

PEW'S NEWS

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

Reading:

Mark 7:24-37: "They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'"

Thought for the month:

Jesus does not see his healing powers as proofs of his divinity, but rather as signs that the God of mercy and goodness is close to us. He heals because he is moved with compassion. Who are the people and the stories that might move us to compassion this month? Ask God to open your eyes to see, your ears to hear, and your mouth to speak words of healing where you are.

Prayer:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Away-giving

September's Away Giving is:

Francis House

This is being organised by Ruth Broadhurst



Thank you for all the donations to Action Duchenne (*I'm not sure of the total as some people put straight on to www.actionduchenne.org*), the Ackroyd family very much appreciate the support of the congregations.

Susan Ackroyd



Parish Walks have resumed!

On 28th August, there was a fairly gentle 5-mile circular walk from Saddleworth Church taking in Far Diggle Edge.

@ Kilngreen

Richard Lambert prepared dough for the children to make pitta bread at the beginning of the service which was then baked and used for communion. It was delicious!



Our love and prayers go with Aaron, Gemma, Hope and Abraham as they leave our Saddleworth family to become part of the church family in Musselburgh.

These past four years Aaron and his family have touched our hearts and our lives. These have been times of challenge, learning and commitment. We have travelled in faith and love together, and grown deeper in Christ.

Thank you Aaron for calling us to silence, stillness and prayer. Thank you for reminding us that truth and justice matter; that issues around family priorities matter; that Black lives matter. Thank you for opening our eyes to bigger and larger horizons.

We have been changed by you. We hope that you have been changed by us. May the angels and saints guard you well and bless your ministry. We will miss you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Sharon

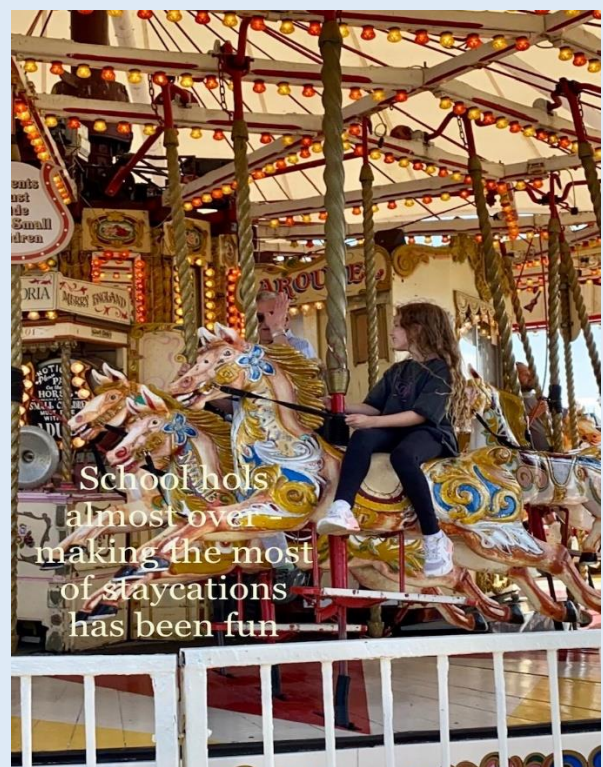


Farewell party

26th September 4pm

@ The Parish Centre

more info to follow



News from Eco Church

Hi Everyone

As we move into Creationtide when the Church thinks about the Season of Creation and Harvest. This year we will be particularly planning for **Great Big Green** week where we can tell others and celebrate what we are doing as individuals and as a Church to combat Climate Change. We need helpers to tidy up the Community Garden area so that the WI can have an area for their Bug House workshop. The Incredible Edibles will be there with more information about other areas of Saddleworth they are planning to plant up.

St Chads as a parish will serve coffee and cakes and there will be some information about the ongoing work in the Churchyard. Help is needed on the day (Saturday 25th 10am -12pm) If anyone has any spare bunting which we could use to decorate the yard. Please bring it along on the Friday evening (6pm.) If anyone would like to show others about some recycling/ up cycling or other environmental project they have done/are

involved in please let me know The more the merrier! 🌻🌻🐰

Sarah Adams



Graveyard News.

The work in the graveyard continues and several people have commented on the improvement especially in the new area. Special thanks go to Andy and Fiona's children who I have seen helping out. 😊🌟

It was a great privilege to be able to show Wendy and her family from Kent where the unmarked grave of her Aunt was.

Wendy's aunt Joan Burn was evacuated here with her 4 year old brother to stay with their grandparents who lived on Den Lane in 1940. A tragic accident happened when Joan was vacuuming the floor and Wendy's dad spilt his bath water Joan was killed instantly. Sadly, the brother felt this was his fault and lived with the guilt and shame all his life and he was something he refused to talk about. His terrible sadness had engulfed the entire family. Since her father's death last year Wendy had been trying to do her family history and this had led to an enquiry re the site of Joan's grave. After searching the records Fiona discovered that Joan was in an unmarked grave near the Lytch gate, and her Grandparents were also buried there.

So, the visit to the grave by Wendy earlier this month was a very special moment. A misty windy day and the beautiful Saddleworth countryside the short ceremony of bible reading and prayers gave Wendy a great sense of peace. I was only there because Fiona was on holiday but I am extremely grateful to have been. I had never imagined that volunteering to work in Churchyard would be so uplifting.

The next **working parties** are on **Friday 17th 6.30pm and Saturday afternoon 25th Sept** Meet in the car park on Gelfield Lane and bring gloves, shears etc if you have them. Look forward to another fun time refreshments provided.

Sarah Adams

Strawberry Tea – 14th August

Despite a few short showers the event was a lovely get together at Kilngreen for the first time since before lockdown. It was an opportunity to bring the community together again.

Musical entertainment was provided by Mike Hindson ably assisted by his wife Joanne, and singing from Joyce Mallalieu, Ann Burke, Geoff and Janet Iles as well as Mike himself. It all made for a lovely afternoon. A big thank you to Val Stocker for co ordinating all the helpers and for everyone who worked so hard to make the afternoon a big success. Thanks to all who cooked scones, created and served cream teas, organised drinks and cleared up afterwards.

Janet Iles



🌸🌸 Rushbearing service 2021 🌸🌸

22nd August.

A much quieter event than usual, but we still had a wonderful service at St Chad's. Canon Sharon began by warmly welcoming visitors from around the country and we finished with the rousing hymn 'Jerusalem'.

FAMILY SERVICE/ALL AGE SERVICE TRAINING

Hilary will be running some sessions to help with coordinating and leading worship for all ages

Principles, content, planning. We'll also share in a 'service' together and discuss its merits or otherwise!

There will be three venues (tbc) You can attend one Saturday morning or two Tuesday evenings:

Tuesdays October 12th and 19th from 7.30-9.30pm

Saturdays October 16th and 23rd from 9.15-1230

Please contact

HilaryEdgerton@cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk for info or to say you'd like to come.



THE BIG PICTURE – HOW TO BE BLESSED

Getting the 'Big Picture' from the Bible involves looking a bit deeper

A group committed to doing this has been running for several years, led by Hilary Edgerton and Val Stocker, covering all sorts of subjects and allowing for discussion and working out how the Bible relates to our everyday lives.

We launch out in September with 'HOW TO BE BLESSED- THE BEATITUDES IN EVERYDAY LIFE' You're welcome to join us.

We meet at St Anne's, Lydgate 7.45pm for coffee and 8pm for discussion on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: hilaryedgerton@cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk for more info

"To learn music is to
learn a whole new language"
(anon)



Do you have spare time for a new hobby?
Ever wanted to play a brass instrument?

**WHY NOT COME ALONG & JOIN
DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS**

A BRASS BAND FOR EVERYONE

We are now meeting face to face
aiming to provide a friendly, fun and inclusive
environment for our players.

We welcome anyone who would like the opportunity to play
a brass instrument.

We offer tuition, instrument loan & are open
for all ages & abilities

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Brian Cliffe :- 07703 184200



Diggle Community Brass

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heritage open days

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**



Fri 10th Sept 10-4
Sat 11th Sept 10-5
Sun 12th Sept 10-4

- Tours of the church
- Guided walks around the churchyard
- Refreshments
- Parish records enquiries
- Viewing of newly refurbished East Window
- Have a go at bell ringing
- Teddy bear zip-wire (booking required)
- Children's activities & ice cream van from Grandpa Greenes on Sat



Follow us on Facebook for more info:
Saddleworth St Chad
or <https://www.cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk/st-chad-saddleworth-parish-church>



Please come and join us for the
heritage open days:

Fri 10th-Sun 12th September

We have lots of activities on offer, such
as bell-ringing demonstrations, tours of
the tower, tours of the church and
churchyard, teddy-bear zip-wire, ice-
cream, cakes...

Please see our facebook page for full
info!

Contact:

If you'd like to share anything in our
newsletter email: Rebecca Wood
saddpewsnews@googlemail.com



St Chads and Uppermill Methodists

All Age Harvest Festival Service at St Chads.
If anyone needs a lift up the hill, please contact
umcupdates@gmail.com

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heritage open days

CAN YOUR TEDDY SAVE SADDLEWORTH CHURCH?



**Would you like to see
your teddy zip-wire
from the church
tower?**

- **Saturday 11th Sept 3-5pm. Book your teddy a slot via our facebook page!**
- **Canon Sharon & St Chad's school are raising funds to go towards an accessible ramp for the church. Everyone welcome to join the fun!**
- **£5 per teddy & includes a special certificate for brave bears!**
- **Children's activities & ice cream van from Grandpa Greens!**



Follow us on Facebook for more info:
Saddleworth St Chad
or text Rebecca on 07866 563300



Please see our facebook page for full info!

9.30 Kiln Green
11.00 St Chads
Please remember to sign before you
leave on a Sunday.

The signing of school admission forms for church schools will take place at the Parish Centre on:
Saturday's 11th & 18th Sept 10am-12pm
Monday's 20th & 27th Sept 7pm-9pm

