



PEW'S NEWS

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

Reading: "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."
(John 6:27)

Thought for the month: We all have material needs (food, clothing, security), but do we sometimes make the mistake of focusing too much attention on them? Jesus reminds us that God already knows what we need. What is the eternal 'food' that Jesus wants us to work for instead?



Prayer: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Away-giving

July's Away Giving was Downs Syndrome North West. Organised by Maggie Dobb at Kiln Green. Donations can also be given to Chris Chard or Alison Coates.



Good with numbers?

Due to some members of PCC stepping down after many years of dedicated service, we urgently need a couple of volunteers from our church community to help with the finance committee.

You may also know of someone who does not attend one of our centres, but may be able to contribute their time!

If you are willing and able, please contact PCC Secretary.

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Photo: Suzanne Bradshaw

Saddleworth Morris Men at Diggle School Fete 2019

Holiday activities and food programme 2021

The Holiday activities and food programme is a government initiative that aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities during school holidays, primarily to children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals. It is funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

However, there are also a selection of activities and events that children who don't qualify for free school meals can enjoy too, as well as younger and older children in the family.

Many providers will have places available for children and young people not eligible for free school meals that you can pay for. Get in touch with them to find out if this is an option.

Our aim is for Oldham's children to socialise, learn and play during the summer holidays and have a great time doing it.

This year's programme includes:

- School holiday activities
- Healthy and nutritious meals for all children and young people attending
- A wide range of fun, physical and enriching activities
- Education around healthy eating and preparing food
- Information and advice for parents and carers
- A safe space for children to interact with others

For more info see: <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/haf>

There are holiday sessions running at Friezland Parish Hall.

<https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2021-07-26/the-free-meal-summer-camp-feeding-hundreds-of-kids-everyday>

News from Eco Church



Hi Everyone,

Summer is here in full glory as I write this, typical school holiday weather, Wet and Windy !!! We have had plenty of evidence recently that our Planet is warming up at an alarming rate. We all need to play our part to try and slow this process down.

Did you look at your carbon footprint a few months ago? Due to all the restrictions of COVID it made my results look better than I was expecting! I am now trying to still walk to the shops, consider the airmiles involved in what I buy and to shop locally. To think try and remember to switch off lights, t.v. etc and to eat more plant-based meals. We are so lucky to have space to grow a variety of vegetables so that last bit has proved the easiest to do.

Did you find any surprises when you looked at your Carbon footprint and have you tried to get it lower? Do let us know.

If anyone started a compost heap you can hasten the composting process by turning the material and water it if dry. Then cover it to keep in the heat and moisture this will result in speedier rotting.

Have you done a **"Litter Pick"** yet? Don't forget to record how much you collect and take a photo of it. Then send your details to Rebecca Wood saddpewsnews@gmail.com and the winner will be announced in the September Pews News.



The work in the graveyards has continued with the working parties meeting twice a month. In-between those sessions Tim, Fiona and Andy spend any spare time they have tidying around where people have requested access to specific graves. Particular effort has been put into the New Yard on Gellfield Lane and several people have commented on the improvement and one or two have now offered to help. Many thanks to Tim, Fiona and Andy award for planning and encouraging us in this project.



Sarah Adams

Great British Green Week

18th - 26th September

This is a nationwide community festival to celebrate what people are doing to improve their local environment and tackle climate change. As well as a call for our government to do more.

Is this an event we as a Church would like to be part of? Please let Sharon, Tim or Sarah know of any ideas you may have. Saddleworth Hydro eco events team are co ordinating the event and it would be lovely to be part of the week here in Uppermill.



News from St Chads C E Primary School:

Children from Year 6 were able to have a wonderful 'leavers service' up at church, during their last week at school and thanks to donations from the PCC, each child was gifted a Good News Bible. We wish you all the best of luck on your new adventures at secondary school!



Seeds Playgroup

Seeds committee met in June to consider resuming Seeds playgroup. It was decided to postpone this until after Christmas when government and Church of England guidelines will hopefully be clearer. We decided to get together again in October, when progress can perhaps be made.

Several members of the group of helpers are standing down. Thanks were expressed to Marit, Kath, Carol W., Mavis, Alison, Sue, Carol C and Ewa. Pre-Covid Seeds was something very special, thanks to everyone's commitment.

So, we need more helpers please! Anyone who feels they would like to help with Seeds, please contact Sarah Adams 07880854163, Liz Rooke 07980419172, Jen Davies 07931673780, or anyone else connected with Seeds, and you would be welcome at the meeting planned for Wed 20/10, 11.00 am at the Parish Centre.



Saddleworth Village Olympics are looking for children to participate!

For more information see:

<https://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk/>



A Special Celebration!

Many congratulations to Dave & Dorene Allport on your Golden Wedding Anniversary



Come and join us for our Afternoon Tea at Kilngreen on Saturday 14th August. Musical entertainment and activities for children. You can even purchase a glass of prosecco! Tickets are £5 adults and £1 children. Cake and squash available for the children too. Contact Val Stocker to book tickets.

STRAWBERRY TEA

KILNGREEN CHURCH
Lee Side, Diggle
OL3 5JY

SATURDAY AUGUST 14th 2021
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm

Strawberry Tea includes:-
Scone with cream & strawberry jam
or
Fresh strawberries & cream
Tea or Coffee

**CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES**

MUSIC

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
AND TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
PLEASE CONTACT:- VAL ~ 07875 486411**

RAFFLE

ADULTS £5.00
CHILDREN £1.00





Jim Muirhead Jazz Quartet Live!

Uppermill Summer Music Festival brought a magical evening of live jazz to St Chad's Church on 11th July.

Jim and his Quartet returned by popular demand for another evening of foot-tapping jazz standards.

A delightful evening – with Dave Brubeck, Oscar Peterson, Cole Porter and George Gershwin all making an appearance!



A big thankyou to Sarah & Godfrey for hosting a lovely garden party! They raised a fantastic, £280!



WELLSPRINGS

El Tular

Coffee Morning



A personal friendship and development project with
El Salvador

(with the emphasis on the personal)

Saturday 7th August 2021

The Parish Centre, Uppermill

Junction of Lee Street and Station Road, Uppermill OL3
6HQ

10.00am to 11.30am

raffle & home-bake

Wellsprings El Tular (UK registered charity no. 1103734)
www.wellspringseltular.org

The Wellsprings coffee morning will be happening at the Parish Centre on Saturday August 7th 10am until 11.30.

We will be serving all drinks / food at the table and raffle tickets will also be sold at the table. The tables will be well spaced with a max of 6 per table if the weather is suitable, we will set tables up in the community garden. Looking forward to seeing you all once again.

Benefice of Saddleworth COVID guidelines

Thank you all very much for your thoughtful and considered responses around the relaxation of COVID regulations in churches.

Mindful of our corporate responsibility to protect the most vulnerable, and given the increase in COVID numbers, a slow and cautious approach is wisest at this stage.

Canon Sharon Jones will review in 6 weeks time.

Moving forward therefore this is where as a Benefice we stand:

Track and trace no longer required.

No physical sharing of the peace

No sharing of communion wine

Sanitising as common practice

Face masks

Should be encouraged but cannot be enforced.

Queuing for Holy Communion can resume.

Social distancing

Should be encouraged but not rigidly enforced.

Chairs can be placed back in rows

Those who wish to sit with their friends, where all parties are happy with that, should be free to do so. People will largely self-regulate.

Singing of short hymns can resume quietly behind masks.

Tea and coffee can resume. Those who are anxious will absent themselves.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms

We cannot insist on social distancing or masks.

Those leading and assisting should take all necessary precautions.



COLLECTION POINT

Pop-Up Donation Point
St Thomas' Church, Delph.
7th August 2021
10AM-3PM

A few items from the list would
be much appreciated.

Thank You

SHOPPING LIST

UHT Milk
Rice Pudding
Tinned Fruit
Jams
Sugar
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish
Cordial
Biscuits/ Snack Bars
Pot Noodles
Packet Soup



St Thomas's Church, Church Street
Delph, OL3 5DR

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1134150)



Contributions:

Many people support their church by setting up a standing order rather than give during a service. 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.

Contact:

If you'd like to share anything in our newsletter email: Rebecca Wood

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