

Benefice Walking Group

Now the evenings are drawing in, our regular weekly walks have finished for the season.

The annual supper at Millcroft will be on Thursday 13th October from 7pm. Please contact Jane Gartside (658443) or Jenny Buckley (358686) if you can join us. Meet at St Paul's Parish Hall car park at 6.30pm if you want to walk there. Bring a torch!

Foodbank in October

The Foodbank is facing increasing demand as the country experiences its highest inflation for 30 years. Currently they are supporting over 100 families/ single people a week and they expect this to increase over the coming months.

There is an 'Urgently Wanted' list on the Rochdale Foodbank's website.

Please consider adding a few of these items to your next shopping list. There are collection points in some supermarkets, or they can be dropped off at the back of church and we will ensure the Foodbank receives them. Thank you.

Christmas Services

The leaves might still be on the trees, but it's already time to plan for the festive season.

There is a separate sheet available with all the dates of special events and services in our Benefice for Advent and Christmas.

Please take one home and pin it on your wall / fridge / noticeboard.

Please also take some and include them with your local Christmas cards and / or put them through your friends' and neighbours' doors with your personal invitation to join us.

Let's make people truly welcome at church this Christmas!

No Cash with you?

Ask about contactless giving, or scan here to go to St Paul's Just Giving page. Thank you.



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Services in October

Wednesdays 10:30am St Michael's
Holy Communion

Thursdays @7 services start again this month:

6th: St Michael's 13th: St Paul's

20th: St Michael's 27th: No service - half term

Sunday 2nd 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
3pm St James'
Holy Communion
6.30pm St Paul's
Evensong

Sunday 9th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise
10am St Michael's
Holy Communion
3pm St James'
Harvest Festival
St Michael's
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Sunday 16th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
1pm St Paul's - Baptism service
3pm St James'
Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise
10am St Michael's
Holy Communion
3pm St James'
Evensong

Sunday 30th 10.30am 5th Sunday service
at St Michael's where we will give
special thanks for our Authorised Lay
Ministers (ALMs) who do so much in
our benefice.

No service at St James' or St Paul's

Baptisms

This month we pray for Daisy, Ava Sylvia Hollis and Samuel Hall, who will be welcomed into the family of God through baptism.

Readings for October

We have been asked to include the readings each month so people can look them up again at home.

Sunday	2	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4
		Luke 17.5-10
Wednesday	5	Luke 11.1-4
Sunday	9	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c
		Luke 17.11-19
Wednesday	12	Luke 11.42-46
Sunday	16	Genesis 32.22-31
		Luke 18.1-8
Wednesday	19	Luke 12.39-48
Sunday	23	Isaiah 45.22-25
		Luke 4.16-24
Wednesday	26	Luke 13.22-30
Sunday	30	Isaiah 1.10-18
		Luke 19.1-10

Cream Tea and Craft Fair

On Saturday 1st October St James will be holding a Cream Tea and Craft Fair, in St James' Parish Hall 2pm to 4pm.

St James' Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival at St James has been rearranged and will now be held on 9th October. This will be followed by our scrumptious Harvest Tea in the village hall. There is a small charge for the tea.

Fairtrade Breakfast

On the first Sunday each month (2nd October is the next one) we have a Fairtrade Breakfast before the service at St Paul's. Come along from 9am for good fellowship and to enjoy a great breakfast that doesn't exploit the people that produce it. St Paul's regularly has a Fairtrade stall in church, and volunteers from our congregation also help run the Fair for All shop in Rochdale town centre. If you can spare any time to help them, please contact Monica Fowler on 01706 659453.

Tea & Cakes

The next Tea & Cakes event will be on Thursday 6th October at 2pm. Do come along to St Paul's Parish

Hall on Blackpits Road in Norden for an informal chat and a cup of tea.

Also if you can bring anyone who is not able to get out of the house very much, it would be really helpful.

Please speak to Rev Hazel for more information.

New House Groups - Mapping Mark

The groups will explore 5 key themes in the gospel of Mark. Would you like to join a house group for a few weeks? Would you like to deepen your faith through a shared conversation?

If so, please speak to Jason, Hazel or Kirsten.

Breathe

The next Breathe service will be at St Michael's at 7.30pm on Sunday 9th October.

It is a service of contemporary music and contemplation. As the dictionary puts it, to breathe is to "take air into the lungs and then expel it, especially as a regular physiological process." Our hope with creating Breathe is we will find space to breathe in the Holy Spirit as part of a spiritual process which will give rest and rejuvenation to the physical. We hope to create a place of encounter with the divine.

The Breathe service will also be the launch of our Mission Community and so we will be joined by others from across the other 8 parishes. For more information please contact Jason.

All Souls - Weds 2nd November

There will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones who are no longer with us this November. We will have a service at St Michael's at 10:30 am and a service in the evening at St Paul's at 7:00 pm.

Remembrance

As usual, we will be holding Remembrance ceremonies at all three churches.

Services at St Paul's and St Michael's will start at 10am and will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am.

The service at St James' will be at 3pm.

Remembrance Sunday this year is 13th November.

Christmas Fair

St Paul's annual Christmas Fair will be in St Paul's Parish Hall on Saturday 26th November - more details next month.

Helpers please note - the Hall will be set up on THURSDAY 24th this year, not the Wednesday.