Welcome

A warm welcome to St Chad's and St Hilda's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.

If you require a gluten free wafer or if you need to receive communion in your seat, please let a sidesperson know. We have a hearing loop, accessible bathroom, baby changing facilities and large print service books are available.

Junior Church have a new name; St Chad's JC Kids – Explorers. They now meet from 9.45 am to 10.45 am in the Poulton le Fylde Community Hall, Vicarage Road, FY6 7BE. Children are given a passport style membership card which they use to collect credits for activities and attendance.

News

We are now in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which runs until Saturday when we remember The Conversion of St Paul.

Tonight at 6.30pm we welcome Christians from churches across the town for a United Service at St Chad's.

There are also prayer leaflets available for anyone wanting to use a daily reflection through the week.

This afternoon we will hold the latest StChads@4 please note the new name and the new time. We will meet at 4.00pm for refreshments with the 45 minute Service beginning at 4.30pm. All welcome.

On Wednesday the Mother's Union will meet at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall when we will be collecting for Worldwide MU and will have a raffle. Our speaker is Julie Rowlandson from International Aid Trust. MU Subs of £32 are now due to be paid to your Group Leader as soon as possible.

The Finance and Standing Committee will meet on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

Next Saturday we welcome bible teacher and author Jonathan Lamb to lead 'The Message of 2 Corinthians'. Coffee will be served from 9.00am in Poulton Community Hall with a 9.30am start and finishing by 12.45pm. Paul's letter is an encouragement for hard pressed Christians and a reminder that God's glory and power are best seen in the weakness of Jesus on the cross. We look forward to welcoming Christians from other local churches and hope that St Chad's will be well represented.

Prayer triplets. Ahead of the Blackburn Diocese Centenary year in 2026 Bishop Philip is encouraging all parish churches to make 2025 a year of prayer and in particular to pray for growth in our churches. One idea which Lee Gascoigne has found helpful and encouraging in the past is "prayer triplets" i.e. three people meeting together weekly/regularly at their convenience to pray together. Everyone is welcome to join in and so if you would like to be in a prayer triplet, please let Lee know and she will link you up with two other people. Lee can be contacted on 07771 797042 or gascoigne.family@btinternet.com

Advanced Notice

How is Christian faith still relevant in this modern scientific world? You are warmly invited to Singleton Lodge for a 3-course meal on **Thursday 27th February 2025 at 6.30pm for 7pm**. Why not bring a friend or family member to hear our guest speaker Rev Andrew Sach address this question which is asked by many people today. Price is £35 per person. Please contact David on davidpgascoigne@gmail.com or 07768 303462 to book your tickets (£10 deposit required).

This Coming Week

Monday **Tuesday** 10.00am Holy Communion St Chad's Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's 11.00am Funeral of John Pickering St Chad's 2.00pm MU Methodist Hall Thursday 11.30am Holy Communion St Chad's 12.30pm Funeral of Robert Riley St Chad's 7.30pm Finance & Standing Vicarage Friday 10.00am Little Gang Poulton Community Hall 7.30pm Holy Communion St Chad's Saturday 9.00am Jonathan Lamb Poulton Community Hall (see inside) Sunday 26 January Epiphany 3 8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's 10.00am Parish Communion St Chad's 11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's **Readings**: Nehemiah 8 v 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12 v 12-31a Luke 4 v 14-21

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St Chad's Parish Church St Hilda's Church Carleton

19th JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY St Chad's Poulton-le-Fylde and St Hilda's Carleton

Sunday services:

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's 10.00am Parish Communion St Chad's

99 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (omit v5)

704 Let all the world (omit v4)

104 Songs of thankfulness (omit v4)

95 Bethlehem,

98 From the eastern mountains (omit v 4&5)

103 O worship the Lord

11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's

4.00pm St Chad's@4

6.30pm United Service St Chad's

Readings: Isaiah 62 v 1-5 1 Corinthians 12 v 1-11 John 2 v 1-11

Collect: God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

In our community we pray for those who live and work in: Stafford Avenue, Stanley Avenue, Station Road, Stocks Court