



Rochdale Parish Churches of St Chad and St Mary in the Baum



NEWS

(Please take one and pass it on)

12 February
2023

*Thank you for joining us
for worship today.
You are welcome to stay
for refreshments after the service.*

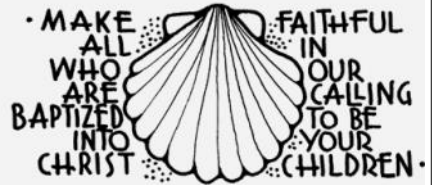


If you would like us to pray for someone who is ill or who has died, please add their name to the list located on the desk or speak to one of the clergy.



PLEASE PRAY
FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTISED

St Chad's
Sunday 12 February
Jireh Shanice Sheriff



**PLEASE ENSURE
YOUR PHONE IS
OFF
DURING THE SERVICE**
Thank You

place of welcome
coffee. cake. community.

Thursdays 10.30 am - 12 noon
at
St Chad's Church Rochdale

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◆ 22 February ◆

St Mary in the Baum at 9.15 am

Service led by Fr Darren Quinlan

St Chad's at 7.00 pm

Service led by The Revd Canon Karen Smeeton

**A reminder that there is a mid-week service at St Chad's
on Thursdays at 10.00 am**



Weeks 1, 4 and 5* Morning Prayer
Week 2 and 3 Holy Communion**



* months with a 5th Thursday

** for those who wish to receive the sacrament in the week

February brings heart shapes everywhere – cards, sweets, ornaments, cushions, I’ve even seen heart shaped crumpets. St Valentine, has become the patron saint of love and around his festival on the 14th we are inundated with symbols of love everywhere.

But who was Valentine? We actually there are three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl - possibly his jailor’s daughter - who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and - most importantly - romantic figure.

Of course, once the 15th arrives all those symbols will have been eaten, recycled, discarded, or perhaps put away as keepsakes – and the remainder in the shops will be sold off at a discount.

Romantic love is a wonderful thing while it lasts, and can be the foundation for lasting, mutual care and relationships, but like the cards and gifts, chocolate and crumpets, it is often soon gone or sold cheap.

But love is very important: - love of family, friends, neighbours, all humankind, as individuals, as groups, love for creation, for all life on our planet, for ourselves.

Without love, which gives us a focus, a passion, a reason to act positively for others we would miss so much that is good in our lives. Real love is not cheap, easy, or disposable, it's not always shiny or fluffy or tasty; it can be difficult, unrewarding, costly, unrelenting – but as the song says, it's what makes the world go round.

The Bible has much to say about love – asking us to love one another, to love God and to love ourselves. It tells us to love because God loved us first and God's love is unconditional – that love doesn't care who we are, what we look like, what we have done, whether we are rich or poor or have a GSOH (good sense of humour) it's never-ending and we can never do anything to earn it, or anything that will stop it.

For those of us who follow a faith, we are asked to share that love, to pass it on and follow God's example, that's not easy, and we often fail as we are human, not divine.

If you find it hard to love, or feel you fail at times the passage below helps us with some instructions. But also being reminded just how much we are loved by the one who will never stop loving us can make it easier.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

May you know just how much you are loved and share that love with everyone you meet.

Revd Anne

MUSIC AT ST MARY IN THE BAUM

TOAD LANE CONCERTS

Rochdale's Weekly Music at Lunchtime on Wednesdays
at St Mary in the Baum

Doors open at 12 noon ♦ Concert 12.30 - 1.30 pm ♦ Entry fee: £6

♦ FEBRUARY 15 ♦

Jonathan Ellis *piano*
(Manchester University and RNCM)

♦ FEBRUARY 22 ♦

Alice Roberts Harp, *Gold Medal RNCM.*

♦ MARCH 1 ♦

Eccles Community Choir, conductor Angela Rowley

♦ MARCH 8 ♦

The Elmet Quintet
Rachael Gibbon *clarinet*, Richard Webster & Alison Mordey *violins*
Rebecca Mellings *viola* and Caroline Steer *cello*.

♦ MARCH 15 ♦

Imogen Garner *soprano* and John Gough *piano*

♦ MARCH 22 ♦

Telemann Baroque Ensemble
Alastair Roberts *flute*, Alfred Pollard *oboe*, Elaine da Costa & Sarah Snape *violins*
John Goodstadt *viola*, Roger Bisby *cello* and Peter Collier *harpsichord*.

♦ MARCH 29 ♦

Music from Tonacliffe Primary School - Directed by Freda Farnworth



♦ Thank you for your support ♦

Contact Dr Joe Dawson 01706 648872 for more info

MUSIC ON SATURDAYS AT ST CHAD'S

Saturday 4 March - 12 noon

Dimitra Ananiadou (Violin)
Richard Whalley (Pianoforte)
[University of Manchester]



Music by:

Johann Sebastian Bach - Violin Partita No. 2:

Sarabanda BWV 1004

Ludwig van Beethoven - Violin Sonata Op. 30 No. 2

Fritz Kreisler - Preludium and Allegro in the Style of Pugnani

Admission £6 (pay on the door) *including refreshments available from 11.30 pm*



Saturday 25 March - 12 noon

Jasmin Allpress (*Piano*)

Including: Chopin Ballade no.3
and Mozart Sonata in B flat major k.333

Admission £6 (pay on the door)

including refreshments available from 11.30 pm

Singing Day : Saturday 20 May

Workshops 9.30 am - 3.00 pm ♦ Performance - 3.30 pm

Coronation "Come and Sing"



led by Philip O'Connor (*Director*)
with Philip Lowe (*Organ*)

Vivaldi Gloria in D

G.F.Handel 'Zadok the Priest'

Full Day - £10 per person

Singers: please bring a packed lunch

Performance - £5 Pay on the door



SERVICES OF WORSHIP

♦ Sundays

ST MARY IN THE BAUM

9.15 am

Week 1 - BCP Communion

Week 2 - Eucharist

Weeks 3, 4 and 5*

Common Worship Communion

** where there is a 5th Sunday in a month*

ST CHAD'S

11.15 am

Choral Eucharist

Matins on 2nd Sunday of month

1.00 - 2.30 pm

Asian Fellowship

♦ Thursdays

ST CHAD'S

from 3 November at 10.00 am

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at St Chad's or St Mary in the Baum,
please come along to church
on Sunday morning
or phone the vicar to make arrangements.*

