phone or Internet.

If you wish to support St Chad's in this way:

Account name - Parish of St Chad Saddleworth'

Sort code - 090153.

Account number – 19373282

Place a note in your reference that it is a regular donation.

Your standing orders are entirely under your control, you may change or cancel your order at any time.

Many thanks.

Happy Birthday to

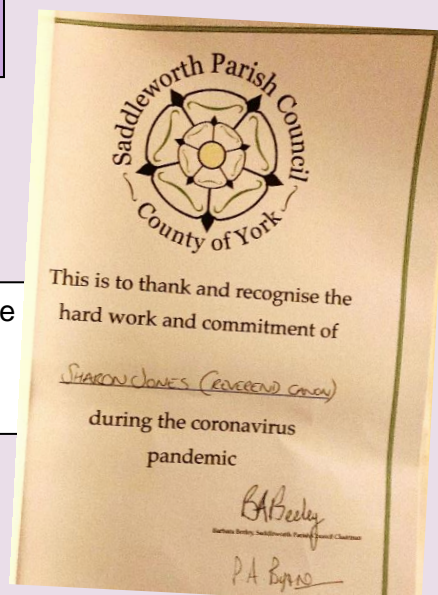
Tilly Collins from the Parish Centre! She will be turning 10 on 9th April!



Kilngreen Church was able to re open on Mothering Sunday and after the service 40 tete a Tete plants were distributed to homes in Diggle. Val and John Stocker organised the plants and Janet Iles provided the labels.



Canon Sharon was happy to receive this on behalf of the Saddleworth clergy team!



News from St Chads C E Primary School:

On March 23rd, children and staff at St Chad's C E Primary School supported the National Day of Reflection.

Children sketched, painted and crafted flowers to decorate the school site as symbols of spring, new beginnings and hope for a better future. The whole school observed the silence on the school field, listening to the church bells toll.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter from all at St Chad's school.



KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

This week two of our beloved veteran Oldham Mountain Rescue Team members, Dave Allport and Dr Andy Taylor took part in, what is shaping up to becoming an annual event, of fitting the new St George's Flag to the pole on St Chads Church.

The flag was donated by Dave and his lovely wife Dorene, who is in the church choir.

Thank you to both Dave & Dorene for your continued support to the community.

Congratulations!

Bob and Jean Illingworth from St Chad's congregation 65th wedding anniversary is on 4th April!



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