

FairTrade - Fairer Future

Come and celebrate Fair Trade at Rochdale Parish Church on 16th March from 10.30am to 2.30pm
✧Fairtrade refreshments ✧Smoothie bike ✧School choirs ✧FT speakers ✧FT Artist ✧FT stalls
✧FT chocolatier ✧Craft activities
Organised by Greater Manchester Fairtrade Network

Children's Society

Please can you bring your box to church to be emptied asap. Can you make sure that your name is clearly written on the box or put a slip of paper inside the box with your donation so that we can return the box to the right person. Alternatively you can ring either Nicky Main (07928703616) or Angela Mawson (07910408746) and we will arrange to collect your box. Many thanks for your continued support.

Dave Allen

Dave's funeral will be in St Paul's church on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 12:45pm.
<https://funeral-notices.co.uk/notice/allen/5167771>

Rochdale Music Society

There will be a Jazz concert in St Michael's church at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th March, featuring Tim Kliphuis Trio. Details from Shirley Mitchell.

Online Banking

Our bank details for direct donations are:

St Paul's	20-72-67	506 706 93
St Michael's	20-72-67	607 141 43
St James'	20-72-67	607 737 37

You may need to add 'Parochial Church Council' or 'PCC' after the church name for your bank to find and verify the account. Thank you.

No Cash with you?

All our churches now accept contactless giving, please ask if you need help. Thank you.

Vicar - Rev Jason: 01706 631 050
email: revjasoncpowell@gmail.com

Wardens

St Paul's Andrew: 07465 970020
Jenny: 01706 358 686
St Michael's Frances: 01706 659 603
St James'

Please take this pew sheet home with you to act as a useful reminder and recycle it in due course.

Thank you!



The Benefice of
**St Paul's Norden,
St James Ashworth
& St Michael's Bamford**
www.rochdalenorthwest.org

Services in February

Wednesdays 10:30am St Michael's
Holy Communion

Thursdays @7 services:

1st: St Michael's 8th: St Paul's
15th: St Michael's 22nd: No Service

Sunday 4th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
1pm St Michael's
Baptism
3pm St James'
Holy Communion
6.30pm St Paul's
Evensong

Sunday 11th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise
10am St Michael's
Holy Communion
3pm St James'
Evensong
7.30pm St Michael's
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**Weds 14th 7pm St Chad's
Mission Community service for Ash Wednesday**

Sunday 18th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
1pm St Paul's
Baptism
3pm St James'
Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 10am St Paul's
Morning Praise
10am St Michael's
Holy Communion
3pm St James'
Evensong
7.30pm St Michael's
XHALE

Readings for February

Readers, please note - the First Reading will always be the Psalm (or verses from a Psalm) shown below. The Second Reading will depend on the service - so if you're on second reading please check what sort of service it will be!

At Holy Communion it will always be the Gospel (HC below), at Morning Praise it will be as marked MP below.

Sunday	4		Psalm 104.26-37
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Sunday	4	HC	John 1.1-14
Sunday	11		Psalm 50.1-6
Sunday	11	MP	2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Sunday	11	HC	Mark 9.2-9
Sunday	18		Psalm 25.1-9
Sunday	18	MP	1 Peter 3.18-22
Sunday	18	HC	Mark 1.9-15
Sunday	25		Psalm 22.23-31
Sunday	25	MP	Romans 4.13-25
Sunday	25	HC	Mark 8.31-38

BandAge

In St Paul's Parish Hall on Saturday 24th February we will be enjoying an evening of live music by BandAge, who will be performing 'Rock'n'Pop covers from 60's to Modern Day'.

7pm to late, bring your own refreshments.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Mike Edmondson (07890814484), Julia Slack (07712444834) or Jane Clegg (07503 248760)

Come and join us for a great night out! ... and help raise funds for our new heating system.

Pastoral Group

The popular Tea and cakes event is on again this month, at 2pm on Thursday 1st February, then on Thursday 8th February we will be having a service of Holy Communion at 2pm, followed by refreshments.

Both events are in St Paul's Parish Hall, so are ideal for people who find getting to the church building difficult.

Everyone is very welcome to join us, so if you know anyone who might like to come please invite them and bring them along.

Alternatively speak to Jenny Short (St Paul's) or Sue Palmer (St Michael's).

Transport can be arranged if required.

Lent

On Wednesdays in Lent, from 21st Feb to 20th March inclusive, homemade soup will be served from 12 noon, at 1 Rose Avenue, Norden. No charge, but donations to Christian Aid will be gratefully received. Afterwards, from 2pm to 3pm, there will be a Lent discussion group at the same address. Everyone from the benefice is welcome - come and enjoy the chat, not just the soup!

St Paul's Boiler

As those of you who attended the 10am service at St Paul's on Sunday 14th January can testify, the ancient heating system at St Paul's is fast approaching the end of its life. We apologise for the icy experience caused when the boiler failed to light! Fortunately the engineer was able to coax it back to life by replacing a thermocouple (again!) We are planning to replace the entire system in the summer once we have raised sufficient funds and obtained permission from the diocese. At the same time, a small amount of asbestos will need to be removed from the boiler house by specialist contractors.

As a PCC, we are currently taking professional advice, exploring and getting quotes for different heating options including 'green' ones, and applying for grants.

One grant application has already been successful, but **we will need your help to raise as much money as possible** so that we can maintain, for the future, our warm historic grade 2 listed church for worship, visits, community use, music and charitable events. The whole project is going to cost **at least** £60,000 plus VAT.

Our first big event is the BandAge concert mentioned above. Please support it!

It would be wonderful if church groups and individuals would come up with more ideas for fundraising events and activities towards the appeal and of course any donations will be very welcome. If you think that you might be able to help or have a good idea please speak to Rev Jason, Andrew Mawson, Jenny Buckley or Ian Short.

Altar Flowers at St. Michael's

There are a lot of vacancies on the rota for the altar flowers at St. Michael's. If you wish to commemorate an occasion, such as the death of a family member, please let me know of the date required and I will endeavour to add your name to the list at that date. Thank you. Doreen Smith, tel. no. 01706 347063