

Spring Fair

Don't forget it's the St Paul's Anglican Ladies Spring Fair on **Saturday March 23rd**. 10.30am start in the Parish Hall, admission £2, including refreshments. There will be plenty of stalls, including Cakes and Good as New. Hope to see you there!

Cleaning St Paul's

The team will be doing their thing at St Paul's on Saturday 30th March. Please help if you can.

Electoral Roll

The Annual Meetings are coming round again: St James' on 21st April; St Michael's on 28th April, and St Paul's on 12th May.

We have to update the parish Electoral Rolls (the list of church members allowed to vote at church meetings) over the next few weeks. Please speak to your Electoral Roll officer (Monica Fowler at St Paul's) or any churchwarden if you have attended church at least monthly for the last 6 months and aren't on, or are unsure whether you are on, the Electoral Roll.

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:

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| St Paul's | 20-72-67 | 506 706 93 |
| St Michael's | 20-72-67 | 607 141 43 |
| Ashworth St James | 08-92-99 | 673 196 53 |

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



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www.rochdalenorthwest.org

Services in March

Wednesdays 10:30am St Michael's
Holy Communion

Thursdays @7 services:

7th: St Michael's 14th: No Service

21st: St Michael's 28th: St Paul's

Sunday 3rd 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

Mothering Sunday 10th 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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Sunday 17th 10am St Paul's
Holy Communion
10am St Michael's
Morning Praise
1pm St Paul's
Baptism
3pm St James'
Holy Communion

Palm Sunday 24th 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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Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th
7pm St Paul's
Evensong
9pm Compline **ONLINE**
Continued overleaf

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| Maundy Thursday 28th | 7pm | St Michael's |
| Good Friday 29th | 3pm | St Paul's |
| Easter Day 31st | 6.15am | Sunrise Service at Christ Church, Healey |
| | 10am | St Paul's Holy Communion |
| | 10am | St Michael's Holy Communion |
| | 3pm | St James' Holy Communion |

Palm Sunday

Services for Palm Sunday will follow the Liturgy of the Palms, and will include a Passion Play.

Readings for March

Readers, please note - until Sunday 17th 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.

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| Sunday | 3 | | Psalm 19 |
| Sunday | 3 | MP | 1 Corinthians 1.18–25 |
| Sunday | 3 | HC | John 2.13–22 |
| Wednesday | 6 | | Matthew 5.17–19 |
| Sunday | 10 | | Psalm 127.1–4 |
| Sunday | 10 | MP | 2 Corinthians 1.3–7 |
| Sunday | 10 | HC | John 19.25–27 |
| Wednesday | 13 | | John 5.17–30 |
| Sunday | 17 | | Psalm 119.9–16 |
| Sunday | 17 | MP | Hebrews 5.5–10 |
| Sunday | 17 | HC | John 12.20–33 |
| Wednesday | 20 | | Matthew 18.12–14 |
| Sunday | 24 | | John 12.12–16 |
| Wednesday | 27 | | John 13.21–32 |
| Sunday | 31 | | Acts 10.34–43 |
| Sunday | 31 | | John 20.1–18 |

Pastoral Group

The Tea and Cakes event this month is at 2pm on Thursday 7th March, then on Thursday 14th we will be having a time of prayer and song at 2pm, followed by refreshments. Both events are in St Paul's Parish Hall. 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 (to 20th March), 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. Conversation will focus on the daily devotional readings from the Bible Society, which can be found at www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter-sign-up

Everyone from the benefice is welcome - come and enjoy the chat, not just the soup!

Easter Flowers at St. Michael's

Once again we will be decorating our Church with lilies and other Spring flowers for Easter in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in this way, please write their name in the book at the back of the Lady Chapel. Please donate a minimum of £1 per name to help pay for the flowers. Box for donations also in the Lady Chapel. The names will be listed in a Memory Book for display from Easter Sunday.

Easter Flowers at St Paul's

There is a box at the back of church for donations towards the flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

FairTrade - Fairer Future

Come and celebrate Fair Trade at Rochdale Parish Church on 16th March from 10.30am to 2.30pm Organised by Greater Manchester Fairtrade Network

Children's Society

Thank you for raising almost £400 this year for The Children's Society through the boxes for loose change scheme. If you would like a box to help keep your purse tidy this year, please contact either Nicky Main (07928703616) or Angela Mawson (07910408746) and they will arrange for you to get one. Many thanks for your continued support, and well done Angela and Nicky for organising it.

St Paul's PCC

The next meeting will be 7.30pm on Monday 11th March in the parish hall.