

Christmas Mugs

Christmas Mugs are on sale at St Michael's Church. £5 each. Each mug has at least 100g of chocolate in them. All proceeds to St Michael's Heating Fund.

Music at St Michael's

The Rochdale Light Orchestra will give a Christmas Concert in St Michael's church on Wednesday, December 11th at 7.30 pm. There will be music for the festive season- Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bell Rock, and many others. Along with the Christmas Carols, there will be lots of chances for the audience to join in with the singing. Fun for the younger folk. Christmas refreshments. Come along for lots of fun. Wear your Christmas clothes and head gear. And there will be wine, hot drinks and home made mince pies. And sweets for the children.

Fifth Sunday

The Benefice service on Sunday 29th December will be at 10:30am in St Paul's, followed by a festive bring and share lunch. There will be no service at St Michael's or St James' on that Sunday.

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
Ashworth St James	07-92-99	673 196 53

You may need to add 'Parochial Church Council' or 'PCC' after the church name

No Cash with you?

All our churches are registered Charities and need your support. We now accept contactless giving. Please use the donation point at the back of church or scan one of the QR codes to go directly to our online giving pages. Please ask if you need help. Thank you.



<< St Paul's



St Michael's >>

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St James



The Benefice of St Paul's Norden, St James Ashworth & St Michael's Bamford

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Services in December

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 1st	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	2pm	St Paul's Blue Christmas
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Paul's Advent Evensong
Sunday 8th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's Breathe
Sunday 15th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	3pm	St James' Festive Evensong
	6.30pm	St Michael's Carol Service
Sunday 22nd	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	6.30pm	St Paul's Candlelit Carol Service

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Please take this pew sheet home with you!

Christmas Eve **6.30pm St Paul's**
 Crib Service
 11.30pm St Michael's
Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day **10am St Paul's**
Christmas Day Holy Communion
11am St James'
Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 29th 10.30am St Paul's
 Benefice 5th Sunday Service
 No services at St Michael's or St James'

Readings for December

Sunday	1	1 Thessalonians 3.9–13
Sunday	1	Luke 21.25–36
Wednesday	4	Matthew 15:29-37
Sunday	8	Philippians 1.3–11
Sunday	8	Luke 3.1–6
Wednesday	11	Matthew 11:28-30
Sunday	15	Philippians 4.4–7
Sunday	15	Luke 3.7–18
Wednesday	18	Matthew 1:18-24
Sunday	22	Hebrews 10.5–10
Sunday	22	Luke 1.39–45[46–55]
Christmas Eve	24	Hebrews 1.1–4 [5–12]
Christmas Eve	24	John 1.1–14
Christmas Day	25	Titus 2.11–14
Christmas Day	25	Luke 2.1–14 [15–20]
Sunday	29	Colossians 3.12–17
Sunday	29	Luke 2.41–52

Advent Evensong

There will be a special service for Advent at 6.30pm at St Paul's on Sunday 1st December, led by the choir.

Blue Christmas

Sometimes Christmas cheers can be tough. Join us for a Blue Christmas service, a time to escape the hustle and bustle of the season to be still, pray and find peace, comfort and hope.

St Paul's Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is now back in action. Many thanks to everyone involved, and to the hall users for their patience and understanding. There are still some minor repairs and decorating to complete, but the ceiling is fixed.

Pastoral Group

On the 2nd Thursday this month, 12th December, there will be a Festive Holy Communion Service in the Parish Hall at 2pm. *Transport can be arranged if required.*

Then we kick off the New Year with our usual Tea and Cakes event at 2pm on Thursday 2nd January, and 9th Jan will be Hymns and Prayer, all in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events, 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).

Crib Service

This year's Crib Service will be at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve in St Paul's church.

Come and join us to sing songs and to hear the amazing story of Jesus' birth, pj's and teddies welcome!

Carols by Candlelight

This popular service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd December at St Paul's – if anyone would like to join the choir for this service please speak to John Slack as soon as possible. Everyone welcome!

Help will be needed to decorate the church, too, from 9.30am on Wednesday 11th December. If you can wield a screwdriver or climb a ladder your help would be very much appreciated!

December 14 is Carol Singing Day!

There will be a Carol Singing session with our friends from the local Churches Together group at Cutgate Precinct Saturday 14th at 10:30am. Then in the afternoon we will get together with the other churches in our Mission Community for Carol Singing in Rochdale town centre from 1pm - 3pm.

BandAge

We now have tickets available for the BandAge concert, at 7.30pm on Saturday December 14th. Tickets £10 and there will be a licensed bar.

Tickets from John or Julia Slack, Mike Edmondson, Jane Clegg or any member of the fundraising committee.

In aid of St Paul's heating and development project.

St Paul's Christmas Fair

By the time you read this, the Christmas Fair will be over again for another year. Huge thanks to the many people who put in such a lot of effort to make the Fair a success. Well done everyone!