

# PEW'S NEWS

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



**Luke 6:36-38 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned."**

**Message:** We live in a society that is quick to judge and vilify others, with growing numbers of people being abused on social media and other platforms. What are the simple ways that we can practice a different way of living - a way of love, mercy and compassion demonstrated by Jesus, that embraces all as God's children?

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert;  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.



The **away giving charity** for February was Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. We raised a fantastic £140.

<https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk>

## Previous Away Giving:

November 2020 £1,296 for Transverse Myelitis with thanks to Suzanne Bradshaw and Amy Hamilton for their magnificent efforts

December 2020 £50 for Embrace the Middle East

January 2021 £170 for the Asylum Seekers Oldham thanks to Jen Davies

*Thanks to everyone for their continued support for our Away Giving monthly charities.*

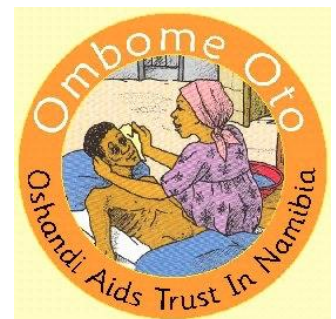
Sadly, due to the pandemic, we are not able to do our full plant sale as we usually do. BUT we are able to offer you the opportunity to buy HANGING BASKETS - 12" baskets, either FUSCHIA or MIXED FLOWERS. The cost for each basket is just £12. The baskets will be delivered in mid May (exact date to be confirmed) and available for pick up from The Parish Centre.

## For orders please contact:

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lizzierooke@gmail.com.

**Deadline for orders :**  
Monday 22nd March 2021



The **Away Giving for March** is Water Aid.  
For more information contact Isabel Hughes.  
Donations please to Isabel or Chris Chard.

[www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)



## Reopening our centres for public worship:

### Kilngreen:

9.30am Sun 14<sup>th</sup> March

### Parish Church

11am Sun 14<sup>th</sup> March

### Parish Centre

9.30am Weds 17<sup>th</sup> March

COVID-19 regulations will still apply:

Track & trace, hand sanitising, masks to be worn and social distancing to be observed.

### Prayer corner:

*If you'd like us to pray for someone, please let us know and we can post it here.*



### PARISH PEBBLES!

Kilngreen Church are asking anyone who would like to get creative for Easter to paint and varnish a small pebble (or similar) with an Easter design. From now until Easter your finished creation can then be placed outside Church in a safe visible place. All welcome to join in with this activity. For more details contact:- Suzanne 07733335784



### Message from Maureen Greenwood:

Hi everyone,

I'm back from The Repair Shop, and the experts have done a good job; restored, polished and nearly raring to go! I am on the mend; getting there, slowly but surely.

I wanted to say thank you so much for all the overwhelming kindness and support - cards, telephone calls, gifts and treats - from lovely friends and neighbours. It's been a very humbling experience for myself and my family.

Hoping now that spring is here, the sun will shine and bring with it plenty of good cheer for us all. It won't be too long before we can all meet up again for a coffee or a glass of wine.

With my love and thanks,  
God Bless  
Maureen & family

### RAINBOW OF HOPE

Easter represents hope and after the storm the sun shines clearer. To put the message of 'HOPE' out please type in the link below to download. Print out the mini rainbow poster, in colour or black and white (if you prefer to colour your own Rainbow) Put the poster in your window as a sign of where true 'HOPE' lies.

[Easter Means Hope.com](http://EasterMeansHope.com)



### Janet Iles Arts & Crafts

I have been creating some Mandalas in lockdown, and they can be very good for focusing on prayer or meditation. For anyone who doesn't know what they are, the word Mandala means "circle" and comes from the ancient language of Sanskrit. They are spiritually significant in Indian and Buddhist religions and can be described as "a unified form that unfolds from or is arranged around a centre"

Here are some I have done recently. One is from a template, but for the dark blue and silver design I combined several different elements, and the orange one I did by hand so it's not quite so symmetrical! Whatever way it is created the process allows time for prayer and/or meditation and is very relaxing!





## News from Eco Church

### Calculate Your Carbon Footprint.

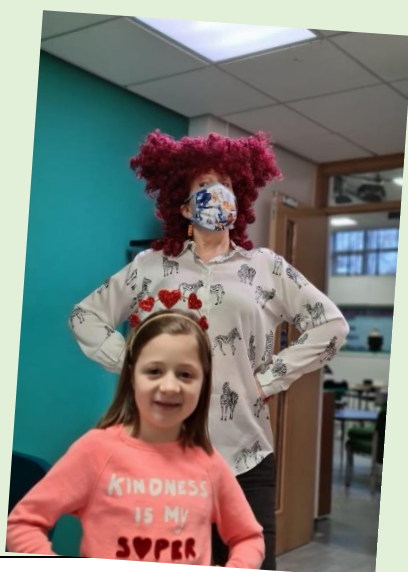
If you log into MyFootprint and answer a simple questionnaire you can find out your own personal carbon footprint. You can also get tips on how to reduce your impact and save money as well!

Let us know how you get on, if people pledge to make a few changes we can tick the appropriate box on the Church survey form. This will help us to reach Eco Church Silver status. Our aim eventually is obtain a Gold award.



The **APCM** has been put back until **SUNDAY 9th MAY** in the hope that we may be able to hold the meeting in Church.

Happy Birthday to Marian Schofield who celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>!



### News from St Chads C E Primary School:

At the start of February, children and staff at St Chad's C E Primary School '**Dressed to Express**' as part of Children's Mental Health Week in partnership with charity, Place2Be.

Children both in school and at home spent the week exploring the many ways we can express our personalities and emotions whilst reflecting on the ways we can promote positive health and wellbeing; a great week was enjoyed by all!

### 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.

### Thank you for the music

We have been treated to uplifting daily hymns, played by Hilary Henderson, in our WhatsApp groups.

A big thank you, Hilary, from all the congregations. What a lovely way to start each day!

### Contact:

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

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