

PEW'S NEWS

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

Reading:

John 3:16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.'

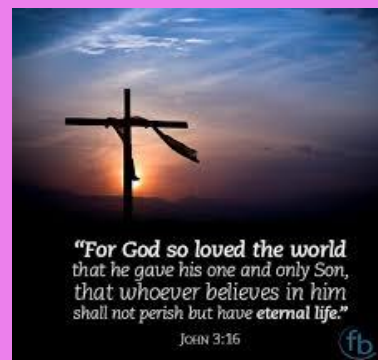
Thought for the month:

Who are the people that you believe in – is it your friends, your family, your loved ones? What is it about them that makes them trustworthy? Do you see some of Jesus in them? Take some time to give thanks for them this month – they are a gift from God.

Prayer:

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Away-giving

June's Away Giving charity will be Action Duchenne, led by Susan Ackroyd.



Christian Aid – May Away Giving

The Christian Aid collection for June was £723!

This is equal to the amount usually collected via the house-to-house collections of previous years.

Hilary, the Christian Aid volunteer, who spoke to us at St Chad on Pentecost, made us all realise how much the work of Christian Aid is needed in our world today. We pray our gift will help people like Rose.



"I believe God gives me strength and helps me persevere. I pray that God will help people to help me."

- Rose Katanu Jonathan.



Fundraiser for Saddleworth St Chad



St Chads Steps For Change

Starting Tuesday (June 1) Rev Canon Sharon Jones, Rector of Saddleworth, has committed to take ten thousand steps every a day for the next 30 days to raise £5,000 for ramped access to the ancient building.

The Saddleworth church of St Chad has been the site of Christian worship for more than 800 years but the Canon warns there is serious risk of the church closing in the next ten years unless vital funds are found.

She said: "The iconic Grade 2 listed church and graveyards are custodians of the history and memory of generations.

"Thousands of Christenings, marriages and funerals in this place have guided the community through rites of passage, times of war, plague and even deaths of monarchs. However, sadly, there are insufficient funds for the extensive restoration it now needs.

"Plans are underway to create St Chads into a multi-purpose worship space, with improved capacity to host concerts and events for the Saddleworth community. "While applications to grant-making bodies are ongoing, we need the local community to come together and pledge their support."

She went on: "One of the pressing issues is around accessibility. With no ramped access a significant number of people are unable to easily enter the building.

"This is a particular issue for funerals and events with children in buggies. I'm hoping my challenge will enable a wider and warmer welcome for the whole community.

"It's not a huge amount given the scale of the challenge we face, but every effort helps.

"St Chads school are joining in too and their ideas for fund raising are an inspiration to us all.

"Please donate as much as you can and where possible gift aid. Many thanks to you all."

Article by Ken Bennett

To donate:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-chads-steps-for-change> or speak to Canon Sharon

News from Eco Church

Hi Everyone

Eco church task group.

Things have progressed well this month in spite of the cold wet weather. The St Chads churchyard community group have had two very successful attempts at clearing the moss etc from the graves behind the church. This was then bagged up and, with the aid of Godfrey's trailer, taken to the top yard where it was used to fill in around graves which had sunk. The aim is to make both yards easier to walk around and to make the mowing easier. The next working parties have been planned for Friday June 11th 6.30pm - 8.30pm and Saturday June 19th 1.30-4.30pm Please let either Tim (07592318040) or Sarah (07747091253) know if you will be coming along.

I hope you have seen our beautiful notice board on the gate of the Parish Centre Garden . A big thank you to Sarah Bumpus for designing and making it. The Incredible Edibles are meeting there every Saturday morning between 10 and 12. As well as planting up their beds they usually have surplus plants for sale .

The Beavers and Scouts meet there on a Tuesday evening and have done a lot of tidying the yard. Kristian has cleared the winter debris from the front area and Clive Chadwick has turned pallets into a seat and several planters for us. The area is larger than it looked. So to fill a space, if you has any mature shrubs that have become too large for your garden and they could be moved to the Parish Centre we would make good use of them.

Sarah Adams



Wellsprings El Tular update.

At the most recent committee meeting it was interesting to discover that the young people in El Tular have also started a garden project. St Thomas's Church sent them a donation to set up a fruit tree nursery. They collected mango, Zapote seeds, and cashew nuts from the forest and are growing them on in homemade earth pots. They hope to improve their local environment and prevent flood damage over the coming years. How wonderful to hear that young people in El Salvador share the same concerns for our planet.

Great British Green Week

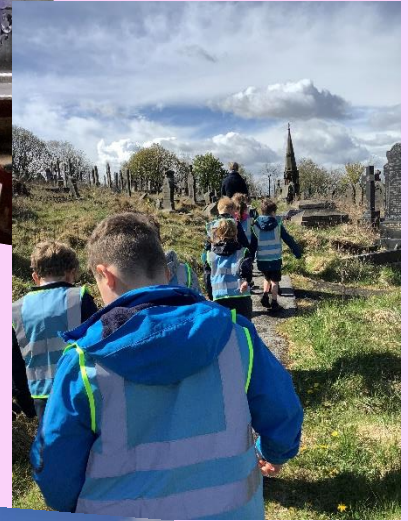
18th - 26th September

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:

As part of the KS1 Religious Education topic 'Why is the Church a special place for Christians?' And their PSHE topic of 'Change and Loss', children from Year 1 and Year 2 visited the church and the graveyard with their teacher, Mrs Challinor-Harris and her colleagues

Canon Sharon was overjoyed to welcome visitors to church and the children were so excited to finally be able to go on a school trip! They asked lots of interesting questions!



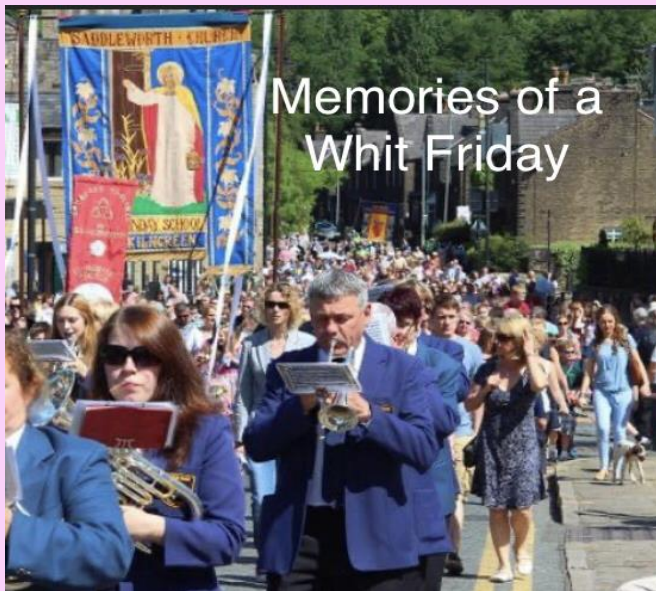
Good with numbers?

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.

If you are willing and able, please contact PCC Secretary.
lizzierooke@gmail.com 01457810666



A beautiful floral tribute to Whit Sunday in church on Whit Sunday, placed on Mr Whyman's Saddleworth Elm stools. Followed by singing the traditional Whit Friday Hymn outside, Hail Smiling Morn, accompanied by brass (& a little traditional rain)!



Memories of a Whit Friday



Photo memories: Suzanne Bradshaw

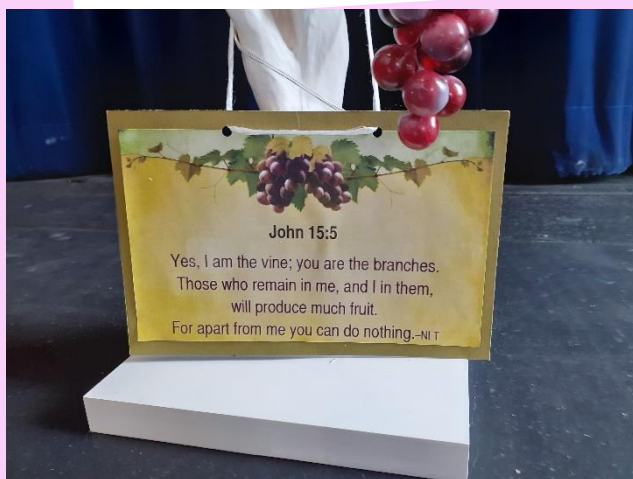
Kilngreen Family Worship May 2nd - "I am the Vine"

The service was led by Janet and Geoff Iles and was based on John 15 verses 1 to 8. Members of the congregation were given printed vine leaves and the children had leaves to decorate and colour in.

We talked about how to be more connected to God like vine leaves are connected to the vine and how this connection results in growth and fruitfulness. Pruning results in even better growth and fruit so we need to turn away from those things that prevent us from growing in our faith.

Everyone wrote their name on their leaf and was asked to think of one way the could become more connected and fruitful during the coming week and along with the children's decorated leaves these were hung on our "vine tree"

Finally, we talked about ways we can stay connected to God and how we can use our mobiles too to connect to God through apps such as Sacred Space, Pray as you Go and Lectio 365. Because of restrictions on singing a recording of "I am the Vine" sung by Danny Daniel's and the Lord of Sea and Sky" by Sound of Worship were both played during the service.



Daily Hymns

BIG thank you to **Hilary Henderson** who has been recording hymns for us to listen to each day on the WhatsApp groups. Thank you for your dedication and talent.

All hymns are on the Saddleworth CE website put together by Paul Wooding in a list called 'hymnary'.

<https://cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk/hymnary>



Have you ever wanted to know more about the Christian faith and discover your own personal ministry within it? Then "Exploring Faith Matters" (also known as Education for Ministry) is for you! The new programme for 2021/22 starts in September and we are now inviting new people to join one of our two conversation groups here in Saddleworth.

EfM is an adult learning programme that seeks to enable people to see and to experience the connection between Christian faith and daily life. It helps us to understand the richness of the Church's faith in our complex world and express it with confidence in our day to day lives and in our communities. In this way we can come to understand our own personal ministry. EfM was developed in 1975 by the Anglican School of Theology at the University of the South in Tennessee, and has expanded across the world, with over 80,000 people have participated. It is open to people of all denominations and faiths.

Efm currently takes place in Saddleworth once a week via Zoom in two small conversation groups led by trained mentors. Through individual reading each week we come together and share what we have discovered, what questions we have and by exploring our faith together we learn to think theologically and come to know of the Christian tradition within our ordinary daily lives. You do not need to have a wide ranging knowledge of the Bible, nor are you expected to produce written work, you read as little or as much as you can within your daily demands, but whatever you manage you are encouraged to take part in the group and share with the other participants.

Want to know more before you decide? You can contact **Christopher Halliday on 07717 492647** (email: frchristopher@icloud.com) or Co-mentor **Janet Iles on 07813 815569**

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:

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