

# *The New Sentinel*

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St Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde

St Hilda's, Carleton

St Anne's, Singleton



# Welcome to the Jan/Feb 2025 issue of the *New Sentinel* magazine

## Magazine Articles

Short contributions that may be of interest to readers are welcomed by the Editor and will be published, space permitting, in the next magazine following their receipt. The Editor reserves the right to reject, cut or amend articles if deemed necessary for any reason. *The views expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the Vicar or the PCC.*

## Magazine Deadlines

To ensure the magazine is published on time, contributions must be in the hands of the Vicar or the Editor by the cut-off date. The next magazine will be the Mar/Apr 2025 edition. Any contributions must be with us no later than **15<sup>th</sup> March** to be considered for inclusion in the next edition.

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A warm welcome from the Benefice of St Chad's Poulton, St Hilda's Carleton and St Anne's Singleton. We are part of Blackburn Diocese within the Anglican Communion and are members of the Poulton and Carleton Churches Together community. We hold a pattern of regular prayer and worship at all three churches, details of which are published on our websites. The *New Sentinel* magazine brings to you recent news from around the Benefice.

## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

In recent months you may have seen in St Chad's Church displays of work by pupils of Poulton CE Primary School. These have included work on baptism and the bible, and along with contributions elsewhere in The New Sentinel, provide an important means of reinforcing the link with our Church School.

It was a privilege to play host to the Infant Nativity and the Junior Carol Service in December, and through such occasions, and regular visits for Harvest, Easter and Junior Communion as well as for the RE curriculum, children come to see St Chad's as their church. In return the Church commits to providing school governors, who in addition to providing strategic direction and oversight, have a responsibility for upholding the Christian foundation and ethos of the school. We are currently looking for people to fulfil this role, and if you are interested, or would simply like to know more, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Working in schools takes up a good deal of my time. As well as delivering worship in the three church schools of the benefice each week, there are committees and sub-committees to attend and additional requests to assist with RE topics. I am also a governor at a local secondary school, where we sometimes face the unenviable task of considering the cases of pupils whose misbehaviour leads to

them facing exclusion. I am filled with admiration for the vital role of family support workers, who help children and families overcome the barriers to learning faced by so many young people. I am impressed by the patience and commitment of teaching assistants who work to support children with special educational needs to play a full part in school life. Finally, it is right to celebrate the dedication of all those in the teaching profession who juggle their many roles, imparting knowledge but also keeping children safe and striving to see that they flourish in every way. Teaching remains a calling, in the Christian sense, and a profession that we often undervalue.

On March 2nd we will invite members of the Poulton CE School community to join us for All-Age Worship at 10 00 am in St Chad's Church. This is an opportunity to celebrate the link with our local primary school and all that is good in education. It is also The Feast of St Chad, when we remember our patron saint, who taught by prayerful example and humility of life, as well as through word. His biography "The Life and Spirit of St Chad" attributes to him these words.

"Come Lord. Come down. Come among us." Sing this each day at the dawning and again at the close. Know that God is with you always; the Lord never leaves you. He walks in your darkness and rescues you when you are in danger. Singing this reminds you that you are never alone.'

As well as the intellectual gifts of reading writing and mathematics, and the physical and moral flourishing which we seek, I hope the

children of our church schools will grow up with that spiritual sense that we are not alone, and that in Christ we have a companion for the journey who will be with us in good times and in bad. As Christians we follow St Chad in teaching that truth, or as the Collect for St Chad's Day puts it, "Give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature, humble spirit and prayerful life, that we may truly commend to others the faith which we ourselves profess."

May God bless the children and young people of our community and their parents, the community and church schools of the town, and those whom you call to serve within them as teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and governors!

Every blessing!

Martin Keighley

### *Day & Night Blessing*

May God's blessing be yours,  
And good be it sent;  
May Christ's blessing be yours,  
And good be it meant;  
Spirit's blessing be yours,  
For life's good intent,  
Day arising indoors,  
Night lying down spent.

### *Ancient Celtic Prayer*

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

January 26th Arthur Richard Billington

### Weddings

December 24th Steven Morgan and  
Joanna Kozakiewicz

### Funerals

November 25th Patricia Mahon

27th David Bannister

December 2nd Jeremy Lee

18th Zoe Lindley

January 10th Derek Warrington

16th Norma Jeffrey

22nd John Pickering

23rd Robert Riley



## Vicar's Notes –

### Confirmation 2025 - Sunday 27th April @ 10 00 am

Confirmation and First Communion will take place on Sunday 27th April at 10 00 am. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Jill to St Chad's on that occasion. The Nurture Group for young people will run through Lent. For further details and information about how to register your interest, please contact the clergy. Candidates must be in Year 6 or older.

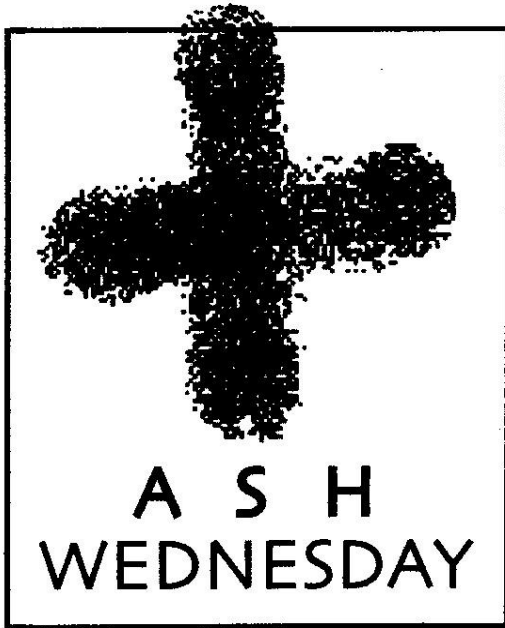
We will also run a preparation programme for adults and to aid our planning it would be good to have expressions of interest at this stage.

### Lent 2025

### Shrove Tuesday March 4th



## Ash Wednesday March 5th



Ash Wednesday is on March 5th and marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a 7.30 pm Parish Communion at St Chad's in addition to the usual 11.00 am Holy Communion at St Hilda's. At both these services there will be the opportunity to receive the Imposition of Ashes, the traditional sign of penitence and dependence upon God.

**Please look out for** details of this year's ecumenical study course, which will be based on the book "Women of Holy Week" by Paula Gooder. Study Groups will meet on Wednesdays at St Chad's, and on Thursdays at Poulton Methodist Church. There will also be a variety of study materials, including a book of daily reflections from the Diocese of Blackburn, to assist us in the weeks before Easter.

**Once again Christian Aid** will be organizing Lent Lunches, to raise funds for relief and development projects around the world. In



return for a simple lunch of soup and bread, we are invited to make a donation, which can be Gift-Aided. Look out for further details in the coming weeks.

## St Chad's Parish Meal at Singleton Lodge

### Thursday 27th February

We would love you to join us for this new venture, as we gather for a 3-course meal, on Thursday 27th February 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

In addition to a time of good food and good company, we are also delighted to welcome Rev Andrew Sach, a well-known author and speaker, who will address the question *"How is Christian faith still relevant in this modern scientific world?"*.

Why not bring a friend or family member, to hear a Christian response to a question we all face in today's world. The cost is £35 per head and to reserve a place please contact David Gascoigne on davidpgascoigne@gmail.com or 07768303462. A £10 deposit is required.

## In this season of Epiphany

*We need to see in the Babe born in Bethlehem the eternal star, which will lead us to the place where truth and love and mercy meet. Let us kneel with the shepherds and the kings, finding our heart's joy and peace in Jesus Christ. – George Appleton*

## Mothers' Union

On 27th November Penny Walters talked to us and 16 attended. 17 of us had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Stanley Park Golf Club on 11th December.

Our next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd January when there is a raffle for the International Mothers' Union and our speaker, Julie Rowlandson is from the International Aid Trust.

Rev John Squires spoke to 12 of the evening group on 12th November.

17 of us gathered on Tuesday 10th December at Jennie Sly's for a wonderful feast prepared by Jennie who we thanked.

We are having our Post Christmas meal at Thornton Lodge on 14th January.

On 11th February at 7.30pm a speaker from *North West Blood Bikes Lancs and Lakes* will come and may bring one of the bikes.

They are a group of volunteers and they either:

- Answer calls from the hospitals and dispatch Riders. *Or*
- Ride motorcycles to collect and deliver urgently needed whole blood, platelets, samples for analysis, medication, patient notes, small medical instruments, donor breast milk, etc. between NHS hospitals without charging the

hospitals. *Or*

- They simply try to make the public aware of what they do, often by giving talks to groups or standing at events or supermarkets. Donations are always welcome, to help them continue doing what they do.

**We received** the Bronze Award for the Rise Up against Domestic Abuse Campaign on Tuesday 3rd December at our Corporate Communion when Delia Parker was enrolled.

**We continue** to collect items for the Women's Refuge. They need any size of nappies, shampoos, conditioners and any cleaning items.

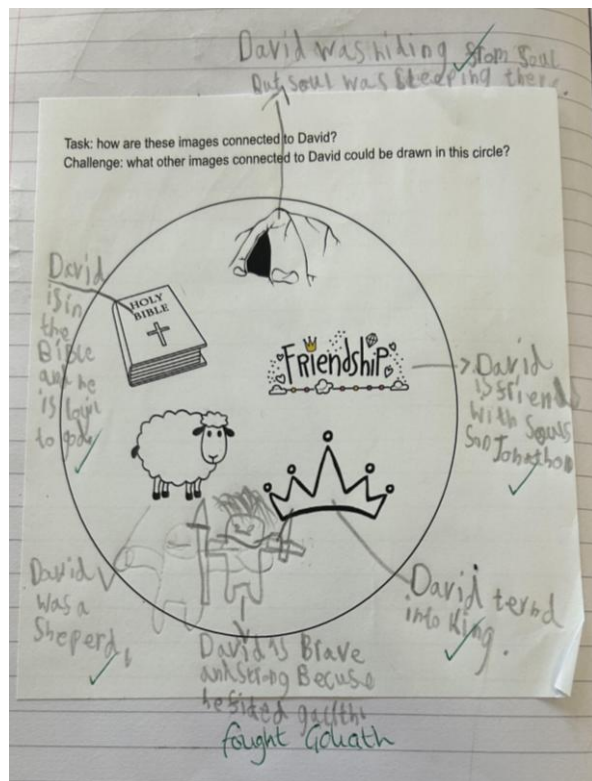
***We are collecting our 2025 Subs of £32 as soon as possible.***

Theme – Unity in Diversity

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14*



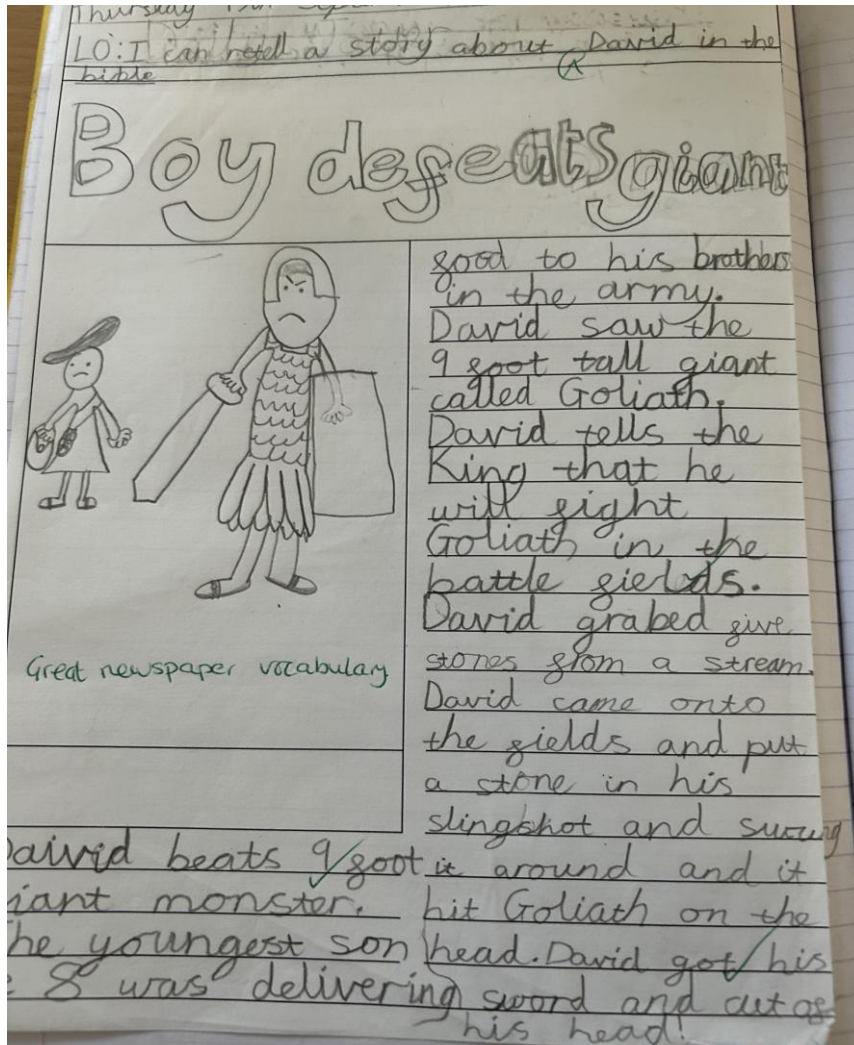
We then explored the story of David and looked at how David became King. We wrote recounts of David's brave battle with Goliath and discussed the idea that we all experience our own 'Goliaths' in our lives and what it means to have the courage to overcome these difficulties.



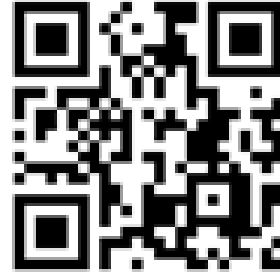
This led us on to exploring friendship and we discussed what makes a good friend before analysing David and Jonathan's friendship. We decided that Jonathan did the right thing to save David even though this must have been a difficult choice.

Following this, we found out that David had the opportunity to kill Saul when he was in the cave, but because of God's guidance, David didn't do this. We decided as a class that David did the right thing because two wrongs don't make a right and we

explored what this might look like in our own lives. For example: when our sibling hurts us, it can be really hard to not hurt them back but this is not the right thing to do.



We then looked at how David became King and explored the qualities of a good king both in the Old Testament and also in our world today. We decided that a lot of the qualities are the same. Finally, we have used the bible to find some Psalms and thought about what the meaning of these Psalms are.



## Websites and Social Media Information

St Chad's and St Hilda's Websites:

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

[www.facebook.com/st-chads-parish-church](http://www.facebook.com/st-chads-parish-church)

[www.facebook.com/St-Hildas-Church-Carleton](http://www.facebook.com/St-Hildas-Church-Carleton)

St Anne's Website:

[www.singletonchurch.co.uk](http://www.singletonchurch.co.uk)

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The Clergy and Churchwardens will be happy to field enquiries and put you in touch with the correct contact in Church.

## Sunday Service Times

8:00 am	Holy Communion (St Chad's)
9:30 am	Holy Communion (St Anne, Singleton)
10:00 am	Parish Communion (St Chad's) All Age Worship (1st Sunday of the month)
11:00 am	Holy Communion (St Hilda's)

The 10 o'clock Sunday Service from St Chad's will be streamed to the St Chad's Website and Facebook page (which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Chads-Parish-Church-474539146054369>)

## Midweek Services

Tuesday	10:00 am	Holy Communion (St Chad's)
Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion (St Hilda's)
Thursday	11:30 am	Holy Communion (St Chad's)
Friday	7:30 pm	Holy Communion (St Chad's)

For any queries about our churches, baptisms, marriages or about our services, please contact the Vicar

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