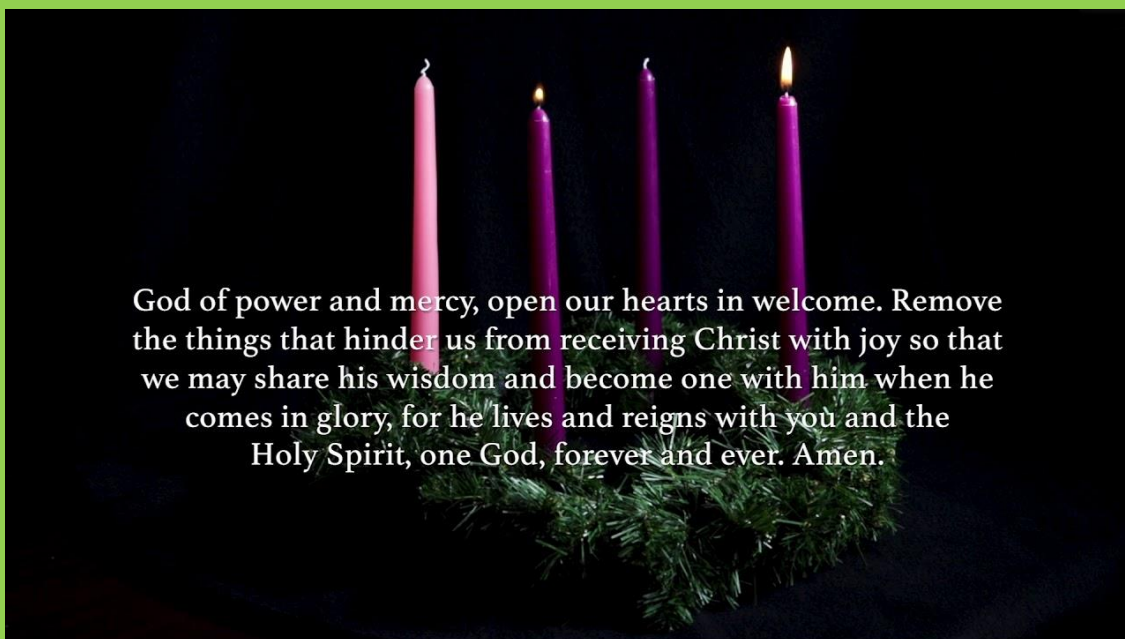




PEW'S NEWS

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



Away-giving

No total for November Away Giving yet but 'Prevent Breast Cancer' in October was Fantastic - Total of £757 - with sale of cards and goods included.

January 2022 is for Oldham Unity (for the Assylum seekers - more details from Jen Davies)

Away-giving

December Away Giving is for 'Embrace the Middle East' - more details from Canon Sharon

<https://embraceme.org/>



New COVID precautions

Just a reminder that churches are obliged to comply with resumed (or continuing) wearing of masks for worship. Singing is still permitted, and the sacrament distributed in one kind.

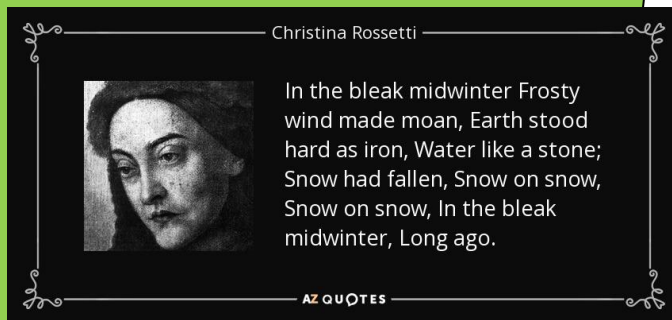
Flower Donations

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for Christmas flowers. We hope we can do you all justice.

Have a good Christmas everyone and all best wishes for the New Year from all members of the Flower group.

Thanks very much.

Dorene Allport
St Chads Flower Group



Kilngreen Church 9.30am Sunday
19th December

'In the Bleak Mid-Winter'

A playlet based on the poem by Christina Rossetti and sung as a carol each Christmas. This will be a 'scratch' performance with participants (all ages) 'borrowed' from the congregation. You are most welcome to join us and watch how the story of the Nativity evolves through these well-known words. It would be great to see you.

FINDING HOPE

A 4 week series of discussions and reflections for Advent based on the book of Ruth. We trace the story of Jesus from ancient times through the account of a woman who needed hope above all else.

Wednesdays at 8.00pm in St Anne's vestry. For more info – contact Hilary Edgerton or Val Stocker

JESSE TREE

Jesse was the father of David, the King who foreshadowed Jesus. Make your own Jesse Tree and add symbols each day or each week to help you think of the Bible's story from the very beginning. Details of how to make the tree, Bible verses to read and reflections for three days each week are on our website

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There will be three 'thought for the day' reflections each week in Advent on the website, for those who've missed this regular slot in the last few months- and for others as well!!

TINY ADVENT POEMS

For a small but profound thought each day of Advent, follow this link

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/tiny-advent-poems>

Hilary Edgerton



News from Eco Church

Hi Everyone

LOOKOUT FOR THE LARGE CHRISTMAS CARD

Your opportunity to send a Christmas message to our Church Family and then donate what you would have spent on cards to help St Chad's Twin it's toilets with others in Third World Countries.

2.5 billion people don't have a loo. For £60 we can twin one of ours in the Hearse House with a community that will be able to then have clean water and improved sanitation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we manage to twin 2 of the toilets. What a wonderful Gift that would be .

May the Joy and Peace of the Christ Child be with us All this Christmas

Sarah Adams

December-January 2021 Calender

Sun 12 th Dec	9.30am at Kilngreen Eucharist 11am at St Chad's Eucharist 2.15pm CTIS Carols outside Conservative Club
Mon 13 th Dec	Parish Centre Café Church at 2pm
Thurs 16 th Dec	St Chad's, Christmas service of St Chad's School 10am
Sun 19 th Dec	9.30am at Kilngreen Nativity 11am at Parish Centre Nativity, outside in playground.
Fri 24 th Dec	St Chad's 4pm Crib Service 11pm Christmas Eucharist at both Kilngreen and St Chad's
Sat 25 th Dec	9.30am Kilngreen Christmas Eucharist 11am Chad's Christmas Eucharist with Baptism
Sat 1 st Jan	The Gate, Diggle 12 noon a New Year's Day service.
Sun 2 nd Jan	11am at St Chad's Eucharist 3pm at St Chad's Epiphany Carol Service
Sat 8 th Jan	10am - 11.30am The Parish Centre Away Giving Coffee Morning-Oldham Unity Destitution Project



Photos of our Remembrance Sunday poppy display at Kilngreen and the dove we used in the service.

Members of the congregation made poppies for the display and the Brownies made their poppies out of the ends of plastic bottles - a great bit of recycling. Rev. Hilary Edgerton led the service of Remembrance. Janet Iles made a dove which represented Love and peace. The congregation were given pieces of newspaper and asked to tear out negative or topical headlines which were stuck to the dove and the dove was given the title "Turning bad into good and hatred into peace". We were joined by Diggle Community Band who accompanied the hymns and the last post was played during the service.



Join us for free

Fun, Food, Fellowship & Singing



Monday 13th December
2:00pm to 3:00pm

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Station Road, Uppermill, OL3 6HQ

Music provided by Mike Hindson.

Art work by Janet Iles.

Prayers, reflection and activity
on the theme of "*Christmas*"

by Revd Barbara Christopher & Alison O'Brien.

Church of England in Saddleworth

"Celebrating God's presence in all people."



Churches Together in Saddleworth

Open Air Carols

Open Air Christmas Carol Service
with
Delph Band



Sunday December 12th 2021

Outside
Uppermill Conservative Club
at 2.15pm

Come and enjoy!



AGAINST
breast cancer

This year I am collecting used postage stamps to raise money for Against Breast Cancer. If you don't already donate stamps elsewhere, please would you cut yours from your Christmas post and tell friends and family too! I will collect and donate in the new year.

BIG thanks... Marion Kneale

Sat 8th Jan 10.00-11.30 – Away Giving Coffee morning

Parish Centre, Uppermill

All are welcome to the **first Parish coffee morning of the year!** After various setbacks brought on by the restrictions throughout the Pandemic, **Oldham Unity Destitution Project** is meeting again at the Baptist Church on King Street, Oldham each Thursday.

The Red Cross are now back with the project and taking on new cases. New users are finding their way to the project, but the project is still limited to offering financial support, help with form filling and signposting. Clothing, household goods and toys cannot be taken at present and there is no creche.

If you would like to know more about the project please call in. We hope to have a speaker present to talk about their work. If you can't be there on the 8th and would like to contribute, a reminder of the bank details are here:

Oldham Unity Destitution Project

Sort code: 08-92-99

Account number: 65464568

soul children

SADDLEWORTH

Chip Party

Launch of Soul Children
Saddleworth

Tuesday 11th January '22
6:15pm – 7:45pm

St Thomas' Delph

Register to get
your chips!

<https://forms.gle/5Amgbo9L2arK2Fkq9>



Fun sessions of
singing, dancing,
games
& exploring the
Christian faith!

Soul Children Choir: Saddleworth

For children in
Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesdays
6:15pm – 7:45pm
Term Time Only

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

Brought to you by **Groundbreakers & St Thomas' Delph**
Contact SoulChildren@manchestercitymission.org.uk



**Manchester
City Mission**
CIO No. 1170263

Windsor Christian Centre, Churchill Way, Salford, M6 5BU



Groundbreakers



An illustration of a nativity scene set within a wooden stable structure. The scene is backlit with a warm, golden glow, showing the silhouettes of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger. A shepherd with a staff stands to the right. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, light blue stars. The entire scene is framed by a dark silhouette of rolling hills.

St Chad's Christmas Services

Outdoor Nativity at The Parish Centre, Lee Street
followed by refreshments

December 19th | 11am

Crib Service at St Chad's
December 24th | 4pm

Midnight Eucharist at St Chad's
December 24th | 11pm

Christmas Day Service at St Chad's
December 25th | 11am

Joint Service at Uppermill Methodist Church
January 2nd | 10.45am

Epiphany Carol Service at St Chad's
January 2nd | 3pm

An illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky filled with small, light blue stars. In the center, a simple wooden stable structure is shown in silhouette. Inside the stable, the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger are visible as dark silhouettes against a lighter blue background. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue silhouette of a hill or landscape at the bottom.

Diggle Christmas Services

**Nativity Scene & Switching On of Diggle Christmas
Lights**

December 5th | 4.45pm

Midnight Eucharist at Kilngreen

December 24th | 11pm

Christmas Day Service

December 25th | 9.30am

New Year's Day Service at Hanging Gate Car Park

January 1st | Noon