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The Rector writes...

I am planning to spend a few days on Lindisfarne, a holy island off the Northumberland coast. I have stayed there before. It is a place of wild seas, vast skies and deep history. It is the place from which Celtic Christianity spread across Britain; the monastery and home of Saints Aiden, Cuthbert and Chad.

There is a causeway linking the mainland to the island which is cut off twice a day by the rising tides.

For centuries pilgrims have made their journey across the sand to this holy place, following the pilgrim poles which mark a safe crossing when the tide is out. The journey across is not easy; deep sand and mud, seaweed, broken shells and pebbles underfoot. A pilgrim neglecting to keep focussed and straying from the marked path can find themselves in a perilous place.

Holy Week is a journey for pilgrims; for those who, throughout the week and into the season of Easter, choose to follow the steps of Jesus; the path he marks out for us in self-giving love and service. As pilgrims on a journey we set out with sometimes only a little faith and not a little trepidation. We are never quite sure where Christ will lead us. We know only that our final destination lies in the heart of God himself. The Resurrection of Christ points us to truths deeper than the world can offer.

I wish you all a faithful Holy Week and joyful Easter. If you decide to make the journey across to Lindisfarne, you can always take your car across the paved causeway (but check the tide times first!)

Sharon

The Bishop writes...

This year The Right Reverend Doctor David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, will be joining us for Holy Week and Easter Day. Details of Bishop David's travels in Saddleworth can be found on pages 4 & 5; he has sent this personal message to us:

"Holy Week is always something of a pilgrimage. We follow Jesus through the events of that tumultuous week, from his entry into Jerusalem to his execution and resurrection.

"Each year I base myself in some part of the diocese, so that I can be accompanied on my travels by others. In coming to share that journey with you this year in Saddleworth, it will also be for me a journey into my memories of the place I grew up in, and where Gordon Crabtree and the Saddleworth Church Youth Club nurtured me in the faith.

"I look forward to sharing this special week with you, as we travel around our churches and villages."

David

+ David Walker
Bishop of Manchester
@BishManchester



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The cover for this issue shows the Bishop of Manchester sitting on a bench in Albert Square, Manchester.

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Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday - 14th April 2019

St Thomas Delph	10:30am	Holy Communion
Christ Church Denshaw	10:30am	The Passion narrative with Hymns and Prayers
Holy Trinity Dobcross	10:30am	The Passion narrative with Hymns and Prayers
Christ Church Friezland	9:30am	Sung Eucharist and The Passion Narrative
St Mary Greenfield	9:00am 10:30am	Early Church The Passion narrative with Hymns and Prayers
St Anne Lydgate	11:00am	The Passion narrative with Hymns and Prayers
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church	11:00am	Sung Eucharist and The Passion Narrative
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre	9:30am	Village Procession with Bishop David and Donkey
St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen	9:30am	Eucharist and The Passion Narrative

Monday of Holy Week - 15th April 2019

Christ Church Friezland	7:30pm	Taizé Worship with Bishop David
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Tuesday of Holy Week - 16th April 2019

St Mary Greenfield	7:30pm	Celtic Communion with Bishop David
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Wednesday of Holy Week - 17th April 2019

Holy Trinity Dobcross	7:30pm	Reflections on the Passion of Christ in Art with Bishop David
St Anne Lydgate	6:00pm	Wednesday Evening Family Service with Bishop David

Maundy Thursday - 18th April 2019

St Thomas Delph	7:00pm	The Last Supper
Christ Church Denshaw	7:00pm	Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar (BCP)
Holy Trinity Dobcross	7:00pm	Agape Supper
Christ Church Friezland	7:00pm	Last Supper with Washing of Feet followed by an Vigil
St Mary Greenfield	7:30pm	Holy Communion with Washing of Feet
St Anne Lydgate	7:00pm	Last Supper with Washing of Feet followed by an Vigil
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church	10:00pm	Gethsemane Watch (10:00pm until 12 midnight)
St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen	7:00pm	Last Supper with Bishop David



Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer is ideal for anyone to use daily during Easter starting from Easter Day. The 40 daily reflections on The Lord's Prayer are grouped in eight chapters of five days on each line.

Each day offers a **theme** linked to the line of The Lord's Prayer; a short Bible **reading** that explores the theme; an invitation to **reflect** on the

reading; a prompt to **pause** and consider what this might mean for you; and a suggestion of how to **pray**.

You can experience *Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer* via email from the Church of England, via a mobile phone app, or by reading the book [ISBN: 978-1-78140-117-0].

Dotted through this issue are the 40 Bible readings that are part of *Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer*

Good Friday - 19th April 2019

St Thomas Delph	10:30am	Joint Service at St Thomas with Delph Methodists
Christ Church Denshaw	10:30am	Walk of Witness around the village with Bishop David
Holy Trinity Dobcross	7:30pm	Good Friday Meditation
Christ Church Friezland	10:00am	Devotion and Veneration of the Cross
St Mary Greenfield	10:30am	Hymns, Prayers, Readings and Meditations
St Anne Lydgate	10:00am	Stations of the Cross
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church	12:30pm	Meditation at the Cross with Bishop David
Uppermill Methodist Church	2:15pm	CTiS 'Walk of Witness' with Bishop David

Easter Eve - 20th April 2019

Christ Church Friezland	8:30pm	Team Easter Vigil with Bishop David
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Easter Day - 21st April 2019

The Roebuck, Strinesdale	6:00am	Dawn Eucharist with Bishop David
St Thomas Delph	10:30am	Holy Communion with Bishop David
Christ Church Denshaw	10:30am	Easter Eucharist (BCP)
Holy Trinity Dobcross	9:00am	Breakfast in the Narthex with Bishop David
	10:00am	Easter Day Eucharist
Christ Church Friezland	9:30am	Eucharist
St Mary Greenfield	10:30am	Holy Communion for all the family
St Anne Lydgate	8:00am	Easter Eucharist
	11:00am	Easter Eucharist
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church	11:00am	Family Eucharist joint with the Parish Centre
St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre		No Service at the Parish Centre
St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen	9:30am	Family Eucharist



DAY 1 - FORTY DAYS OF EASTER - Acts 1.1-3

'After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.'



Join us on Palm Sunday evening, 14th April

at

Holy Trinity Church Dobcross

Woods Lane, Dobcross, OL3 5AL

for this extraordinary story performed live and uncut with original music.

The story begins at 7:00pm, please do join us.

Free Admission



DAY 2 - FATHER - Matthew 6.7-15

'Pray then in this way: "Our Father in heaven..."'

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Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes is a complementary publication to **Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer**.

Although it is designed to be used from Ash Wednesday, anyone can join in at anytime and it is helpful to those preparing for baptism or confirmation. It has 40 daily reflections on The Beatitudes.

You can experience **Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes** via email from the Church of England, via a mobile phone app, or by reading the book [ISBN: 978-1-78140-111-8].

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
 for they will be satisfied.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

(Matthew 5.3-10)



DAY 3 - A STILL SMALL VOICE OF CALM - Psalm 131

'But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.' (NRSV)

Regular Sunday Services

St Thomas Delph

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word

2nd Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word
6:30pm Prayer for Healing
with Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am All Age Holy Communion

Christ Church Denshaw

1st Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

4th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

5th Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Trinity Dobcross

1st Sunday 9:30am All Age Eucharist (CW)
10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Morning Praise
and Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Little Fishes
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 10:30am Family Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Christ Church Friezland

1st Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:30am Children's Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:30am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

St Mary Greenfield

1st Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Morning Prayer (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)
6:30pm Eucharist

¥ 'Early Church' for children and young families.
On special occasions (e.g. Mothering Sunday,
Easter Day, Harvest, Christingle, Nativity, etc.)
we have just one service at 10:30am.

St Anne Lydgate

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Children's Eucharist (CW)
(including Church Parade)

2nd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)



DAY 4 - OUR FATHER - Ephesians 3.14-20

'For his reason, I bow my knee before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.'

St Chad Saddleworth

As the 5th Sunday is 'Mothering Sunday' there will be two services in the parish.

31 st Mar	9:30am	Kilngreen
	11:00am	Parish Church

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

1 st Sunday	9:30am	Children's Eucharist
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2 nd Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist and Sunday School
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3 rd Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist and Sunday School
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4 th Sunday	9:30am	Morning Prayer and Sunday School
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St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

1 st Sunday	11:00am	Sung Eucharist
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2 nd Sunday	11:00am	Sung Eucharist
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3 rd Sunday	11:00am	Sung Eucharist
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4 th Sunday	11:00am	Morning Prayer
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St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

1 st Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship
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2 nd Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist and Sunday School
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3 rd Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist and Sunday School
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4 th Sunday	9:30am	Eucharist and Sunday School
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Regular Weekday Services

Christ Church Friezland

Tuesday	9:30am	Eucharist (CW)
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Thursday	7:00pm	Eucharist (CW) non-alcoholic wine
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St Anne Lydgate

Wednesday	6:00pm	Family Worship
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Friday	10:00am	Eucharist (CW)
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St Mary Greenfield

Wednesday	10:00am	Eucharist (BCP)
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St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Tuesday	9:30am	Eucharist
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DAY 5 - THE SON AND THE FATHER - Matthew 11.25-30

'I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants...'



Wills/Powers of Attorney

LIVING WELL

Saddleworth Churches are holding a "Living Well" Event at Uppermill Conservative Club on the 10th April 2019 from 10:00am to 12 noon.

There will be information, talks and demonstrations on topics such as keep fit, healthy eating and nutrition, meditation, preparing a Will and Lasting Power of Attorney and details of social events taking part in Saddleworth.

Come along for tea and refreshments and discover new ideas of how to live well in later years.



Keeping Fit



Meditation



Healthy Eating/Nutrition

Easter Hymn for the Young

There is a green hill far away

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 1895)

Music: William Horsley (1774 - 1858)

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven
Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood
And try his works to do.

This is a hymn with a direct story and a direct message. The last verse tells young people everything they need to know about the message of Easter. To some, it's written in a childlike verse, but it gets to the heart of the matter.

Its author, Cecil Frances Alexander, developed an early love of poetry and hymn writing and, as a Sunday School teacher in Dublin, she understood children. She later married a clergyman who rose to become Archbishop of Armagh.



At this time, her godson complained about learning the catechism (a system of teaching Christian faith by questions and answers) and how dull and difficult it was to understand. Mrs Alexander set about writing a group of hymns designed to help children learn the truths of the Creed in simple and more interesting ways. *“There is a green hill far away”* and *“All things bright and beautiful”* were published together in 1848, followed by *“Once in royal David’s city”*, a favourite at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The idea of a ‘green hill’ appears to be part of Mrs Alexander’s surroundings in Londonderry. There was a grass-covered mound just outside the town which she could have imagined to be Calvary, the hill in the Holy Land beyond Jerusalem’s gates where Jesus was crucified. Some modern hymn books have made the simple change from ‘without’ to ‘within’ the city wall.

It is a hymn written with a simple meaning that Christ loved us dearly and died for us – it tells an unsurpassable story.



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Namibia Drought Appeal

“God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realise that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion”.

Desmond Tutu



The effects of ‘climate change’ and ‘global warming’ on our Namibian mission partners reliant on subsistence farming though is devastating. In February, the season of ‘small rains’ there was no rainfall. Rivers and ‘oshanas’ (natural pools) dried up. Cattle were slaughtered and what could have been an abundant harvest failed. The heat exhausts the children and older people; water supplies and basic foods are scarce.

The Oshandi Trust responded by funding extra supplies to villages in need. However, within our Diocesan Mission Partnership, a boarding school run by ‘Sisters of the Good Samaritan’ led by Sister Gertrude provides day and boarding education and care for 200 children. Many are orphans and need our help. Children are hungry, the school is without water 2/3 days in a week. They desperately need a borehole to enable them to continue their life-changing work.

The English can always talk about the weather... these last weeks it's been the topic of conversation. We've basked in sunshine, faced rain, gales and snow. This is ‘unusual’, ‘extreme’ and ‘inconvenient’. We can't get on with our lives. So, we grumble about ‘climate change’ and turn up the central heating!

Please donate to the ‘NAMIBIA DROUGHT APPEAL’.

Donation Boxes will be available at worship centres from 1st April. Thank you!

For further information contact: Ann Hibbert (OATIN)

Revd Canon Sharon Jones (Diocesan Mission Partnership).



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DAY 6 - HALLOWED BE THY NAME - Genesis 32.22-31

‘Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.’



DAY 7 - GOD'S NAME - Exodus 3.1-15

‘God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”’



DAY 8 - HOLY IS THE LORD - Isaiah 6.1-8

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’



DAY 9 - IN THE NAME OF JESUS - Acts 3.1-10

‘I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.’

Lent Courses

The final Lent Course sessions will be during week commencing Sunday 31st March and 7th April.

Tuesday	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Greenfield Methodist Church
Wednesday	7:30pm to 9:00pm	St Anne Church Lydgate
Thursday	2:00pm to 3:30pm	Holy Trinity Church Dobcross
Thursday	7:30pm to 9:00pm	The Sacred Heart Centre, Uppermill

Please feel free to visit any venue as the same topic will be covered each week in all the venues.

What did you give up for Lent?

On the website whatsinthebible.com, Buck Denver states that:

'The idea behind giving up something for Lent is based on Luke 9:23 Then he (Jesus) said to them all:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

So, essentially it's about self denial, carrying our cross and following Jesus. It is something that's done in a prayerful way, so that we can wholly renew ourselves in Christ. That's an important part of the process for you as an individual, but also as a family. If your family or your children choose to participate in a Lenten fast, make sure that praying together and reading the Bible is part of the experience.'

It's all about conversion.

BUT lots of people who don't go to church and who have no faith also give things up for Lent. The most obvious, before dry January, was alcohol and of course there was cake, biscuits, coffee and fizzy drinks along with sweets. If you don't give something up for religious reasons it can all add up to Lent being a pretty miserable time.

In reality Lent, like Advent is a time for preparation, as Advent is preparing for Christmas and the idea of Jesus returning, so Lent is a time of preparing for Easter and the celebration of Jesus overcoming death to offer eternal life, and therefore shouldn't be a time of misery.

When we prepare for something new like the arrival of a baby we have fun buying new clothes and decorating a room. So it should be when preparing for the new life that Jesus offers at the resurrection. I believe there's something special about renewal and that it doesn't have to be miserable. In fact, I believe renewal should be something to be enjoyed and can be undertaken by anyone, any age, anywhere.

Perhaps, in Lent, instead of giving things up we should take up new habits that would benefit not just ourselves but also others.

The website lentenpositiveacts.com is dedicated to this idea and by going to the tab

'The Lenten Positive Acts Challenge' you can gain all of the ideas and help you'll need. The website reminds us that:

'When someone performs a positive act toward another person, the natural reaction of the receiver is to feel better, and to then return the favour by also performing a positive act toward someone. Many times it's returned to a different person, creating a positive act chain reaction.'

***A child** can hold the door for an adult... **an adult** can pick up groceries for a senior citizen... **a senior citizen** can call a friend just to say "hello". And **anyone** can simply say a prayer for someone less fortunate than them.'*

It might be too late for Lent this year, but perhaps I've got you thinking for next year!

John Rosedale

An A-Z of Discipleship : 'S' is for Sabbath



We're working our way through what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ.

It's way back in the second chapter of the Bible that God gives us the idea of 'a day off':

The Seventh Day

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so in the seventh day he rested from all his work.

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy"

(Genesis 2:2-3)

These days it can be hard to find anything distinctively different about Sunday. Yes, we still generally hold our church services then but it's very common to find supermarkets and town centres full of shoppers, restaurants at their busiest, shift workers keeping industry going, and homework and school sports being just an extension of the rest of the week.

What is the Sabbath for and how should we treat it practically? Genesis seems to say that there was work to be done but, when it was done, there needed to be time to reflect and be renewed. Somehow it's a holy-day. In the days when people in the UK were generally less well off than in the present day, a holiday was a rare occasion for real rest, time with family that would have been scarce, a change from the daily grind and an opportunity for real thankfulness. Sundays were the weekly version of that intention.

Of course, Puritanical or Victorian attitudes to the Sabbath haven't helped. Being forbidden to do anything much beyond going to church or reading the Bible must have made generations of people anything *but* thankful as they endured rather than enjoyed the time away from work or school.

In the Bible, the ten commandments reiterate the need to keep the Sabbath holy and do no work. But the Commandments were all to be seen in the perspective of recognizing the goodness of God. Life after the Fall suddenly had work becoming tough. To rest was a blessing. Sabbath would be something to give a rhythm to life as well as to

create thankfulness. Rhythm is very much present in the process of creation. It's no surprise that people get stressed quickly if that rhythm is missing.

Jesus is watched 'closely' by the religious people of his day, to see if he will disregard the rules about the Sabbath. When he heals a crippled woman (*Luke 13:10-16*) his response to his accusers is that they're hypocrites because they would be prepared to help their animals on the Sabbath. When he heals a man with a paralysed hand, he tells them that the Sabbath is for doing good. It's for the benefit of human beings, he says (*Mark 2:27-28*).

A day's rest on the Sabbath

So we get the picture that the Sabbath is intended to give people a day's rest each week:

- † for holiness (meaning, 'like God');
- † for reflection and thankfulness;
- † and to be renewed for work once more.

It involves worship and doing things distinctively and differently with a focus on God and each other and, if you do anything, do good to help people!

When it comes to the present day, I'm in favour of activities that help people to enjoy each other's company, as long as the people, who help us to do that (e.g. the restaurant staff, the travel operators, etc.), can have a day off during their week of work. I'm not in favour of shopping opportunities; if I can't remember to get what I need from Tesco on Saturday then too bad. Monday isn't far away.

Keep the Sabbath Special

What do you do to 'Keep Sunday Special' in the words of a once-famous slogan? My own Sabbath is often not best taken on Sunday, for obvious reasons as I have to work! But I keep another day free. I try to make sure it involves: rest; something I enjoy that helps me relax; something outdoors that helps me appreciate creation; some connection with friends or family; and as little technology as possible. Email and text have invaded many nooks and crannies of life. I deliberately try to keep them out of my 'day off'.

It's not about being selfish or lazy. It is about being like God and renewed so that we can serve others better in the week to come.

Hilary Edgerton

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Holy Trinity Dobcross

27th January Martha Elizabeth Westwell
9th March Elizabeth Linda Gaye Schofield-
Hernon

Christ Church Friezland

27th January Cooper John David Cookson
3rd March Seb William Jones

St Mary Greenfield

17th February Melissa Helen Buckley
24th February Isla Gill

St Anne Lydgate

3rd February Arthur William Hodgkiss
10th February Sophie Alice Squire
24th February Jax Xander Cunningham

St Chad Saddleworth

3rd February Bennett Matthewson Brown
17th February Charlotte Eve Patrick
17th February Jessica Rae Patrick

Welcomed into the fellowship of faith

Blessing of a Marriage

Holy Trinity Dobcross

26th January Leanne and Adam Griffiths

Joined in mutual love and companionship.

Funerals

Christ Church Friezland

15th February Jean Jeffries

St Mary Greenfield

1st February Doreen Ashley
19th February Edna Wolstenholme

St Anne Lydgate

13th February Olive Whatmough
8th March Roy Blower

St Chad Saddleworth

15th January Lachlan Alexander Ashworth
18th January Karen Cannon
24th January Kathleen Thorneley
12th February Leonard Heath
13th February Audrey Bradbury
18th February James Williams
20th February Paul Lowcock
21st February Alice Skelton

At rest in God's eternal love

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Life

St Chad Saddleworth

9th January John Radcliffe Whyman
9th February John Martin Gillespie

*Lives lived with generosity of spirit and
kindness of heart"*



DAY 11 - YOUR KINGDOM COME - Luke 11.1-4

'When you pray say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come."'



DAY 12 - A VISION OF THE KINGDOM - Isaiah 65.17-25

'No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime...They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.'

Join us for free
**Fun, Food,
 Fellowship & Singing**



**Monday 29th April
 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Station Road, Uppermill, OL3 6HQ

Music provided by Mike Hindson.

Art work by Janet Iles.

Prayers, reflection and activity
 on the theme of Joy and Laughter
 by Revds Barbara Christopher & Hilary Edgerton.



Church of England in Saddleworth

"Celebrating God's presence in all people."

**Big Picture Discussion Group
 Growing Church
 The Acts of the Apostles**



**Starting on Wednesday
 8th May**

7:45pm for 8:00pm

at

St Anne's Church Lydgate

The first Christians faced hard times but they stood up for their faith and grew confident with the power of God's Holy Spirit. What lessons do we learn for our day and age?

[Continuing our theme which we began last year]



Church of England in Saddleworth

"Celebrating God's presence in all people."

**ALL
 AGE
 WORSHIP
 WORKSHOP //**

Saturday 27th April
 Parish Centre. 9:30-11:30am
 PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

an interactive workshop for anyone involved or interested in leading all-age worship (or any part of it) in the Saddleworth Benefice. Please let Hilary 01457 871704 or Ang 0161 626 0380 know you're coming.

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DAY 13 - THE PROMISE OF THE KING - Isaiah 42.1-9

'a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth...'



DAY 14 - LIVING IN THE PRESENT TIMES - Romans 8.18-28

'We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves... groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.'



DAY 15 - HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY - Matthew 24.29-44

'Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



DAY 16 - ENOUGH FOR TODAY - Matthew 6.25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you wear.'

St Thomas Delph

Breast Foot Forward

Recently two ladies, Joyce and Jacqui, from our church have been diagnosed and treated for Breast Cancer; they have received different treatment and this is just part of their stories:

How did you feel being called back after a mammogram?

Joyce: *"I had the routine mammogram on the Tuesday and received the recall letter on the Saturday. On reading the letter my heart sank into my boots, but I tried to reassure myself that I had been recalled once before and all was well and that one in twenty women get recalled for a further check with negative results."*

Jacqui: *"We had returned from a New Year Break and the letter was waiting for me. An appointment in two days' time, I thought 'here we go again'. Since being treated for breast cancer 9 years ago, this was the first mammogram that I had allowed myself not to worry about!"*

How did you feel awaiting the results from the Biopsies?

Joyce: *"I was relieved that the biopsies were done at the same time as the recall visit but waiting another week for the results seemed like a lifetime."*

Jacqui: *"I was just resigned to it. Psychologically I tried to put it to the back of my mind and then after the result and conversation with the surgeon who stated that the only option was a mastectomy I went into overdrive. I undertook even more running and cycling trying to ensure that I was 100% fit for the operation and in a better place to recover from it. Throughout the whole process I've been at peace and very accepting of the situation, and not freaked out by it. On receiving the news that I now need no further treatment I just feel grateful that the cancer was found early enough."*

What support did you receive from the Nightingale Centre and how did you feel about that?

Joyce: *"The support I received from the Nightingale Centre was second to none. There was a breast care nurse present at my consultation who took notes as the discussion took place so that I could then ask further questions afterwards. I have since phoned their helpline for advice and have received further advice and reassurance."*

Jacqui: *"I can only echo Joyce's words but also say I had a lot of written information to take home and read. I've also rung the Nightingale Centre to seek additional advice and they've been very helpful."*

How did you involve St Thomas' and others and why?

Joyce: *"I involved St Thomas' and Churches Together as I felt I needed prayer support. I have felt very aware of being surrounded by love and prayer. I got offers of lifts which I took up and am very grateful for."*

Jacqui: *"I didn't involve many people until just before my operation as I didn't feel there was anything anyone could physically do. I didn't want sympathy and I didn't want to hear other people's experiences whilst dealing with my own."*

What support did you receive from family and friends?

Joyce: *"As I'm an only child, St Thomas is my family, we have a close neighbourhood community and one particular family have been very helpful and supportive. One friend came to do the hoovering for me which I really appreciated. I also received cards, phone calls, emails, flowers and pressies, which have been such a blessing to receive."*

Jacqui: *"My family and friends have responded in a similar manner to Joyce's. However, having a few people to listen to me has been a major blessing."*

How do you feel the support from the church helped in your dealing/coping with the diagnosis and treatment?

Joyce: *"One of the reasons I got the church involved was I knew that whatever the outcome I would be loved and supported and that I needed others to have the faith to carry me through. I've not been disappointed, I have been helped and encouraged by all the help and support I have received, and I know that people care and are concerned for me."*

Jacqui: *"Almost everyone was told by email the day before my operation and I was overwhelmed by the love and support that I received. About an hour before my op I read all of the email replies and it helped to prepare me for what was to come."*



Joyce, you're doing Race for Life in June, what date is it, why are you doing it, and how can people support you?

Joyce: "I am doing the Race for Life (although will be walking!) on Sunday 23rd June, 11:00am at Alexandra Park, Glodwick. I am doing it to raise money to help beat over 200 types of cancer, breast cancer being just one of those. These last few months have been a learning curve in more ways than one. So many people have been affected by cancer, either through having it themselves or knowing someone who has. I am doing it as a thank you to all of those who've supported me through the whole process from diagnosis to where I am now. I can be sponsored on line



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/joyces-race-for-life-4036>

or you can run your own race, offer to volunteer on the day or turn up to support the event."



AGAINST[®] breast cancer

Jacqui, you're organising a Bra Bank at St Thomas' why are you doing it, what happens to the bras, and how can people deliver them to the Bra Bank?

Jacqui: "Well, I have a lot of bras that I no longer need so wondered what to do with them. I found the charity Against Breast Cancer which funds ground-breaking research by expert scientists, using one of the UK's largest collections of breast cancer patient samples to identify vital information that could improve detection and lead to increased survival after diagnosis. You can visit their website



<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk>

to find out more. The bra recycling scheme takes your unwanted or unloved bras and raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research.

"The Against Breast Cancer textile recovery project prevents the 'old' bras going into landfill, giving them a new lease of life in developing countries such as Togo, Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain too expensive to produce locally."

The Bra Bank will be in St Thomas' Church Hall Porch, this is usually open Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Sundays before and after the 10:30am service.



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DAY 17 - FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY - Exodus 16.1-8

'Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day.'"

Christ Church Denshaw

The Denshaw Bird Boot

The latest additions to our Eco-Church grounds are aptly named 'Bird Boots'.

As part of our Eco Church work, we are trying to attract more wild life and especially birds, into the Church grounds. We have put some bird boxes up and the Sunday school children have made bug hotels which are set in sheltered places.

On looking to increase the number of nesting sites, we have come up with the idea of making nesting boxes out of old worn out boots and leaky wellingtons. These are quite easy to adapt with a few simple tools. To begin the 'bird boot':

- † cut a biscuit-sized piece of log to fit in the top of the boot;
- † you then drill a 25mm to 32mm hole in the wood as the way in;
- † to assemble, put a handful of wood shavings or hay in the toe of the boot and fit the wood in the top;
- † lace the boot up and use a stapler to secure it so that this can then be tied to the tree putting the sole to the trunk;
- † Fasten it where it is not in full sunlight and faces between North and East. The boots can also be put into a hedge or on a shed.

All sizes of boots can be used, both men's and ladies' boots should give an adequate nesting area and children's boots can be put in hedges for the use of small birds, insects and field mice. At the end of the nesting season the boot can be taken down, cleaned out and put back for the next season. This is a good way of re-using boots that would normally be thrown away. Adapting boots could also be a good project for Sunday School children to undertake.

The other projects we are hoping to undertake for Eco Church are:

- † to have another dry stone walling taster day;
- † lay a section of hedge;
- † and look at using smart technology to reduce our energy consumption.

We are making good progress with Eco-Church and I am pleased to say there is a lot of interest from the congregation.

Michael Billing (Deputy Warden)



'Good' news for our Primary School

I had the privilege of experiencing my first ever SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) when an inspector came to visit Christ Church CE Primary School on a memorable Wednesday afternoon in February. As an ex-officio governor (a governor who happens to be a vicar) who is also a school parent I felt a double sense of excitement and nervousness as we prepared to demonstrate that we were a school that has a distinctive Christian vision which enables adults and pupils to flourish.

Christ Church Primary is a small school with only 96 pupils, but what it lacks in size and resources it makes up for in community spirit, organisation and a determination to empower others to succeed. Its vision to be a school that has faith in each child's potential to become a caring, conscientious citizen is based on the passage from 1 Corinthians 13 which reads: *'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'*

Teachers, pupils and governors spent the day celebrating all that Christ Church Primary offers to staff, pupils and the wider community, and were happy to answer taxing questions from the inspector.

At the end of a long day, the headteacher, the chair of governors and I were called into an office and the inspector told us that he was delighted to grade us a 'Good' school. He said, *"Christ Church is a school that values each pupil as an individual, nurturing all within its caring Christian ethos."*

The perfect end to an action-packed day!

Revd Aaron Jackman

How we can make a difference during Lent

Each week during Lent we ask each of our congregation to bring something to church that they would normally keep in their store cupboard.

Perhaps they have already given up wine or chocolate and feel really good about it. It is a good practise and in keeping with what most of us were taught as children. However, ask yourself how does this help others? Unless you put away the money spent on the luxury and give it to those who are not able to enjoy these luxuries, it has little effect on others.



If we go to our store-cupboard each Sunday and take out one or more items to take to church, by the end of the month we

will have provided a significant contribution to our local Foodbank. They, in turn, will be able to provide food to families who are going through a difficult time. We are hoping for a really good response this year as we hear more and more about the difficulties families are facing through no fault of their own.



During Holy Week we are asking our congregation to buy at least one Easter egg and bring it to church on Palm Sunday. These will be delivered to a local women's charity before Easter Sunday so that the ladies and children can enjoy an Easter treat along with the rest of us. We think this is a great and relatively simple idea that supports others and anticipate an excellent response.

Why 'Good' Friday?

An extract from an article on the 'Christianity.com' website:

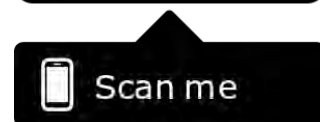
For Christians, Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and

was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it to be "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3).

On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).

Still, why call the day of Jesus' death "Good Friday" instead of "Bad Friday" or something similar? ...

...The name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins.



Good Friday with Bishop David

As part of Bishop David's Holy Week visit to Saddleworth, he will visit Denshaw on Good Friday. We are looking forward to his visit and Revd Philip Williamson has prepared a 'Walk of Witness' around the village to give the community the opportunity to meet Bishop David and hopefully to join in our act of worship at one (or more) stopping places.

At each stop on the route there will be a prayer, reading and at some stops a hymn (hopefully some good singers will join us). The Bishop will read the first lesson and lead the closing prayers. The main thing we are hoping for, in addition to a good turn out, is of course fine weather.

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DAY 18 - THE BREAD OF LIFE - John 6.25-40

'Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."'

Holy Trinity Dobcross

“Go! Helen, Go! “

On 7th April, Helen Rowland will join several thousand runners competing in the Manchester Marathon. She has been in training for months to take part so that she can raise funds for a charity which is very important to the Rowland family who are members of our congregation.

Helen explains:

“In August 2014, our younger son Thomas, just 8 years old, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. The care he and our family received then, and continue to receive, from specialist paediatric diabetes care teams from Diabetes UK has been a great support to us.

“Diabetes UK funds research into systems to make life with Type 1 Diabetes as normal as possible and, as a result, 13 year old Thomas now benefits from a continuous blood glucose scanner and an insulin pump.



“Whilst training for this marathon, I’ve had a lot of time to think and reflect on life and I’m very grateful to Diabetes UK for supporting Thomas and all other diabetic people to live life as healthily and as actively as possible. Knowing that all funds raised will help the charity to support even more families, has made me determined to complete this ultimate challenge!

“Thank you for your support.”

All funds from sales and a raffle at the March Coffee Shop in Dobcross Band Club and a collection at Church will help to boost funds. See page 33 for details of how to donate online.

**Good Luck on the day Helen!
We are cheering you on!**

Sharing a Meal during Holy Week

“From Ash Wednesday to Holy Week sees us on a journey through Lent towards the joys of Easter.

“The image of that journey is one that offers us much food for thought. Prayer, fasting and acts of kindness are the traditional marks of Lent and offer us a route map that will bring us to a glorious Easter.”

The Right Reverend Mark Davies,
Bishop of Middleton.



With these words in mind, we hope that you will join us for a ‘Bring & Share’ Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday 18th April at 7:00pm which will be led by Revd Aaron Jackman.



Also on Easter Sunday morning we will meet for an Easter Breakfast at 9:00am with Bishop David followed at 10:00am by Easter Day Eucharist with Revd Aaron Jackman.

Jesus Christ is risen today Alleluia!

House-to- House Collection 12th – 18th May

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus consistently demonstrates concern for the poor. He showed compassion to those who had little and anger at those who exploited them. It is his example that drives Christian Aid Week. It challenges us to take action on behalf of the world's poorest.

One project is based in Sierra Leone, West Africa where communities are still recovering from the Ebola virus. This crisis claimed the lives of 4,000 people and killed 10% of healthcare workers. At the present time, Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mother. Every day ten women die from giving birth. The country lacks funds to provide basic services like health clinics, proper health training or enough ambulances.

Our help is needed to provide funds for healthcare work to continue; Christian Aid Week is the time to show this help. Our community in Dobcross has always been committed to this appeal, please continue to support the house-to-house collections this year by donating in the red envelopes which will come through your door in May.

Dorothy and Bob Townend
Area coordinators

Many thanks to...

Oldham Motor Company (Oldham and Rochdale) for its generous donation of £1000. For many years now we have appreciated the company's support for the on-going work to repair and improve the Church and churchyard. The Diocesan inspection, due in April, will no doubt highlight further works to the fabric of the building, so we are thankful for this financial help towards future expenses.

Sunday 14th April at 11:45am

The 'APCM' is an important meeting to discuss the work of the Church Council. The aim is to ensure that Christian Worship is available and thrives within the community of Dobcross. This year the meeting will follow the Palm Sunday service so we hope that many people will stay to attend.

At this meeting we will elect wardens, officers and members of the PCC, report on finances and discuss other issues concerned with growth, mission and nurturing our faith. The new Electoral Roll will also be presented. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the Team Ministry in Saddleworth. Please will you think seriously about ways in which you can help in the smooth running of the Church?

We hope that you will come along to the APCM on 14th April after the morning service. All welcome.

Holy Trinity School 'Spring Serenade' Concert

A charity concert to raise money for
The Music Scholarship fund.

Featuring: percussion, woodwind, guitar and brass groups as well as the School Choir and Dobcross Dazzlers.
There will be a dance troupe performing as well as talented soloists.

Thursday 4th April at 7:00pm

at

Holy Trinity Church, Dobcross

Tickets available at the school front office

£5:00 - adults, £3:00 - children

(children from Holy Trinity School - free)

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DAY 19 - DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME - Luke 22.14-23

'Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"



DAY 20 - IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD - Luke 24.28-35

'Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.'



DAY 21 - FREEDOM FROM PERFECTION - Matthew 7.1-12

'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.'

Christ Church Friezland

Let the Restoration Begin!



LOTTERY FUNDED

Christ Church Friezland are delighted that having already received a Development Phase

grant of £15,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), they have decided to award up to £130,500 (71% of the total project cost) towards the Delivery Phase of the urgent repairs required to this Listed Place of Worship. **This means: the actual restoration work should begin within the next few months!**

Designed and built in 1850 by the famous local architect George Shaw, the magnificent spire of the beautiful Victorian Gothic church, along with a large section of the roof is to be restored to its former glory; all made possible by National Lottery players along with gifts from generous local benefactors in our Parish.

This vibrant building is not only the focus of worship in Friezland but serves (along with the Church Hall) the local community with many other functions besides baptisms, weddings and funerals. There is: Little Lights (for babies, toddlers & carers), Coffee Shop, art exhibitions, music and choral recitals and green gym events, dancing, Brownies, Guides, kick-boxing, Whit Friday Band Contests, BBQs, children's parties and a Pre-School.

Commenting on the award, the Chairman of the Church Fabric Committee said,

"We are delighted that all the work that went into the initial Development Phase, including many surveys, plans and architectural consultations, has borne fruit. "And thanks to National Lottery players, we are now able to see the project go ahead and continue to serve our community - as it has done for the last 170 years.

"George Shaw's design was: executed using local craftsmen; paid for by the Whitehead family, who owned the Royal George Mills, and will now be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

"We hope more and more people will come and have a look around this magnificent building and find it in their hearts to contribute."



Thanks

It is expected by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) that during the restoration a Handbook/Guide to Christ Church will be published and, having lived next door in another George Shaw creation for 25 years, the task has fallen to me.

As an avid George Shaw fan ever since purchasing the Parsonage, I have accumulated every scrap of information and memorabilia relating to that architect that I could. I am also indebted to members of the congregation who have supplied me with historical literature, especially Jo Johnson (a former Churchwarden) and Jim Carr (of Saddleworth Historical Society). Huge thanks also to our current Churchwardens, Duncan Ross and David Cartwright, for their invaluable assistance in the protracted efforts to procure the HLF grant.

I thought I would share this extract from the 1950 Centenary (when our Vicar's Warden was Lt. Col. Sir Gilbert Tanner D.S.O., T.D., J.P.), written by our then Vicar, Revd Harold H Hutcheon:

"Long gone are the days when churches were full, now it is left to the faithful few to offer the daily and weekly sacrifice and praise to Almighty God. Further it is left to the loyal few to maintain the sacred building in good repair, although all parishioners claim it as their Church and wish to use it when so required"

I would like to end by thanking those benefactors who have asked to remain anonymous for their generous contributions towards our final goal. They may remain anonymous to us, but not to the One who counts.

Tony Littlewood
Chair of the Christ Church Fabric Committee

Eco Church News & Top Eco Tips



Our recently replaced boiler is A+ rated - saving on energy usage and corresponding cost! Consider if items need replacing or if they can be repaired, before ensuring you choose the most energy efficient items for your budget.

The Church Hall toilets now use far less water thanks to the installation of Hippo the Water Saver in their cisterns.



Flushing accounts for around 30% of household water use but many loos flush just as effectively with less water AND if it's yellow, let it mellow; if it's brown, flush it down!

Christ Church Friezland presents the a cappella choir

Monday Mondays



**Saturday 11th May
7:30pm**

Friezland Church Hall,
Oaklands Road, Greenfield, OL3 7LQ

Cost £6:00 per person

For Tickets contact Jill on 07837 406104

Christ Church Friezland Christian Aid Quiz Night



**Friday 3rd May
7:30pm**

Friezland Church Hall,
Oaklands Road, Greenfield, OL3 7LQ

Minimum donation £1:00 per person
Bring & Share Supper, Raffle and Bar

**For more info contact Duncan
on 01457 835261**

Christ Church Friezland Afternoon Tea Dance



**Sunday 19th May
1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Friezland Church Hall,
Oaklands Road, Greenfield, OL3 7LQ

Cost £6:00 per person

includes sandwiches, scones/cakes, unlimited
tea/coffee

**prosecco available to purchase
by the glass**

For Tickets contact Jill on 07837 406104

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DAY 22 - FALLING SHORT - Romans 3.21-31

'since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...'

St Mary Greenfield

St Mary's C.E. Primary School news

I trust that this extract finds you all well and in good health.

Spring has announced itself with daffodils having popped their yellow heads up out of the ground and now Easter is fast approaching. Lent, a time of thoughtful reflection on the past, is followed by the promise of a renewed faith and hope in the future. As we focus in school on our Christian values of thankfulness and hope, I trust that you will join me during the Lenten period, where we hold ourselves in quiet contemplation of the world around us and how we contribute to it, making each of our lives enriched and the best they can be.

Passport to Success

Our young children in Year 5 had a visit from an Aviation pilot early in the term to focus their thoughts on aspirations for the future and career development. As a school, we have engaged in the 'Passport to Success' which allows all children to develop the essential skills they need to be successful in education, work and life. The unique Oldham Pledge contains 14 tasks which pupils will complete such as attending regular enrichment activities, volunteering, fundraising, taking part in a performance, broadening their cultural horizons, looking after their health and learning how to manage their money. The project aims to ensure that every pupil, regardless of their background, has the support and opportunities to develop the essential skills and character traits universities and employers are looking for such as confidence, clear communication, motivation, tolerance, creativity and problem-solving.

A blue rectangular logo with the text "PASSPORT TO SUCCESS" in white, uppercase letters.

FRESH

Children and families of St Mary's School are also engaging with a FRESH approach to healthy lifestyles for Oldham families. The new programme is called FRESH (Food, Rest, Exercise, Smiles, Healthier) and is aimed at children aged up to 13 years and their families. It offers a programme for our children to learn about nutrition, healthy eating, activity and a range of health improvement topics, such as oral health and unhealthy habits such as smoking, etc.

Young Voices

Our fabulous Spotlight Choir continues to flourish under the expert and inspirational guidance of Mrs Jayne Connor. We had the great privilege of attending Manchester Young voices in February this year.



The children worked hard in preparation and performed in front of an audience of over 6,000 people. It was a genuinely moving and incredible experience, one that the children and families will never forget.

St Mary's Dance Group

St Mary's Dance Group took part in Oldham's 'Gotta Dance' competition on Wednesday 27th March. Our Dance



Group have performed in this event for the last couple of years, and they always amaze us with their talent.

This year, our Reception Class is also taking part in this competition. It is the first time that our School has been represented in this competition by a class.

Easter Service in Church

Our annual Easter service led by the children and teachers of St Mary's School will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday 5th April at 9:15am. We invite anyone in our community to join us in celebration at this service.

I have often heard throughout visits to classes during this term the children talk of 'working together'. Working together is a skill that, if developed well, ensures that all within our community are supported and cared for and achieve their very best. We are like raindrops and by working together oceans are made. We can do much on our own, but we are better and stronger together. Together everyone achieves more.

God's Richest Blessings for the coming of Spring.

With very best wishes.

Mrs S M Hall
Head Teacher

Greetings

Several beautiful days in February reminded us that spring was on its way and, by the time this is being read, it will surely be here!

We are looking forward to our Holy Week and Easter services, see pages 4 and 5 for details.

Easter is, of course, a time of hope with the promise of resurrection and the gift of eternal life. It is with these thoughts in mind that we remember those whose names appear in St Mary's Book of Remembrance during April and May. They are: Norah Bourne, Hilda Helena Maclean, Duncan Maclean, Kathleen Pilkington, Harry Parkin, Tom Partington, Edith Elizabeth Brassay, Priscilla Forber and John Brian Buckley. As we remember them in our prayers, we pray too for their families and friends who love and miss them.

In John's Gospel, chapter 20, verse 21, we read Jesus' words to his disciples when he appeared to them in the locked room on the evening of his resurrection. Jesus said:

'Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you',

and then Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. It is my hope and my prayer that we will all be inspired by these words and enabled by the Holy Spirit to fulfil Jesus' command this Easter time and always.

With my love and God's blessings to you all,



Barbara

Maundy Thursday - 18th April

On this day Greenfield is granted a mandatory Fair at Road End, in the centre of the village. This dates back centuries, but should no stalls appear, then the grant ceases to exist. During the morning of Maundy Thursday, we will be holding our place there, regardless of the weather, with Ann King in charge of our team. So please come along to bring, buy or browse. All our profit is for St Mary's Church funds.



St Mary's Luncheon Club

We meet at Tame Valley Tennis Club, Greenbridge Lane, Greenfield, every six weeks for a buffet lunch brought by members. This is followed by a speaker. We have a summer trip to which friends are invited, and also a Christmas lunch at The Roebuck Inn.

We held our AGM in March where the following were elected: Joan Jones (Chair), Susan Garside (Secretary), and Lynda McGowan (Treasurer).

Our dates for 2019 are:

- 25th April,
- 6th June,
- 18th July – trip to Llandudno,
- 12th September,
- 24th October – meal out,
- 21st November,
- 12th December – meal at The Roebuck.

Joan Jones

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DAY 23 - CONFESSION - Psalm 51

'Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'

St Anne Lydgate

Changing the World through Fairtrade

Manchester Cathedral on 22nd February 2019



The Dean set the theme for the day saying that trade justice is only possible through fairness and this has to include care of the environment as Climate Change is tending to affect those in the poorest countries. He highlighted two important anniversaries - 40 years since Traidcraft was founded and 25 years since the Fairtrade Foundation was launched.

The Bishop of Bolton, Mark Ashcroft, strongly supports Fair Trade. He has seen for himself conditions in Kenya where he has coffee farming friends. He argued that Fairtrade puts power into the hands of the producer unlike with most traders. The Environment is rising up as a political issue and we must try to make sure that after Brexit the government keeps to both Fairtrade and environmental principles. He later remarked that we probably underestimate the power that Faith and Community Groups have in influencing public policy.



Tim Aldred from the Fairtrade Foundation talked about their role in liaising with governments and big business. Kraft took over Cadburys and disregarded their fair-trade practice.

Matt Oliver from Traidcraft gave a stirring speech about how Traidcraft has had to cease trading in crafts but in collaboration with Traidcraft Exchange, the charity arm, they have succeeded in finding alternative outlets for their craft overseas producers.

The reduced Traidcraft is going to concentrate on food products. I was heartened to hear him say that it's important to not only support food producing co-operatives but to protect the soil through organic horticultural methods. Chemical fertilisers and insecticides have detrimental affects upon the workers and the long term health of the soil. Stuart Brierley, who supplies me on a Sale or Return basis, provided a Traidcraft stall.

Revd John Hughes had a stall supporting churches taking a lead on environmental issues. He recommended churches follow the co-operative model when considering solar panels or wind turbines. It helps with sharing the initial costs but more importantly it becomes a community project with the church playing an enabling role. He recommended using the services of Co-op UK to help set up a co-operative as happened with his church in Old Trafford.

Sarah Wakefield, Food Sustainability Manager at The Co-operative Group, enthused that the Co-op has taken the lead in Fairtrade and recommended the latest range of Fairtrade chocolate bars. (I have recently bought some from the Grotton Co-op - they even have some 85% cocoa content bars which is perfect for Type 2 Diabetics like me).



In a 'Q and A' session we learnt that the Rainforest mark and Sainsbury's version for their tea producers is not up to the Fairtrade mark standard, described by Bishop Mark as the Gold standard.

There were also stalls from the Meaningful Chocolate company who supplies Advent calendars and Easter eggs with the relevant Christian stories. They sometimes hear people say "*What has Easter got to do with the Church?*"

A diocesan chocolate bar, entitled 'What does Justice Taste Like' was launched during the day. More details can be obtained from:

www.manchester.anglican.org/fairtrade

Sign the petition calling on the UK government to make sure that our trade with developing countries puts poverty reduction first, delivering living incomes for all.

-  @FairtradeFoundation
-  @FairtradeUK
-  @fairtradeuk

Richard Darlington

Spring has sprung—or has it?

It is Lent now, the word lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word 'lenctum' which means spring, it is a time when many people give up things like chocolate or wine but I am saying give up a little bit of time to your garden. A little effort can reap



rewards in summer and autumn, it doesn't take much, try potting up a few herbs or a chilli plant on your window sill, what about some potatoes in a sack or even a hanging basket.

I am busy starting these and also onions, peas and leeks, my blueberries and apple tree are

just coming to life and I think how wonderful it is to see the daffodils and crocus emerging from the cold winter weather, remember last year, the 'beast from the east' and how long it took to see God's season change to such a lovely summer.

Here are a couple of pictures, one of my many spring bulb pots and one of my potatoes preparing in my greenhouse to grow in bags and my vegetable plot.



Anne Smith

My 85 Sketchy Years

A sermon at church last August on using one's talents prompted Richard Darlington to put down on paper how his childhood ability to draw grew into his career. This resulted in a book he has called 'My 85 Sketchy Years'.

He had no idea what he wanted to do when he left school till his father suggested he used his drawing ability to become an architect to help build social housing after the War. He had sketched from a young age and this book includes a wide selection of his work and a narrative of social history spanning from 1933 to 2018.

Lovers of art and history will enjoy the story of Richard's fascinating life, told with his drawings.

Richard and his wife Elizabeth are known for their respect for others and for plants, for animals and for the environment. They were early supporters of:

- † Fair Trade;
- † alternative energy generation;
- † organic protection of the soil;
- † water conservation (they use rain water to flush their loos)
- † and re-use and recycling.

Many of you will know that Elizabeth sadly died of cancer in July 2014.

The book sells for £5 and Richard sends £1 from each sale to a charity, currently 'Traidcraft Exchange'. Copies can be ordered from him at

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DAY 24 - FORGIVENESS AND LOVE - Luke 7.36-50

'Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love.'

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

Before Lent

The future of Saddleworth Church was discussed and reflected upon at a Quiet Day in Dearnley and again at the Parish Centre where Sharon talked of a dream and vision for the Parish Church and for the community we serve. A public consultation at the end of March enabled us to share our vision with a wider audience, as we seek to partner with business and healthcare professionals in restoring, reordering and reimagining St Chad Saddleworth as a 'Church for a different world'.



Agreement has been reached concerning a deeper partnership with Sola Fide Multi Academy Trust, of which St Chad's School is a member. The PCC agreed to the

refurbishment and letting of rooms in the Parish Centre for shared use. It has been an interesting and at times frustrating journey through legal issues to enable us to partner in mission with Sola Fide to love and serve the community. We look forward to working together and supporting one another.

We were privileged to have Bishop Rupert talk to the congregation at both the Parish Centre and at the Parish Church on Holocaust Memorial Day of his long links with Germany, and helping us to think of the terrible impact of war.



Our Candlemas celebration was combined with Christingle. The combination of glow sticks and puppets telling the story of Jesus being presented in the temple to Simeon and Anna was well-received. It is always good to have so many young families in Church.

St Chad's Day was very enjoyably celebrated with a Coffee morning in aid of WaterAid, an Afternoon Tea at Kilngreen and an evening Hoe Down at the Parish Centre.



The next day we continued to celebrate our patronal saint in the Eucharist and afterwards enjoyed a magnificent cake. Thank you to all who helped and took part in our celebrations.

Alison Coates

Saving Saddleworth Church

Saddleworth Church has a new vision for its future within the community. The congregations of St Chad's Parish have discussed for over twenty years ways of accentuating the light and space and colour of Saddleworth Church and rediscovering Celtic spirituality. We are now ready to begin a new chapter of our life in the community. The building crisis is a focus for doing something radical and creative.

As part of the 'Seeing is Believing' restoration project, there is also a desire to reorder the building internally by replacing the pews with chairs and to reimagine the church for a different world'.

Conscious of the realities of life for many in the community, we wish to partner with business:

- † To create 'The Pilgrims Rest' coffee shop within the Grade 2* church building;
- † to provide a safe space for the lonely and the vulnerable;
- † to partner with Saddleworth School in being a place where young people can meet friends and be supported through the challenges of mental health;
- † to partner with healthcare professions in providing a listening space.

Whilst retaining its heart as a spiritual home and primarily a place of worship, we dream of a building:

- † fit for exhibitions, concerts and educational visits for children from across Oldham;
- † a resting place for walkers, cyclists, and the many tourists and heritage hunters who visit St Chad's Parish Church for its beauty and history.

There is a desire to protect and improve graveyard care and access with nature trails, seats and historic mapping. At a public consultation meeting at the end of March many people from the community came together to begin a new and exciting future together.



Save The Dates

'The Kiln Green Art Group' is promoting an 'Arts Fest' from 4th to 12th July in the Parish Church.

It is hoped that this will include some children`s activities and some musical interludes over the weekend of 6th and 7th July as part of Saddleworth Music Festival week.

This is being held in aid of St Chad`s Restoration Fund.

Also don't forget Whit Friday on 14th June.

Events

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**Sunday 7th April,
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
after 9:30am Service**

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St Chad's School service

Thursday 25th April - the Parish Church at 10:00am

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church, Church Lane, Uppermill, OL3 6LW

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DAY 25 - FORGIVE AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN - Luke 6.1-38

'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'



DAY 26 - TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS - Acts 14.21-28

'There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in faith, saying "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God."'



DAY 27 - GOOD SOIL - Luke 8.4-15

'The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy.'



DAY 28 - HELP IS AT HAND - Hebrews 4.14-16

'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.'



DAY 29 - TREASURE IN CLAY JARS - 2 Corinthians 4

'So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.'



DAY 30 - SEARCH ME OUT, O GOD - Psalm 139

'Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and examine my thoughts.'



DAY 31 - LOVE AND RESILIENCE - Luke 22.39-46

'Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'



DAY 32 - THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD - Ephesians 6.10-20

'Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.'



DAY 33 - CLOTHED AND IN OUR RIGHT MINDS - Mark 5.1-20

'They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid.'



DAY 34 - PATIENT ENDURANCE - Revelation 2.1-7

'I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name...'

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Hoe Down

A fun evening was had at the Parish Centre to celebrate St Chad's day.

One of the older members then wrote the following message:

"I would like to thank all the young people, Brian and Margaret (the caller and his wife) and all who helped organise such a fantastic fun evening. I had so many laughs and went home in very good spirits. There were people from several other churches, families and grandparents . All had a fantastic time watching and dancing, though the musical chairs and musical hats were the highlight; musical chairs for the children, they played with the most generous spirit enabling little 4 year old George to win, musical hats was much more competitive, men only grabbing hats before the music stopped!"

"All in all I felt very blessed to have shared such a wonderful evening."

Coffee Mornings for Charity

Almost every other Saturday between 10:00am and 11:30am. Admission £1.



We have delicious homemade refreshments (including gluten free), a raffle, a bookstall and information about the charity we are supporting.

If you are in Uppermill and would like to pop in, we would love to see you... the kettle will be boiling!

Saturday 6th April

Oshandi Aids Trust in Namibia (OATIN)

Saturday 20th April

'Seeing is Believing'

Saturday 4th May

Christian Aid

Saturday 18th May

'Seeing is Believing'

Saturday 1st June

Action Duchenne

Saturday 22nd June

'Seeing is Believing'

Saturday 6th July

North West Downs Syndrome Group

Dates for your diary

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The Booth Centre

One of the wonderful things about being a church member of St Chad's Parish with its three worship centres is using our beliefs and learning and putting it into practice within the community.

One of the things that I have done is to take the harvest festival giving to the Booth Centre in Manchester. It is off Cheetham Hill Road and right next to HM Prison Manchester (formerly Strangeways). It can be quite intimidating once you arrive there and park; you can see the drones going over the wall - Yes believe you me it does happen!



However, the welcome you receive when you go through the door and meet Pete, Joe and John is fantastic. They are always willing to help me with the bags and boxes brought from the Saddleworth churches.

I started going to the Booth Centre when my daughter was just 4 years old. I wanted to show her different elements of society here in the UK. I took inspiration from how Lady Diana was bringing up her boys.

I talk to them about Saddleworth. They think we all live on the top of a mountain. They love the place names such as Pots and Pans and Indian's Head. I try to explain where the names originated. They adore hearing about our church and the activities at the three centres, as well as other churches within the benefice and the work of our clergy and staff who keep our worship centres going.



Places like the Booth Centre drop in and Oldham Foodbank are so vital within our community. I recently

spoke at a meeting in Clarendon Sixth Form College, Tameside along with Andy Burnham, Greater Manchester Mayor and was pleased that the college agreed to help by collecting food which has been reduced, taking it in larger quantities than I can manage to Booth Street drop-in centre.

I am currently working with Morrison's, Lidl and Waitrose to try and organise regular collections from them direct to Booth Street drop-in centre, Oldham Foodbank and Porch boxes in Bury.

It gives much pleasure that local shops (J W Buckley, Pause a Second and Rip Van Winkle)

have also contributed items.

I do a run down to Manchester regularly if anyone within our congregations or within the wider community would like to contribute to these, please don't hesitate to drop them off at the Parish Church or to my farm in Uppermill.

If there are any of the congregation or any supporters around church would like to suggest other places for donations, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I recently received an email from the Booth Centre manager showing how much our money, goods, food and clothing had meant to them. I look forward to chatting to the congregations about this work in the near future.

Nicola Jeffery-Sykes

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Messy Easter Workshop

Open to all children (accompanied by an adult) from any church (or none!) in Saddleworth. There will be a selection of over 10 stalls with a variety of activities to appeal to a broad age range. There will be baking and making, flour and flowers!

We all join together to celebrate the Easter story through arts and crafts.

Cost to cover materials will be £3 per child, payable on the door. Book your place now via Eventbrite:



Friday 19th April

9:30am to 11:30am

at

**The Parish Centre
Station Road, Uppermill,
OL3 6HQ**



DAY 35 - THE LAST ENEMY - 1 Corinthians 15.20-26

'The last enemy to be destroyed is death.'



DAY 36 - THE KINGDOM - Psalm 99

'Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity, you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.'

St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

Spring Family Services

Spring is in full swing now, and we are beginning to prepare for Whit Friday in June.

Family Services

The first Sunday of every month is Family Service at 9:30am. This is an All Age Service suitable for everyone and is led by members of our congregation. If you have thought about coming to Church but not sure about what happens, or wonder if it will be very sombre and long, then why not join us for one of our Family Services. We worship together in Diggle and present God's word in many different ways.

Sunday 3rd February

Maggie Dobb and Sarah Barlow took a Candlemas Service where we read about 'The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple' and thought about the light that Jesus brought to the world. The service finished by everybody lighting a candle and thanking God for the light we can all bring to our lives.

Sunday 24th February

We held two services on 24th February, a short family service led by Sarah Barlow at 9:30am and an 11:00am Communion Service led by Revd Hilary Edgerton, where we welcomed Duncan and Nancy Rhodes.

At the early Family Service at 9:30am, Sarah told a story about a little boy who has a big sister Clemmie who is disabled. The story linked with two verses in Matthew which says "*are not two sparrows sold for a penny, you are worth more than two sparrows*". Jesus is saying that as the birds are looked after, we will be too. Everyone is of equal value to God, so when we meet people who are 'different', we need to remember that we all matter.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians he talks about us all being the body of Christ. Everyone was asked to write their name on a paper shape, and these were all collected up and fitted together on a piece of card to make a beautiful collage depicting that we all have our part to play.

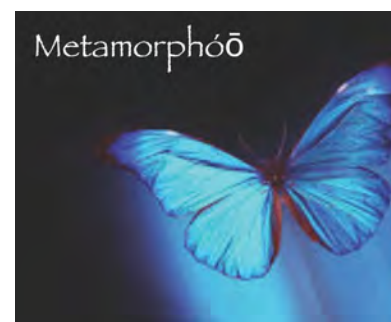


Hilary Edgerton led the service at 11:00am when we were joined by Revd Duncan Rhodes and his wife Nancy. It was lovely to see them both at Kilngreen since their move to Uppermill. Some of Duncan's favourite music and hymns were played during the service. We wish them well in their new home.

March – Janet and Geoff

March Family Service took place on Transfiguration Sunday. What we are being told is to listen to Jesus as he is the voice of God. The transfiguration is a turning point where human nature meets God, Jesus being the bridge between the two.

Transfiguration is quite a difficult concept to explain to everyone. Geoff started with the derivation of the word from Greek – metamorphóō, which means to transform or change into another form.



It also means changing the outside to match the inside. In the case of the Transfiguration of Jesus, it means to match the reality of the outside to the inside. Jesus' divine nature was hidden when he was in human form and the transfiguration allowed us a glimpse of his divine nature.

Like a butterfly, we all undergo our own Christian metamorphosis as we learn to become like Jesus and, like a butterfly, we go through different stages with our faith journeys. Janet gave everyone a star before the prayers and afterwards asked people to put the star in a dark place to see if the star glowed; it did! This was to show that through prayer we can listen to God and be transformed.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 3rd to 5th April

At the time of writing this production is almost fully booked! St. Chad's All Stars will be performing this along with the Choir from Diggle School. A report will appear in the next edition of The Grapevine.

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Family Services

Family Services are lay-led by our Family Worship Team members. Once a year Sunday School present a service themselves.

We have also invited a local ALM to lead a service and we would welcome other local ALMs if they would like to consider leading a service for us.

Please contact Janet Iles on 01457 877875 if you would be interested.

Family Service Dates

7th April No Family Service
5th May Ian and Val
2nd June Sunday School

Diggle Diamonds Coffee Mornings at The Gate Inn

Diggle Diamonds Coffee mornings are held each month on a Saturday morning starting at 10:30am.

**Admission £1 plus £1
for raffle tickets.**

Please join us on
**Saturday 13th April
at 10:30am.**



All older residents of Diggle are invited to join us for coffee and friendship. If you have difficulty getting to the coffee morning, a lift can be arranged.

Please contact **Doreen Dyson on 01457 873337**
or **Geoff Iles on 01457 877875.**

Diggle Blues Festival – 30th June

As in previous years Diggle Blues Festival will be on from 30th June and over the following weekend with some bands playing at Kilngreen.

Please watch for details in the next issue of The Grapevine, or search the Diggle Blues Festival website for more up to date information.

St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen Church, Lee Side, Diggle, OL3 5JY

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DAY 37 - THE POWER – Psalm 96

'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.'



DAY 38 - THE GLORY – Psalm 115

'Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory, for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.'



DAY 39 - THE KING OF GLORY – Psalm 24

'Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.'

A view behind bars – Progression



It has begun to dawn on him. He has been given more control of his life and suddenly it seems more awesome than he expected it would. Brian is wondering if he will manage to repay this trust.

One half of 'C' Wing has been designated for a 'progression Wing'. It's a fairly new idea and Buckley Hall is one of the prisons across the country where this is being trialled. It is intended for prisoners who have had good behaviour for a long time but are not likely to be released for a good while to come.

So there are 'lifers' and others sentenced under the old Indeterminate Public Protection (IPP) system, whose release dates are way ahead.

Some of these prisoners may already have been offered the chance to go to a Cat 'D' prison where conditions are more open. In that kind of prison they might be allowed to work in jobs outside the prison grounds, whilst still residing inside; they would be able to apply for day visits to home and, later, for weekends on 'ROTL' - Release On Temporary Licence.

Some prisoners will be better able to cope with this kind of environment. Others are not quite there yet. Progression Regime' is intended to be a step towards it. There are plenty of characteristics that have been considered for those who have applied to move to the Wing before the prisoners signed a 'contract' agreeing to the conditions of their new home on the Wing.

The regime is basically the same. The men will still have to go into their cells at the same times as everyone else. Their cells are the same size (though none of them will have to share with anyone). They will still be encouraged to work and go to education and if they opt for prison food, they will have the same menu.

However, the intention is to create a community

where people are gradually being taught a degree of independent living.

There is a garden where they will grow vegetables and a kitchen where they will be able to cook their own food, bought on a distinctive ordering system. On Sunday when I visited, some men and one officer had just finished a guitar class, led by one of the prisoners. There is a carpeted area with decent, comfortable chairs and the whole wing is lighter, brighter and with bright murals on the walls. It's intended to create a sense of decency which they will all appreciate and learn to take care of.

So Brian and the others are feeling good about things at the moment. They want to help each other to get along. It seems positive. Yet Brian worries that he has been '*given enough rope to hang myself*' in his own words.

There are advantages which even prisoners recognise, to being told where the boundaries lie. Of course you can try to go beyond them but actually they become safe constraints. For someone who has been in prison for years of his life, whatever the frustrations, it is a daunting prospect to be given more responsibility. There's opportunity to do things with less supervision and show what you make of things.



Trust is given and needs to be repaid. Brian is unsure at the moment whether he can manage it. Maybe he's not been trusted like this before. If it goes wrong, it goes badly wrong with plenty at stake. He has a girlfriend outside waiting to marry him. The wedding could be a long time coming.

Hilary Edgerton
HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale

We are Diabetes UK.

Our vision is a world where diabetes can do no harm. We're leading the fight against the UK's biggest and growing health crisis. And it's a fight that involves us all - sharing knowledge and taking on diabetes together.

What we do

We fund ground-breaking diabetes research, campaign for equality of care and support for all people affected by diabetes.

The challenge we're faced with

Diabetes is expensive. The NHS spends about £10 billion on diabetes every year – equal to 10 per cent of its total budget.

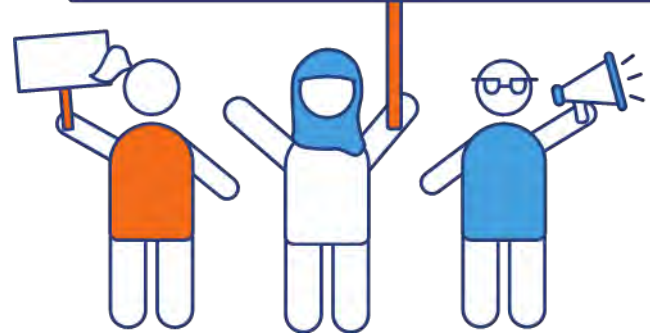
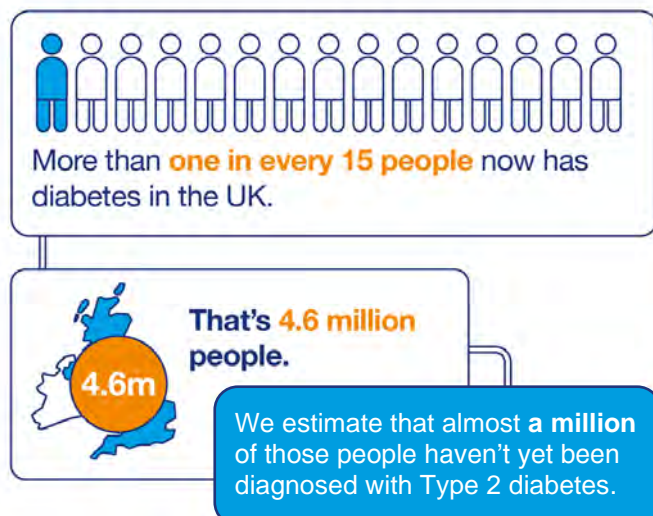
Diabetes is serious and can result in costly and devastating complications.

Five million people in England are currently at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. If this trend persists, one in three people will be obese by 2034 and one in 10 will develop Type 2 diabetes.

Over 7 per cent of people in the North West of England have been diagnosed with diabetes, higher than the national average.

How we support people with diabetes

Type 1 Events – Diabetes UK Type 1 Events are a unique opportunity for children, young people and families affected by Type 1 diabetes to meet others, share similar experiences and learn from each other from week long residential and family weekends. Often oversubscribed, these events have a positive impact on everyone affected by Type 1 diabetes by learning about the condition in a relaxed and safe environment.



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Helen Rowland from Saddleworth

Helen Rowland, well-known in Greenfield and Dobcross, is taking on the Manchester marathon.

Helen has challenged herself to raise a whopping £1,000. Please support Helen by donating online using the adjacent QR code.



Read more about why Helen is undertaking this challenge on the next page of this issue.



Can you help...

If you are in a position to help or would like to raise funds in aid of Diabetes UK then please get in touch with Maria Whittaker. Maria is the regional fundraiser for the North West and supports Helen.

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