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The Rector writes...

We commemorate this year the end of World War 1. Throughout the country there are events, projects and church services to remind us of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In Saddleworth we will remember with the annual gathering at Pots and Pans and also a special event this year at Christ Church Friezland (details on page 21).

To remember is more than nostalgia; more than dwelling on courage and sacrifice. To remember is to seek, through reflection, to heal and rebuild that which is broken; to desire to bring good out of an evil and to reflect on the folly of war. We live in fragmenting times; the mess that is Brexit, the rise of anti-semitism and the far-right in Europe; racism and political extremism. The European Union, born out of the tragedies of war and out of a desire for collective healing, mutual respect and relationships of cooperation, is fragmenting and falling apart.

Into this brokenness and dismembering of that which was once secure, stable and familiar, Christ speaks. He calls us to a different way of living and being; of being recalled to lives of truth, mercy and integrity. He reminds us constantly that history can be healed not through the forgetting of the unspeakable acts of war, but by the lessons learned; of the need for the ongoing creation of trusting, authentic relationships grown from the foundations of love and faith.

This Remembrance-time we repent of our inability to live and work peacefully together. We repent of our intolerance and suspicion of those whom we perceive to be 'different' from ourselves. We repent of the pride and cynicism that dismember family and society. We pray God to remember us, to heal us and to make us whole.

Sharon



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Regular Sunday Services

St Thomas Delph

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word

2nd Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word
6:30pm Prayer for Healing
with Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am All Age Holy Communion

Christ Church Denshaw

1st Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

4th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

5th Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Trinity Dobcross

1st Sunday 9:30am All Age Eucharist (CW)
10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Morning Praise
and Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Little Fishes
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 10:30am Family Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Christ Church Friezland

1st Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:30am Children's Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:30am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

St Mary Greenfield

1st Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Morning Prayer (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)
6:30pm Eucharist

¥ 'Early Church' for children and young families.
On special occasions (e.g. Mothering Sunday,
Easter Day, Harvest, Christingle, Nativity, etc.)
we have just one service at 10:30am.

St Anne Lydgate

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Children's Eucharist (CW)
(including Church Parade)

2nd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

The God of life with guarding hold you,
The loving Christ with guarding fold you,
The Holy Spirit, guarding, mould you,
Each night of life to aid, enfold you,
Each day and night of life uphold you.

Poems of the Western Highlanders

St Chad Saddleworth

On the 5th Sunday all three of the worship centres worship together. The venue is rotated.

30th Sept 9:30am Eucharist at
The Parish Church

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

1st Sunday 9:30am Children's Eucharist

2nd Sunday 9:30am Family Worship

3rd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and
Sunday School

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and
Sunday School

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

1st Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

2nd Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

3rd Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

4th Sunday 11:00am Morning Prayer

St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

1st Sunday 9:30am Family Worship

2nd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and
Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and
Sunday School

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and
Sunday School

Regular Weekday Services

Christ Church Friezland

Tuesday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

Thursday 7:00pm Eucharist (CW)
non-alcoholic wine

St Mary Greenfield

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist (BCP)

St Anne Lydgate

Wednesday 6:00pm Family Worship

Friday 10:00am Eucharist (CW)

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Tuesday 9:30am Eucharist

The Grapevine - One year on (well, almost!)

The Grapevine has now been in circulation for almost a year. It is the magazine which speaks of our life together as the Church of England in Saddleworth.

It is a sharing of experiences of God in our lives and in the life of our churches. It is a source of information, inspiration and education about aspects of our Christian faith.

It is a celebration of the ways in which God is moving in our community and in the hearts of those we seek to serve. It is a means of communicating who we are and what we are doing outside of Sunday mornings! It tells the story of our search for God and God's search for us.

It serves to remind us of the life and needs of those beyond Saddleworth and features each month particular charities we aim to support. If you have a

story to tell or a contribution to inspire others, please submit it to one of the parish coordinators.

The Communications and Events Manager for the Diocese of Manchester, Ann Mummery, recently discovered The Grapevine and gave us this quote:

"My eyes lit up when I saw The Grapevine magazine on a visit to Friezland. What a beautiful, well-produced publication packed with news, features and colourful photographs. It's a joy to read and gives an immediate impression of the life in the individual churches and the sense of community in the Saddleworth team."

"Congratulations to everyone who contributes and particularly the editorial team that puts it together."

Happy reading!

Sharon Jones

Churches Together in Saddleworth (CTiS)

In 1920 the Belgian Roman Catholic scholar, Cardinal Desire Mercier, said:

"In order to unite with one another, we must love one another; in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another"

He was something of a lone voice in the early 20th century. For centuries the Christian church had been torn apart by divisions which were the result of the Reformation.

Nevertheless, after World War 2, relations between the denominations began to improve and Churches Together in England was founded in 1990. It is a visible sign of the Christian Churches' commitment to proclaiming the gospel by witnessing and working together to the glory of God.

"Churches Together in Saddleworth (CTiS)" was established in the same year. The five different Christian denominations in our area, comprising of fifteen churches, committed to acting and worshipping together. As worshipping communities, we have not lost our distinctiveness, but we believe that unity is strength and that our common purpose is to make Christ known in the Saddleworth area.

CTiS churches and people are committed:

- † to seek a deepening of their relationship with Christ, and with one another, in the Church which is his body, and
- † to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Every church in the Saddleworth area is invited to be represented at our meetings, which take place every three months, where we plan and prepare for local joint activities.

Examples of joint local activities include:

- † Joint services
A joint service held every 4 years, usually in the Civic Hall in Uppermill, with village services in the years between;
- † The Lent course;
- † Joint services
During Holy Week and for Ascension Day;
- † Bible studies
- † Theological discussion group
- † Prayer breakfasts

† "Christmas Angels" in Uppermill
Angels across Saddleworth will appear at Christmas;

† Street Pastors
A local scheme is in the process of being established.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in these activities.

CTiS is not just concerned with the local, but has a concern for the needs of people across the country and overseas, with support for:

- † Age UK
- † Dementia Awareness
- † Local food banks
- † Christian Aid & CAFOD

CTiS also holds the annual "One World Christmas Fair" at Sacred Heart in Uppermill

Psalm 133 says:

"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity"

Events this Autumn

Saturday 3rd November, 10:00am to 4:00pm
One World Christmas Fair at Sacred Heart.

Saturday 17th November, 8:30am to 10:00am
Prayer Breakfast at Uppermill Methodist Church.

We hope to see many of you at one or both of these events.

Of course, our Saddleworth churches individually organise a diverse range of activities, open to all, which aim to build up local village communities and spread the good news of the Gospel.

However, in addition to this, CTiS provides opportunities for Christians across Saddleworth to work together and to encourage each other in our Christian lives. Christian Unity is about building relationships beyond our own church. When people see us as a united presence, our community can be transformed and we can win people for Christ.

As Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

"He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again"
(2 Corinthians 5, v.15)

Susan Titmuss
President
Churches Together in Saddleworth



One World Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd November

from 10:00am to 4:00pm

**Sacred Heart Centre,
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St Mary's Greenfield has a Traidcraft stall on the last Sunday of each month.

† Whit Friday United Service Uppermill †



On Sunday 16th September, the churches from the Whit Friday United Service in Uppermill presented £657.31 from their Whit Friday street collection to Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (OMRT).

Revd Audrey Lee from Ebenezer Church can be seen presenting the cheque to OMRT's Dr Andrew Taylor at their Headquarters. Also present are representatives from churches in Friezland, Lydgate, Uppermill, Dobcross and Diggle together with other representatives from OMRT.

OMRT were also featured in Issue 5.

You are invited to ...
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1st and 22nd October

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2:00pm to 3:00pm

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

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on the theme of Creativity

by Revds Barbara Christopher & Hilary Edgerton.



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Big Picture Discussion Group
Friendship



**24th and 31st October,
7th and 14th November**

7:45pm for 8:00pm

at

St Anne's Church Lydgate

What does it mean to be a friend?

We all think we know ...

but the Bible has some insights to help.



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Big Picture Discussion Group
**Advent reflections
and prayer**



**28th November,
5th, 12th and 19th December**

7:45pm for 8:00pm

at

St Anne's Church Lydgate

Take time to think about the deeper message
of Jesus sharing life as a human being.



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A view behind bars – Confirmation



It is easy to confirm that Paul and Brendan are criminals. I can look on their prison records and their crimes are written in black and white for all to see. They themselves are all too aware. They have told me about the way they could instil fear into people and how I have not heard a fraction of their past - either the ways they grew up or the evil they committed. They are willing to confirm their rotten character.

But there has been a different kind of event confirmed for them recently and I am hopeful for more goodness of character to be seen than bad as time goes by. In May this year, Bishop Mark Ashcroft confirmed that they want to be committed to God and that God accepts them and offers them a new beginning.

On the first Pentecost Sunday, the Christians, who had known Jesus alive, were suddenly and powerfully aware that his Spirit was given to them as a gift. This would be God in them, giving courage, changing character.

On Pentecost Sunday 2018, our two 'hardened criminals' knelt, full of nervousness, to commit themselves publicly to God and ask for his Spirit to give courage and change them too.

They are on a long road. One is in prison for an indeterminate length of time. The other has been in prison for the best part of sixteen years and has four more to go. Yet they have discovered Jesus Christ and Christian faith whilst serving their sentences. In the discussion times we had in preparing them for the Confirmation service, I heard insights about the Bible and stories about real change that brought tears to my eyes.

One of them told the story of how he had met his victim, both to me personally and in the Confirmation service to the assembled congregation of thirteen other prisoners, a few visiting musicians, and assorted chaplains.

The crime he had committed had robbed the victim of possessions but had also traumatised him, leading eventually to a break-up of his marriage and the loss of his job. Through a restorative justice programme, a meeting was arranged. There was a good deal of fear in the prisoner that day. The victim held out his hand and spoke about how he had forgiven the prisoner. In fact, it had led him to re-think his life and, although it seemed unlikely, he felt he was now personally in a better place.

The prisoner spoke to us all about feeling totally overwhelmed that anyone could forgive like that and he said his eyes were opened to the possibility of God's forgiveness and new life. *'I was blind, but now I see!'* he said, with a wit and cheek as he claimed John Newton's famous 'Amazing Grace' hymn words as his own.



Both men were baptised at the Confirmation. At its simplest, baptism is a sign of wanting to be clean on the inside. Every baptism, especially of an adult, is a reminder of that intention and desire.

With tentative words these two committed themselves to live God's way. As they answered the question concerning their willingness to commit themselves, the Bishop, speaking quietly, asked if they were sure? *'100%'* came the now-confident reply.

Bishop Mark created a depth of stillness that truly conveyed a love from God and from ourselves. They were anointed and welcomed and the lusty singing of our little congregation could not have had more heart or been more pleasing if they had rehearsed for months!

Did they mean it or was it just a one-off?

Well, if I tell you that one of them was celebrating his birthday on the same day and had told his girlfriend that she would have to apply to visit him another day instead, perhaps you see the seriousness. They are still loud, angry and struggling with the whole system and the habits they have grown up with, but they are moving forward.

*Hilary Edgerton - June 2018
HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale*

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Christ Church Denshaw

22nd July William Stanley Andrew Davis

Holy Trinity Dobcross

15th July Edward Vincent Oldham

5th August Lois Erin Bottomley

12th August Aaron William Uren

19th August Charlotte Edith Hopwood and
Albert Jo Hopwood

2nd September Bridget Elizabeth Lancashire and
Isabelle Violet Lancashire

Christ Church Friezland

24th June June Freya Lily Woods

5th August Ethan Daniel Ancher

12th August Harry John White

St Mary Greenfield

25th August Martha Elizabeth Kennedy

26th August Ace Kenny Langhorn

St Anne Lydgate

24th June Evan Christopher Headock

11th August Margaux Wallace Mills

2nd September Poppy Grace Ward

St Chad Saddleworth

30th June Eva Georgia Caitlin Hart

29th July Jake Harrison Crowder

May they walk in the light of Christ.

Interment of Ashes

Holy Trinity Dobcross

22nd July Jean Wolstencroft

May God give them his comfort and peace

Marriages

Holy Trinity Dobcross

1st September Sophia Alexandra Miles and
John Alan Singleton

Christ Church Friezland

22nd July Sarah Stelfox and
Benjamin Chadderton

29th July Emily Whitehead and
Michael Ashworth

18th August Michelle Peet and
Steven Fowler

St Mary Greenfield

26th August Katy Hobson and
David Moorhouse

St Anne Lydgate

23rd June Emily Blackshaw and
Jonathan Fullalove

30th June Emma Ball and James Beswick

14th July Katie Miller and Adrian Young

21st July Emma Beazley and
Adam Chadwick

28th July Natalie Gartside and Mark Forsyth

5th August Elizabeth Riley and Sam Taylor

10th August Holly Brookes and
Thomas Chambers

18th August Rebecca Hughes and Jack Lord

19th August Elinor Prior and Brendan Moran

St Chad Saddleworth

7th July Charlotte Smith and
David Crossley

14th July Louise Whitehead and
Stuart Coulson

28th July Lauren Campbell and
James Chamberlain

12th August Hannah Howard and
James Crowther

18th August Victoria Elliott and James Parker

Joined in mutual love and companionship.

Parish Registers

Funerals

Christ Church Denshaw

19th July Philip Malcolm Hinchliffe

Holy Trinity Dobcross

7th September Robert Chester Barnes

Christ Church Friezland

24th July Irene Roebuck

St Mary Greenfield

18th July David Parkin

14th August Marjorie Winterbottom

Funerals

St Anne Lydgate

27th June Rachel Buckley

3rd July David Rigby

5th July Lewis Widdall

9th July Elizabeth Purvis

16th July Neil Hogan

St Chad Saddleworth

23rd August Dorothy Jones

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God (Harvest Time)

As we come to the autumn time we will no doubt be considering our Harvest Services. There will be decorating of churches with flowers and vegetables. During the Harvest Services, which may include schools as well as our own congregations, there will be a collection of gifts to redistribute to those less fortunate than ourselves.

For many of us this is a wonderful time of year and rightly we give thanks to God for all that he lavishes upon us. Take a moment to reflect on what God has lavished upon you?

In one of my previous parishes the vicar stated that, instead of decorating the church with flowers and vegetables, he would like the church decorating with what God had gifted to us all the year round.

We had such a wonderfully decorated church!

- † One windowsill did have vegetables and flowers; it was from a man who was employed as a gardener.
- † Another was decorated with someone's artwork.
- † A young lady, who was trying to get into the British Olympic Swimming team had dressed a window with her swimming costume, medals and certificates.
- † Other displays of note were musical instruments with certificates of achievement, and also knitting alongside embroidery.



As we come to the Harvest season, please consider the gifts which God has given you that you can offer back, in worship or service of others, as part of your daily living and worship.

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St Thomas Delph

Re-ordering Underway!!

St Thomas has been in faculty mode for some time and is acting on them as they come in. We have had teams getting together midweek and at weekends to undertake some of the work ahead of the tendering process. One of the early tasks was



to take up the hazardous carpet. A beautiful blue carpet, but having stretched over the years the carpet was stuck down with black tape along one side for the whole length of the aisle. When the carpet was lifted it was found to have stone underneath and, in the aisle, was quite pleasing to the eye. Unfortunately the same couldn't be

said for the Chancel which at some time in the past had been painted red considerably reducing the value of the stone.

With the carpet and the choir pews gone the team are now awaiting the go ahead to remove the raised chancel. By the time this magazine reaches the printers the organ should have been removed and the tendering process begun. The tendering process had, in August, been delayed by at least two



months. A combination of problems, from a sycamore tree with a preservation order to the difficulties of providing disabled access have delayed Council Planning Permission. Unfortunately, this may mean that the whole project will be delayed by two or three months, perhaps God's timing not ours.

St Thomas' has some funds in the bank, raised through congregational giving and is now looking for grants. Those with the gift for fund raising have been asked to begin putting their skills to good use. As a church we've undertaken to do what we can with the finances we have available, watch this space to see the progress.

What's in a Name?

We had an article in Issue 5 where the Parochial Church Council (PCC) considered the question as to whether the church, with the reordering, should change its name to reinstate St Hilda. The PCC came to an impasse; there were views for, against and neutral. The PCC decided to ask the congregation for their view and to review the matter at the next PCC. Seeking to ensure that a true picture be reflected in the ballot, every member of the congregation was invited to vote regardless of age or whether they were on the Electoral Roll. An update will be given in the next issue. If you missed the last article you can find it online at:

www.cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk/the-grapevine



Pamela playing the organ for the last time.

Church Pastoral Aid Society, Knock Venture Holiday August 2018

This August eight of the congregation from St Thomas were involved with leading the Knock Venture Holiday. We spent a week at the Knock Christian Centre just outside Appleby, Cumbria.



Twenty seven young people, aged from 9 to 15 years, joined us to spend time together enjoying a great holiday - full of fun, worship and God. We had a really active week involving walks, climbing, canoeing, photo scavenger hunt. We also had a day trip out together in addition to sports and craft activities on site.



This year our bible theme was Water. We explored a range of stories in which the water theme helped us to learn more about our faith and draw closer to Jesus. We had a great time continuing the water theme throughout the week raising money for the "Wellboring in Schools" charity. Our last day together saw one of our youngest leaders run the gauntlet of water pistols and water bombs and a lot of gunge! Later our 'Neon Night' was an amazing celebration of our time together with worship, fire, smores and neon!



Spending time away from home and home church is a great way for young people to connect with their faith in a new and exciting way.

We will be at Knock again on 4th to 10th August 2019 if you would like to find out more then take a look at www.ventures.org.uk or contact Sue Powell by email at sue@powellnewbarn.co.uk or phone on 07779 044865.

Sue Powell
Overall Leader, Knock Venture
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Blessing of Love

"I was delighted to lead a Celebration and Blessing of Love for Katie and Kirsty on 13th August at the Kings Arms, Grains Bar.

"Many, many congratulations to you both, and every Blessing."

Revd Mike

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Christ Church Denshaw

Wall Building and Much More

On Saturday 8th September we were open to welcome visitors as part of Heritage Week, and to offer people from the village and further afield the opportunity to see the great strides that have been



made by the Eco-Group. The project has been so successful that we have been awarded a bronze standard award. A plaque has been ordered and it is planned to install it very soon. The only other

church in the Benefice to gain this award is Christ Church Friezland, so we are very proud.

Our Eco-Group, supported by the Parochial Church Council, endeavours to make our church as eco-friendly as possible. Members of the group were present to explain what we have done already and our plans for future projects.

The Lancashire (apologies for the county!) branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association (DSWA) held a 'Taster Day' in the church grounds.

As part of their 'Help in the Community', they are helping repair and make good the walls around the church. Several came along to have a look at this local traditional craft and signed up for one of the courses run by the DSWA, to learn a new skill.



There was home-made cake, tea and coffee available in church. Also the opportunity to purchase or order a copy of the recently published book entitled *'Heights Church and Friarmere : A Potted History*

1768 to 2018' co-authored by Mary Rodgers and Geoffrey Dent. It is an excellent read and contains many fascinating facts about the heritage we enjoy in Saddleworth. The History of Denshaw parish was also available.

This was an enjoyable and informative day enjoyed by all who attended.

Revd Philip Williamson

Congratulations

Congratulations go to former Christ Church Primary School pupil Ella Simpson, a regular member of our congregation, for achieving an amazing eleven Grade 9 passes in her GCSE exams. A pupil at Crompton House, it is Ella's ambition to become a doctor and she has recently spent two weeks in Poland shadowing dermatology doctors and neurosurgeons. An important step in her career ambition but one that required self-funding, something Ella managed to achieve while studying for her exams. We are very proud of her and wish her every success for the future.



Christ Church School News

The summer term closed with the usual Leavers' Assembly which this year was an Oscar Themed Ceremony led by Year 6 and everyone received an award. This was followed by a fantastic Achievement Award Ceremony, in which the whole school received their certificates and awards for efforts made over the past academic year. The Church was packed with parents and friends of the school, all anxious to congratulate the children on their success.



Revd Aaron Jackman, Assistant Curate, whose children attend the school, led the assembly. Revd Jackman will join the Governing Body at Christ Church from September when he replaces Jane Storer who has been our Diocesan Governor for the past six years. While welcoming Aaron, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane for all the work she has carried out in this role. She has worked extremely hard and done a great deal to enhance school/church collaboration.

On 4th September, a full intake of fifteen children were welcomed into the Reception class. Year 5 and 6 welcomed Miss Bell who will be teaching them this term.

WW1 Remembrance

Christ Church Denshaw marked the 100th Anniversary of the ending of WW1. The service, on 23rd September, was in the form of a Songs of Praise Thanksgiving which replaced our Morning Prayer.

Twenty three men lost their lives, a tremendous loss to any village let alone one so small. Although these names are recorded, both on our War Memorial in the churchyard and also on the Pots



and Pans Memorial, to most of the congregation they are merely names. To some of our older members, they are fathers,

grandfathers or uncles or their contemporaries.

Since planning the service, some of our group have been delving into what archive material they could find to obtain details of these village heroes.

Funds to build the War Memorial were raised by public subscription. The stone obtained from the ruins of Dowry Castle which had been built by the Gartside family, benefactors of the church, in the style of a castle. Sadly the castle proved too costly to maintain and was demolished.

The Memorial was constructed by Thomas Corner of Uppermill, a name well-known in these parts, and unveiled by Captain Joel Buckley MC, long time headmaster of Denshaw School. It was dedicated by Revd Thomas Storey-Bates, vicar of Friarmere, on 30th October 1920. We feel privileged to have our own memorial; the children mark Remembrance Day with a short service at the memorial each November and wreaths are laid after the main service in church.

At our Songs of Praise service, appropriate hymns such as 'Lord for the Years', 'Peace Perfect Peace', and 'I Vow to thee my Country' were sung with special prayers chosen and a short reading about each soldier from Denshaw whose life was cut short by this dreadful war.

Each of the nine hymns chosen can easily be used as a prayer. Although it is difficult to pray for those we have never known, this quote from a Radio 4 programme sums up the use of hymns as prayers:

"You know, often I hear people say that they don't know how to pray ... to pray effectively; they haven't quite grasped the language of prayer; they're not sure what words to use."

"Well, the verses of this beautiful hymn, 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee' are like a primer for anyone looking to elevate their prayer life. I will often crack open a hymnal and borrow the words of a timeless hymn as my prayer for the day."

***May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my failing heart,
My zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm and changeless be
A living fire.***



Names of The Fallen 1914 - 1918



Joe Biltcliffe	Brandon Goddard
Frank Bradbury	Thomas A Hill
Hilton Bradbury	Purslow Jones
Charles C Bradsell	Walter Jones
John Buckley	Harry Matthews
Percy Buckley	Brandon Platt
Edgar Buckley	Frank Read
Willie Buxton	John Turner
James W R Clegg	Jim Widdop
Joseph Davies	Robert A Williams
Robert Gartside	John Frederick Womersley
Sim Gartside	

We will remember them

Events

Our Harvest Festival remains very traditional and will take place on Sunday 30th September at 10:30am; school harvest assembly will take place on Friday 28th September. Parents are always generous with their gifts and we always receive a large amount of food which, along with donations from the congregation, is taken to Shaw Salvation Army.



The Autumn Fayre takes place on Saturday 13th October at Denshaw Village Hall from 12 noon until 4:00pm. There will be home-made lunches, craft stalls and home-bake together with the usual raffle, White Elephant, and Tombola stalls. Last year's event proved very popular and an excellent social occasion as well as a good fund raiser.



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Holy Trinity Dobcross

Church Bells for Holy Trinity?

Some people will remember the days when a clapper bell would be rung for morning service and funerals. There have been occasions when couples planning a wedding have asked if we can offer a peal of bells to be played. With this in mind, the church council have started to think about the possibility of installing a digital chiming bell sound system. So far, we have been gathering information, such as talking to other churches with digital bells, getting quotes on price and suitability.

As our clock mechanism is modern and regularly maintained by Smith of Derby, one idea might be to integrate this with a digital system (but not during the night). They have offered a demonstration of a suitable system on Saturday 6th October at 10:00am.

Part of our Mission Action Plan this year is to engage with the community and this outreach initiative is a way of gathering feedback. The Dobcross Diary kindly published an article in the August/September edition and we are hoping they will publicise the demonstration.

Please take the time to pass on your views by contacting the churchwardens via email - see page 4 in The Grapevine. Thank You.

Autumn or Harvest?



By the beginning of October autumn is here and Saddleworth will take on a beauty of its own as the trees turn red and gold. Until the 16th century, there was no such word as "Autumn" in Britain. Instead the season was called "Harvest", from "kharbitas", an ancient word that meant "to cut". As the population moved from rural villages to industrial towns and gradually lost its connection with the land, "harvest" was restricted to the physical act of gathering the crops while the word "autumn" was adopted for the season. No one knows where the Latin word autumnus comes from; perhaps the Romans inherited it from the conquered lands in northern Europe.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

We give thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and the abundance of nature especially at this time of year. We support local organisations, such as Oldham Food Bank, and charities for less fortunate families. Internationally, we support the charity WaterAid, whose global strategy is to make water, toilets and hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere.



Our links with Holy Trinity School play a big part in the Harvest Thanksgiving and we welcome everyone to two services.

School Harvest Service Thursday 4th October in Church at 9:30am

Headteacher Miss Travis, Governors and Staff wish to invite parents and friends from the community to the school service when harvest gifts will be brought to Church. There will also be an opportunity to listen to the school choir and other items by the children.



Harvest Breakfast Sunday 7th October in Church at 9:00am



Everyone is welcome to join us for a Harvest Breakfast before the service.

Please bring a contribution.

Family Harvest Eucharist Sunday 7th October in Church at 10:00am

The Harvest Eucharist will be taken by Revd Aaron Jackman, assisted by Reader Graham McGuffie.

At both services there will be an opportunity to donate to WaterAid. The gifts of fruit, flowers and tinned goods brought to Church will be distributed to elderly people in the community as well as donating to Oldham Food Bank and Oldham Unity for asylum seekers.

*Living God, your Spirit hovered over the water
and you created the good things
of the earth for all to share.*

*Be with us as we build and plan for a future
where all people share in the harvest
and no-one goes hungry. Amen*

Centenary of Armistice Day

Dobcross Youth Band at the Menin Gate, Ypres

During the band's annual holiday they visited Ypres in Belgium on 16th August where they were invited to play the hymn "Guardian of My Soul" at the daily Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.



Julian Bayley, principal euphonium, was asked to read the exhortation, watched by about 800 people. It was a proud moment for him and for the band.

*"They will not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them."*

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November 2018 at 10:45am

Our service of remembrance to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice Day 1918 will be led by Mr Graham McGuffie together with members of the congregation and Sunday Club, Dobcross Youth Band with musical director, Mr Matt Hindle, and representatives from The Royal British Legion.



*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

"Dobcross Remembers" in 1919

The end of The Great War on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 was recorded the following year in the first few issues of the new Dobcross Parish Church Magazine.

Revd H A Thomas writes:

"We have welcomed with manifold thanksgiving the Signing of the Peace with Germany and we trust that the new era will be one of great spiritual progress. We must remember that the worthiest Memorial to our Fallen Heroes should be seen in the increase Godliness and beneficence of our countrymen.

"This can only be secured if those who are left prove themselves as unselfish as those who have made the supreme sacrifice. The welfare of their land must be placed before personal or class interest, so that fruits of victory won in The Great War may not be lost in civil strife."

The Bible Study Group

Thursdays from 10:30am to 12 noon

Weekly from 4th October to 22nd November

The theme of study is
The Book of Esther
from the Old Testament.

The location of the meetings
will be announced on the
weekly pew sheet.



Congratulations to Seth and Julian

Seth Livingstone has graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music with a first-class degree. He is also Associate Musical Director of Dobcross Youth Band. We send our best wishes to Seth as he begins a Post Graduate Course in Education.



Julian Bayley, principal euphonium of Dobcross Youth Band and member of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain, has achieved some good GCSE results in August and will continue his sixth form education at Crompton House School.



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Christ Church Friezland

A Load of Old Rubbish!

The afternoon of Sunday 1st July brought the 'alternative' worship service on the theme of Eco-church. Those who came had been invited to bring some (clean and safe!) rubbish to lay before the altar. Using music, visuals and liturgy, we reflected on our personal and corporate impact on the planet. We were encouraged to make small, but significant and sustained, changes to our attitudes and actions regarding God's gift of creation. Prepared and lead by a team of clergy and congregation, the service was well-received by all and was a great creative outlet for some of our youngsters, as you can see from this alternative Rubbish Christmas Tree!



Positive Cycles and Community Outreach

On Thursday 9th August, Positive Cycles, a project delivered by the charity Positive Steps, came to the Church Hall to run a bike 'surgery' where they offered free basic services for push bikes. They also accept donations of unwanted bikes, which they do up (*upcycle!?*) and pass on to those in need.



Stuart Beesley also organised a walk; Roy Crozier organised a bike ride and Revd Angela supervised games of boules, badminton and Jenga.

This was the first event organised by our Community Outreach Committee, whose members are Peter Whalley, Jill Barrett and me.

Our aim is to place Church at the centre of our community by meeting people's needs in a variety of ways. We want people who would not normally come to 'Church' to perhaps see us in a different light. I believe that if Jesus were here in human form, he would go to people in new ways. If we can share the love of God whilst a bike cable is being changed, then why not!

Any suggestions or new group members are most welcome.

Megan Harrison

Prayer & Meditation

Since the last edition of The Grapevine, four sessions of 'Teach us to Pray' have been held in the Benefice and in the one I attended, we experienced the importance of silence and stillness; of giving space for God to speak to us.



The Christian Meditation Group, which meets at Ebenezer Church in Uppermill, does not include any open prayer nor discussion; just the opportunity to be at one with God through the power of silence. The group began in 2013 and is very informal. People come from a variety of churches or none and dip in and out as they are able. We might be as few as eight or as many as eighteen! Each session follows a set pattern: a short reading followed by some music; twenty minutes of silent meditation ending with further music; and a final short reading. Refreshments are provided.

This format follows in the tradition of the Benedictine monk, John Main (1926 to 1982), who founded the World Community of Christian Meditation and is based on the writings of John Cassian circa 400AD.

For further details please contact:

- † Barry Whitehead on 01457 874656 for the Morning Group (1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10:30am - 11:30am) or
- † Audrey Lee for the Evening Greetings (last Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 8:30pm).

Alternatively, chat to Sue Brown or me.

Ann Forster

'There But Not There' - 1918 to 2018

On Saturday 10th November 10:00am to 4:00pm, we will host a commemoration of 100 years since the Armistice at the end of the First World War.



We have gained funding from the Covenant Fund Trust to install ten life-size Perspex silhouettes in and around church, that bring to mind those who went to war and did not return.

Visit www.therebutnotthere.org.uk for more details.

The event will be a thought-provoking reflection on the impact of World War 1 on the local community. Issues such as the loss of local young men and the effect of the war on women's work and family life will be explored together with the longer-term community consequences following the end of the fighting.

We will engage with all age groups in exploring memories through personal letters, photographs, drama and music. We will recognise the enormous sacrifice of local people. This will include those commemorated in our church and the war graves in our churchyard. The ordinary young men and families from **both** sides of the conflict will also be remembered.

A reflective space will be made available on the hour throughout the day in the South Chapel that lends itself to the lighting of candles and quiet prayer. The event is for people of all faiths and none.

We are going to link with The Royal British Legion and Air Training Corps, as well as with local schools, residential homes and charitable organisations. Our aim is to increase awareness by encouraging a feeling of context: e.g. 'this is how it might have felt to live through this time, just imagine...!'

We warmly invite you to join us throughout the day.

Revd Mike.

Dates for diaries:

Sunday 14th October, 9:30am

Harvest - Celebrate the bounty of God's earth

Sunday 28th October, 1:00 to 4:00pm -

Afternoon Tea Dance in the Church Hall,

Tickets £5 available from Jill Barrett.

Hot lunch and cakes, unlimited tea & coffee, Prosecco available to buy.



Sunday 4th November, 6:00pm

All Souls - Remember loved ones.

Saturday 10th November, 10:00am to 4:00pm -

'There, But Not There',

A special event to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Sunday 11th November, 9:30am

Remembrance Sunday.



Saturday 17th November, 12 noon to 3:30pm

Christmas Fair in Church, free entrance!

Featuring: The Brass Monkeys, lots of stalls, refreshments (hot turkey sandwiches, cakes, mince pies and mulled wine), an early appearance by Santa!



Saturday 24th November, 7:30pm

Serenity in Church, tickets £8, children free!

Music for cello and choir, with Joseph Donmall and the Pennine Singers

Friday 7th December, 7:00pm

Screening of Paddington 2 in the Church Hall.

Tickets on the door £5 (£3 children).

Bring along a Teddy.

A prize for the best Paddington Hat; Refreshments for children included - marmalade sandwiches and ice cream.



Sunday 9th December, 12:30pm

Christmas Dinner served in the Church Hall.

Starter; turkey dinner;

Christmas pudding;

coffee and mints!



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St Mary Greenfield

My Report

After our wonderful summer, autumn is now very much upon us and I am reminded of the opening words of the poem, To Autumn by John Keats, which I learnt at school:

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...”

Like all the seasons, autumn and the harvest, which takes place within it, are very good reasons to give thanks to God for the richness of his provision and for all his blessings.



If you receive this magazine before the end of September, you are invited to St Mary's Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September at 10:30am when we will be joined by children, staff and families from St Mary's School.

If you would like to bring a contribution of tinned or other non-perishable food, which will be passed onto Oldham Food Bank, we will be very pleased to receive it.

There will also be a retiring collection for WaterAid, to help those in countries where there is severe drought, and/or where water supplies are

 contaminated and cause health problems.

It may only be autumn, and yet I'm sure all of us already have Christmas in mind. Last year, many of you will have seen or may even possess one of the knitted angels that were distributed around Uppermill by Churches Together in Saddleworth.

They were made by many volunteers and were given to businesses to pass on to their customers; some were left on park benches or on walls and other prominent places throughout the village. Each of the angels carried a short message of hope and love for Christmas and we had some very positive feedback from those who received them.

This year, we are extending the distribution of the Christmas Angels beyond Uppermill to enable people in other villages to receive them. This will include Greenfield and it will also mean that we need many more angels and hence many more knitters.



If you would like to take part, please ask Susan Titmuss from Greenfield Methodist Church or

me as we are coordinating the making, gathering and distribution of the angels in the Greenfield, Friezland and Lydgate area. We will need as many helpers as possible, please!

Still on the subject of Christmas, you will remember from the last issue of The Grapevine that I wrote about St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival, which will be opened at 7:00pm on Friday 14th December by The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton. During the Christmas Tree Festival, Derek and Elizabeth Pilkington will be selling their beautifully photographed and hand-crafted cards. If you would like to sponsor and/or decorate a tree for the festival, or would like to find out more, please ring Pat Bottom on 01457 511320.



Pat is also the person to ring if you would like anyone who was either from St Mary's Parish, or who had a particular connection to the church, to be included in our Book of Remembrance. There is a simple form to complete and a small charge to cover the cost of the names being written in the book by a calligrapher.

Still on the subject of Remembrance, we will be holding a special commemoration service on Remembrance Day this year to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. Significantly, 11th November falls on a Sunday in 2018 which will give added poignancy. The First World War Memorial tablet in St Mary's Church lists the forty names of those who fell. This is an incredible number and is an indication of great suffering and sacrifice.



May they rest in peace and never be forgotten.

We remember all those who have died whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance in church. In particular at this time, we give thanks to God for all those whose names are written on the pages for October and November. They are:

Patricia Kathleen Cuff, Arnold Loveridge,
Richard David Sands, Meg Jones Taylor,
Albert Warren, and Bernard Shelbourne.

Remembering those who have died also makes us remember the love of our great God and the gift of eternal life that we receive from Jesus.

With all God's blessings,

Barbara

The War Horses

This year marks 100 years since the end of The Great War and as we remember those men who gave their lives, let us also remember the War Horses. This is an extract from the poem 'Homeward' by Cicely Fox-Smith (1882-1954).

*Well gone is many a lad now,
and many a horse gone too.
Off all those lads and horses
in those old fields I knew.
There's 'Dick' that died at Cuinchy,
and 'Prince' beside the guns,
On the red road of glory, a mile or two from Mons.*

*Dead lads and shadowy horses,
I see them just the same,
I see them and I know them,
and name them each by name,
Going down to shining waters,
when all the West's aglow,
And the lads sitting sideways
and singing as they go.*

*Home, lads, home, with the sunset on their faces.
Home, lads, home, to those quiet happy places.
There's rest for horse and man
when the hardest fight is done.....
And they go home together
at the setting of the sun.*



Helena's Half Marathon



On Sunday 14th October, Helena Bird, a member of our choir, is running 13.1 miles in Manchester and asks for sponsorship with all money going to St Mary's Church.

Sponsorship forms are available from church, our Charity Shop, and Helena.

It will also be possible to sponsor her on-line.

Thank you Helena and please do support her!

A very special place

Last year when my eldest son was over from New Zealand, he said he was taking me to a very special place. Off we set and I had no idea where we were heading, but soon realised it was Yorkshire. It was when we came to Kettlewell that I knew where we were going - Scargill House.

When my husband was Rector of All Saints Church at Heaton Norris and our three children were very young, we always went to this special place when it was Clergy Family Week. Mark had arranged this visit from his home in New Zealand and it brought back many happy memories for us.

I see from reading The Grapevine that there is a Weekend Away in October. Those of you who go will never forget the experience - I didn't.

Joan Jones.

Diaries 2019

The colour of the diaries is scarlet and they are available at £1.00 each from Church, our Charity Shop, Pat Bottom, Ann King and Joan Jones. Please take note of the advertisers as they enable us to get the diaries free of charge so that all profit is for the Church.

Unique Christmas Photocards

will be for sale to raise funds for St Mary's Church, Greenfield, during the Christmas Tree Festival in December

Images of:

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Derek and Elizabeth Pilkington



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St Anne Lydgate

Cooking with Nature and Grandma

After a very cold 'beast from the east' at the end of winter, which came as a shock to us all, our spring came as a wonderful delight. The crocuses and daffodils burst into life and the blossom on the trees was such a lovely sight. I decided it might be an idea to try to use some of the blossom and show my grandchildren what we can make with the gifts given to us by nature.

We collected elderflowers; these creamy frothy delights are so beautiful and we found a recipe for elderflower cordial which all ages can enjoy. It isn't too difficult to make but takes time and patience to prepare everything, allow it to steep for twenty four hours and then strain it into sterilised bottles. The result is a refreshing cool drink that tastes lovely.



Anne Smith

What will Anne be cooking up in the next issue? Ed.

St Anne's May Queen

Francesca Lloyd and some of her retinue (Holly Marshall, Libby Southwood, Imogen Hulme and Sarah Rexstraw) were celebrating the Patronal Festival of St Anne in church on 22nd July.

Members of the congregation donated flowers which were arranged into small posies and were taken by Francesca and members of her retinue to be presented to recently bereaved and elderly members of the Parish.



Flowers were also very kindly donated by the wedding couple who were married in church the day before. The flowers were very gratefully received by everyone we visited and all involved enjoyed the day.

David Lloyd

St Anne's School Royal Wedding

On Thursday 5th July, Year One from St Anne's School held their own Royal Wedding at St Anne's Church with Bishop Mark in attendance.

The children came dressed for the occasion in their best clothes and the teachers from school provided the Royal Family Masks.

Bishop Mark explained to the children that when two people fall in love just as Prince Harry and Miss Megan Markle had done they then decide to get married. A long discussion then ensued about "being in love" which also included about God loving us and how people like to get married in church so that God is present in the Marriage Ceremony.

The Bridal March was played and 'Megan' walked down the aisle to marry her prince.

Lots of photos were taken of the Royal Family which included the Queen, Prince Philip and many more members of the family; see who you can spot.



The children thoroughly loved the experience and asked very interesting and informed questions. They did think being in love was a little soppy, but there again their ages give the game away as they were between six and seven years old.

Bishop Mark then accompanied the children back to school where he met and took afternoon tea and cake with nine of the children from years three, four and five. A lovely afternoon was had by all who really enjoyed meeting Bishop Mark and chatting with him.

Revd Pat Gillian

Musical Evening

May Queen Francesca will be hosting a musical evening at St Anne's Church featuring members of the congregation, St. Anne's junior singers, the Saddleworth Guitar Ensemble and harpist Sarah Davies.

Check our Facebook page for details.

The Sanctuary Lamp - Did you know?

In many Christian churches there is an Altar Lamp, also known as a Chancel Lamp, which is found in the Chancel or Sanctuary, either hanging or fixed.

The Chancel Lamp burns before a tabernacle or ambry to demonstrate that Christ is present there through the Blessed Sacrament.



In 2004 the now late Gwynneth Edwards gifted the Sanctuary Lamp in Church in memory of her daughter. A new candle is placed in the lamp every Sunday morning. The congregation were invited to sponsor the burning candle each week to help cover the cost.

People chose to sponsor the candle in memory of loved ones, a celebration of marriage, baptisms, anniversaries, birthdays, and sometimes just as 'a thank you' for the joy of friends and families. A notice is displayed on the memorial table in the porch showing the sponsor each week.

If you would like to become a sponsor we do have a few spaces remaining:

January week 1, April weeks 1 & 3,
May week 4, September week 1 and
December week 1.

Sponsorship is £5 for a week. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Sheila Dalton:

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Alternatively please speak to Pat or Al Gillian.

Sheila Dalton

Diary Dates

Saturday 13th October, 7:00pm.

Pennine Singers will be performing in church.

Tickets are £10 (including refreshments)

and are available from Kath Hodges, either in church or on 0161 624 1905.

This is a church fund raising event so please come along to support Liz Brocklehurst and her wonderful singers.

Friday 2nd November, 7:30pm

All Souls Service in Church All welcome.

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Service/Armistice



Sunday 18th November, 12 noon to 3:00pm

Christmas Fayre

There will be some of the usual stalls including raffle, tombola, crafts, mulled wine, home bake stall and café etc.



This year the money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go towards the audio/visual equipment that is much needed in church. This will benefit all of us.

Donations for any of the stalls will be gratefully received and can be left in church. The home bake brought along on the day.

Help will be needed on the day and also in advance of the Fayre. For more details contact Kath Hodges on 0161 624 1905.

Sunday 25th November

Christ the King we shall be admitting the children to Communion who are taking the Communion before Confirmation course.



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St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

What a day we had

This wonderful summer did it again, rain? It poured and the wind blew on Rushcart Sunday.

After all the days of preparation we feared it would be a complete waste. But it did not matter we had one of the best Rushcart Sundays all in church.



Many thanks to Gill Brett for these stunning photographs. Ed!!

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We had a wonderful joyous colourful service. The church was full with many of the congregation in the gallery. The traditions were explained at the start of the service then the Saddleworth Morris men read the lessons, took the collection and strewed the rushes and herbs. A dozen or more musicians gathered and played accordions and violins during the communion. Sharon gave a lively and engaging sermon that was listened to intently. The hymns were sung with enthusiasm.

At the end of the service all were invited to bring their food and drink back in to church. All the Morris dancing took place between the choir stalls with everyone able to have a seat and see, some looking down from the gallery. Even the gurning competition also took place in church. It was a very happy occasion.

The weather finally brightened enough for the Saddleworth Morris men to do their full set down by the Church Inn.

Alison Coates

Dates for your diary

Sunday 30th September, 11:00am

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

at the Parish Church. A Combined Eucharistic service with particular interaction with the children from Kilngreen, the Parish Centre and the Parish Church to celebrate this day.

You are invited to dress as an angel - wings, halo maybe, and to bring feathers.



Thursday 25th October

Peel of bells at the Parish Church

Saturday, 3rd November.

'Come and Sing' Fauré's Requiem

see poster for further details.

Sunday 4th November, 4:00pm

All Souls Service at the Parish Church.

Thursday 29th November

Peel of bells at the Parish Church

Sunday 2nd December 3:00pm

Team Advent Carols

with combined choirs at the Parish Church



Yanks Weekend NAAFI Café

The Sacred Heart church hall was transformed into a NAAFI café for the Yanks weekend on 11th and 12th August by red, white and blue bunting, stars and stripes flags, union jack flags, wartime posters, and the sounds of Glenn Miller.



The volunteers helping to run the café looked the part in their floral wrap-over aprons and 1940s-style headscarves. A touch of bright red lipstick and hair in a 'victory roll' completed the picture!

The doors of the café opened at 10:00am on both Saturday and Sunday and we were busy serving until 4:00pm each day. The sandwiches, cakes and afternoon teas went like proverbial 'hot cakes'!



As the customers relaxed at the tables with tea and coffee in wartime style chinaware, they were entertained by music of the 1940s. A group of ladies from the Sacred Heart showed everyone how to dance the 'stroll', an authentic line dance from the 1940s.

Many people had gone to so much trouble with their wartime costumes; the attention to detail through hats, gloves, spats, watch chains and uniforms was so impressive. We served free cups of tea and coffee to forces veterans, some of whom wore full uniform and medals.

The NAAFI café is a wonderful way to raise funds for the St Chad's and Sacred Heart Whit Friday Procession of Witness. We would like to thank everyone who supported us by donating cakes and giving of their time and talents, to make the café a huge success.

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'Come and Sing'

Fauré's Requiem

in aid of

St Chad's 'Seeing is Believing'

on

Saturday, 3rd November

at

**St Chad's Parish Church,
Saddleworth, OL3 6LW**

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Performance at 3:30pm

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Debbie McCabe

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Outdoor Service and Picnic

The glorious weather this summer meant that we could, at last, have an outdoor service and picnic in the Rectory garden.



On Sunday 15th July we all gathered under the apple trees, on picnic chairs, benches, blankets and cushions. Revd Aaron led the service, with the theme of thanking God for the nature all around us. The children enjoyed the quiz based on the bible reading. They were able to remember all the natural features, such as rivers and mountains, and all the creatures mentioned in the Old Testament reading.

The hymns were brought to life by Revd Angela on her guitar. A particular favourite was "If I were a butterfly" with all the actions. Revd Angela's "bubble prayers" were perfect for the occasion too. As the bubbles floated gently upwards we were able to focus on each prayer.

After the service, coffee was brought over from the Parish Centre and we all sat round to enjoy our picnic. The older children had hidden "treasure" in the garden and the younger ones raced round on the treasure hunt. We ended with some circle games in the sunshine. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a lovely ending of Sunday School year. Our thanks go to Revd Canon Sharon for the use of her garden.



Harvest Supper at The Parish Centre

Everyone welcome tickets £5 per adult, children free - see page opposite.



Our friends from El Tular will also be with us and we look forward of sharing an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Tickets from Alison Coates, Sarah Adams and Sarah Barlow.

Oshandi AIDS Trust in Namibia

Christmas will soon be here!



As you begin to make Christmas present lists for family and friends why not consider giving a 'special gift card token' in support of families and friends in the villages of our mission partners in Oshandi, Namibia?

The money raised goes to provide the advertised gifts and really does 'make a difference' to children who may have lost one or both parents in the AIDS pandemic, and whose only carers are either older siblings or grandparents.

From mid-November illustrated cards will be on sale at worship centres and from the Team Office in the Parish Centre, in the following price ranges:

- † £5 will buy school books and pens
- † £10 provides 'board and lodging' for school learners taking their final exams
- † £15 is enough for a solar torch so that a child is able to see to do homework
- † £20 provides a school uniform.

To buy cards or for further information please contact Liz Rooke on 01457 810666 or Ann Hibbert on 01457 874423.

Also this year you will be able to buy recycled Christmas cards and Christmas labels at:

£1 for 6 cards and £1 for 10 labels
from Liz Rooke on 01457 810666 or
the Team Office in the Parish Centre.

Dates for the Diary.

Friday 5th October, 6:30pm
Harvest Supper

Sunday 7th October
Harvest Service

Produce for the Booth Centre for the homeless

Monday 12th November 7:30pm
CTIS meeting.

Saturday 17th November, 8:30am to 10:00am
Prayer Breakfast at Uppermill Methodist Church

Saturday 17th November, 1:00 to 4:00pm
Craft Fair. Stalls by the Thursday afternoon Art & Craft Group. With refreshments and raffle.
In aid of The Parish Centre Building Fund.

Coffee Mornings

Every other Saturday
between 10:00am and 11:30am.

Saturday 6th October
Prevent Breast Cancer.

Saturday 20th October
'Seeing is Believing'.

Saturday 3rd November
In aid of Church Urban Fund.

Saturday 17th November
'Seeing is Believing'.

Saturday 1st December
In aid of Bethlehem Children's Hospital.



Among Friends

An interactive social group for older people meets
fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00pm to
4:00pm at:

The Parish Centre,
Station Road,
Uppermill,
OL3 6HQ.

If you are 'Home Alone' but
would rather engage in lively
discussion, listen to some
interesting speakers and
enjoy light refreshments why
not join us?



Meetings are usually on the first and third Tuesday
of the month, but for more information please
contact Ann Hibbert on 01457 874423 or see the
notice board outside the Parish Centre.

Our next sessions are:

- 2nd October
- 16th October
- 30th October
- 13th November
- 27th November.

Friends of Saddleworth Church



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Friday
5th October 2018
6.30pm

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For TICKETS 'phone: Alison 01457 876760 or Sarah 01457 875126



St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre, Station Road, Uppermill, OL3 6HQ

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St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

Reflection

The later months of the year are always a busy time at Kilngreen as the Christmas Fair takes place. There are also lots of preparations for Advent and Christmas services and the Sunday School children begin to plan their Nativity.

A Message to Diggle parents

Are you considering a Church School education for your children when they reach senior school age? If so, then why not come and join our congregation.

Attending Church regularly as a family will allow you to apply for a place for your child at the Church Schools in Oldham. Therefore, if you live in Diggle and are considering this education for your children when they reach eleven, why not come along? A warm welcome awaits you and your family.

Services are at 9:30am on Sunday mornings and a Sunday School takes place on three Sundays in the month in the smaller room next to the kitchen. The children join the main service towards the end and are encouraged to share in the communion bread at the altar rail along with their parents. On the third Sunday of the month we hold a Family Service, which is an all-age Service of the Word where we all worship together.

A Farewell to Mike and Doreen Hall

Two of our very long-standing Church members at Kilngreen, Mike and Doreen Hall, have moved to Cheshire. Mike and Doreen lived in Diggle and worshipped at Kilngreen for over thirty years, and were both very active members of the congregation.



Mike was Chairman of the Kilngreen Supporters Club, a member of the Parochial Church Council, and a server in Church. He was also involved in many other activities including Diggle Diamonds, the Blues Festival, and Rotary.

Doreen's expertise in flower arranging will be greatly missed as she produced wonderful displays at Easter and Christmas at Kilngreen. She organised the flower rota each week and taught many of us how to make buttonholes and corsages for Whit Friday as well as making the posies and garlands for the children to carry in the Walk of Witness.

As a thank you to them both, August's Family Service was on the theme of 'Endings' and 'New Beginnings'. People shared their memories of Mike and Doreen at Kilngreen and also their own experiences of moving house or having to start something new.

We asked Mike and Doreen to choose the hymns and music and the service began and ended with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" which they had at their wedding. We also sang Jerusalem; the service ended with "One More Step along the World I go".

The children decorated hands which they waved during the last hymn. We presented Mike and Doreen with a framed picture of the congregation, gardening vouchers, and two lovely roses for their new garden. We wish them both every happiness in their new home in Cheshire.

All Stars Surprise Party for Mike and Doreen

On the same day as the Family Service, Kath Hardy, Maggie Dobb, Janet Iles and Kate Millett organised a surprise party for Mike and Doreen in the afternoon so that friends from around Saddleworth could come along and say their farewells.

Mike and Doreen were just told to arrive at 2:00pm where they were surprised by a packed hall of friends who had come along to wish them well.

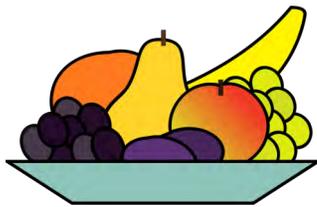
There was a bring and share meal and a Memory Book was circulated during the afternoon for people to write in. Geoff Iles read out a poem he had written for them and the All Stars presented them with some more gardening vouchers.

Finally, Janet Iles presented Mike and Doreen with a painting of the view from their house as Doreen had said she would miss the view when she gets to her new home!

Dates for you diary

Sunday 7th October, 10:00am on the Allotments Diggle Village Harvest Service

Please join us for a Harvest Service on the Allotments in Diggle just past the Chippy on Ward Lane.



This will be led by the Family Worship team at Kilngreen and will include contributions from the uniformed organisations during the service. Please bring food donations (tinned) for the Booth Centre. Diggle B Band will accompany us in the harvest hymns. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday 10th November, 2:00 to 4:00pm St Chad's Christmas Fayre

Come along to the annual Christmas Fair at Kilngreen and get some Christmas bargains!

Enjoy refreshments in the kitchen and try your luck on some of the stalls. Once again Father Christmas will be in his grotto, so bring the children along to see him!

Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th November St Chad's All Stars Pantomime Sleeping Beauty

Make sure you book early for the Pantomime! Tickets are £5.00 (£3.00 children) and are available from Hazel:

by phone on 07813 829566 or
by email hazel.edmends@gmail.com

Evening Performances start at 7:30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

On Saturday there will be two Matinee Performances at 10:30am and 3:30pm. It is hoped that this will enable as many youngsters as possible and their parents to come along during the daylight hours and not spoil their bedtimes!

Please note: Kilngreen is accessible for people with disabilities so you are welcome to come along to the Pantomime if you are a wheelchair user.

Saturday 1st December at Kilngreen Diggle Diamonds Christmas Party

Everyone who is over sixty years old and lives in Diggle is welcome to attend the Christmas party. If you want to meet up with others of a similar age and enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner and entertainment from Diggle Band then why not contact Doreen Dyson on 01457 873337 who will be happy to tell you more about the event.

Sunday 16th December, 9:30am Kilngreen Christmas Nativity



Diggle Diamonds

Diggle Diamonds Coffee mornings are held each month at The Gate in Diggle on a Saturday morning at 10:30am. Admission is free but donations are welcome. All older residents of Diggle are invited to join us for coffee and friendship. Dates for the rest of this year are:

13th October,
17th November.

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At
Kilngreen Church, Lee Side, Diggle

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd November
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Saturday 24th November - Matinees
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St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen Church, Lee Side, Diggle, OL3 5JY

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Oldham Unity Destitution Food Project

Sharing with destitute asylum seekers

Who are we and what do we do?

Oldham Unity Destitution Food Project (aka 'Oldham Unity') is a group of unpaid local volunteers, refugees and asylum seekers from all faiths and none. We work in partnership with Oldham Baptist Church and The British Red Cross to run an emergency food project for destitute asylum seekers and refugees. We have no premises of our own and are totally dependent on donations from local groups and individuals.

Since 2005, as part of their Welcome Project, Oldham Baptist Church has provided a warm, welcoming venue with light refreshments including a room for a crèche. Every Thursday afternoon we provide support at the church such as food, items of clothing, a weekly hot meal, bus fare, toiletries, signposting and networking.

Destitute asylum seekers receive no vouchers, money or accommodation. We work closely with The British Red Cross and Oldham Baptist Church, together with other local organisations and individuals, to address some of their other pressing needs.

Many churches thoughtfully send food and clothing to us each week which is gratefully received; thank you for your contributions. Food is also donated by other organisations and individuals. We also have two organisations who provide hot food or halal meat on a regular basis. The majority of the food is purchased by our volunteers with donated money.

The support offered to asylum seekers has been enhanced by The British Red Cross volunteers who perform the initial assessment of people wishing to use the project. They can provide follow up support either at Oldham Baptist Church or at The British Red Cross headquarters in Old Trafford.

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Tubes of tomato paste	White sugar

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on any Thursday between 11:30am and 2:00pm.

Donations of Money

All money raised is spent solely on support for our users. One-off donations are always welcome. However, what would really help are regular contributions. If you would like to support our work please consider a regular standing order. Any amount would be most welcome.

You can donate by sending cheques made out to 'Oldham Unity Destitution Food Project' to Oldham Baptist Church, Chaucer Street, Oldham, OL1 1BA.

For standing orders and on-line banking our details are as follows:

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