

## Recycling

Don't forget that we have a cardboard and paper recycling scheme at St Paul's... there are secure bins by the Parish Hall on Black Pits Road where you can leave old boxes, cards, newspapers, wrapping paper, magazines, books, etc.

## A New Year Resolution...

Why not make 'enjoying nature' a priority in 2025? From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or veg or visiting an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK - be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year. For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: [arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian](mailto:arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian)

## 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

[www.rochdalenorthwest.org](http://www.rochdalenorthwest.org)

## Services in January

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 5th	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 12th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's Breathe
Sunday 19th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	1pm	St Paul's Baptism
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's Exhale

*Have a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful  
New Year Everyone!*

Please take this pew sheet home with you!

## Readings for January

Wednesday	1	Luke 2:15-21
Sunday	5	Ephesians 3:1-12
Sunday	5	Matthew 2:1-12
Wednesday	8	Mark 6:45-52
Sunday	12	Acts 8.14-17
Sunday	12	Luke 3.15-17,21,22
Wednesday	15	Mark 1:29-39
Sunday	19	1 Corinthians 12.1-11
Sunday	19	John 2.1-11
Wednesday	22	Mark 3:1-6
Sunday	26	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Sunday	26	Luke 4.14-21
Wednesday	29	Mark 4:1-20

## Pastoral Group

Contrary to last month's pew sheets, there will be NO event on 2nd January, sorry for any confusion and disappointment.

### **We kick off the New Year on 9th January with Hymns and Prayer 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.

*Transport can be arranged if required.*

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

## Clifford Harker

I'm sorry to have to report that Clifford Harker died in Springhill Hospice on 7th December, aged 81.

Clifford has been housebound for the last couple of years, but many of you, especially at St Paul's, will remember him well as he was a dedicated and hard-working churchwarden for many years.

Please pray for him.

Clifford's funeral will be at St Paul's at 12:15pm on Friday 3rd January.

## Cleaning St Paul's

The team meets on the last Saturday of the month, refreshments provided, please bring marigolds and dusters and hand held hoovers if available.

This month we will be meeting on Saturday 25th January.

For more details please speak to Julia Slack.

## St Paul's PCC

There will be a joint meeting of St Paul's PCC and the Parish Hall committee in church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th January.

## Christian Unity

This year's week of prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to 25th January.

The annual ecumenical service to celebrate it in Rochdale will be at 3pm on **Sunday 19th January** at Bamford URC. Everyone welcome!

Our group of churches are all members of Churches Together in NW Rochdale. We have vacancies for two people to represent us, so if you are interested in working with other local Christians towards greater co-operation and understanding, please speak to Rev Jason, or any Churchwarden.

## Fairtrade Stall

The Fairtrade stall will be open in St Paul's after the 10am service every first Sunday with lots of great ideas for gifts, cards and foods from sources that don't exploit the producers.

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.

## Table Top Sale

It's a bit chilly for car boot sales at the moment, so we have organised a table top sale in St Paul's Parish Hall from 11am-4pm on Saturday 1st February to raise funds for the heating system.

There will be a charge for a table to sell things from (sellers set up from 9am) and an admission charge for buyers - details will be announced nearer the time.

## Foodbank in January

Here is the 'Urgently Wanted' list on the Rochdale Foodbank's website:

*Jam, Long Life Milk, Pasta/Cooking Sauces, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash, Whole Milk (UHT) (1 Litre), Semi-Skimmed Milk (UHT) (1 Litre), Sugar (500g), Tea Bags, Instant Coffee (Jar), Long Life Fruit Juice, Pasta Sauces, Tomato Ketchup (Small), Tinned Soups/Cup a Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard (or Packet), Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Rice (500g), Jam / Honey (Jar), Breakfast Cereals, Biscuits (Packets), Snacks / Crisps (etc), Personal Toiletries.*

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.