

We recently had the great encouragement of meeting the new head teacher, who asked us to meet with him for prayer for the school, and we hope this will be a regular occurrence.

If you are interested in joining us to train, or to become a prayer partner, please contact Jane Baines, jmbtv60@gmail.com, or 07941820976

5th Sunday August Benefice Service

Sunday 31st August 10:30am. St Michael's
A chance to come together gather in worship as a benefice. Our service will finish with a bring and share BBQ (weather permitting)

Cleaning St Paul's

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

This month we will be meeting on Saturday 26th.

For more details please speak to Julia Slack.

Online Banking

Our bank details for direct donations are:

St Paul's	20-72-67	506 706 93
St Michael's	20-72-67	607 141 43
Ashworth St James	07-92-99	673 196 53

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

No Cash with you?

All our churches are registered Charities and need your support. We now accept contactless giving.

Please use the donation point at the back of church or scan one of the QR codes to go directly to our online giving pages. Please ask if you need help. Thank you.



<< St Paul's



St Michael's >>

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

www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/24-250L

Services in July

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Michael's Holy Communion
Sunday 6th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	1pm	St Michael's Baptism
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Paul's Evensong
Sunday 13th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong
	7.30pm	St Michael's Breathe
Sunday 20th	10am	St Paul's Holy Communion
	10am	St Michael's Morning Praise
	1pm	St Paul's Baptism
	3pm	St James' Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10am	St Paul's Morning Praise
	10am	St Michael's Holy Communion
	3pm	St James' Evensong

Please take this pew sheet home with you
and recycle it in due course

Thank you

Readings

Wednesday	2	Matthew 8.28-34
Sunday	6	Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16
Sunday	6	Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
Wednesday	9	Matthew 10.1-7
Sunday	13	Colossians 1.1-14
Sunday	13	Luke 10.25-37
Wednesday	16	Matthew 11.25-27
Sunday	20	Colossians 1.15-28
Sunday	20	Luke 10.38-end
Wednesday	23	Matthew 13.1-9
Sunday	27	Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]
Sunday	27	Luke 11.1-13
Wednesday	30	Matthew 13.44-46

Tea & Cakes

Tea and Cakes is in St Paul's Parish Hall at 2pm on Thursday 3rd July. Then on the second Thursday, 10th July we will have Hymns and Prayer, also in the parish hall.

Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events. *Transport can be arranged if required.* Speak to Jenny Short (St Paul's) or Sue Palmer (St Michael's) for details.

Website changes

Our main benefice website www.rochdalenorthwest.org now points to our new site, hosted by the main Church of England web platform, A Church Near You. There you will find links to each of the churches.

Or simply go to www.achurchnearyou.com and type in your postcode.

The Book of Job

Have you ever read the book of Job?
Have you ever wondered what was in the book of Job?
Have you ever wondered about the problem of evil and suffering?

Now is the chance to delve into a book which explores the problem of suffering, and how we as **Christians** respond to it as individuals and as a community, and what part does God play in it. We will listen to David Suchet (not in person) read the text and then reflect together on what it means for us today. Sessions will run in 2 house groups

A - 21/7, 28/7; 4/8; 1/9, 8/9, 15/9

B - 28/7, 4/8, 25/8, 1/9, 8/9, 15/9

Venue TBC.

Please let Jason or Kirsten know if you're interested

2nd Sunday Choir St Paul's

The first gathering of the 2nd Sunday Choir at St Paul's will be on *17th July 7pm* at the vicarage. All welcome to come and have a go!

Important: Parish Hall Booking

The arrangements for booking St Paul's Parish Hall have changed. We now have a dedicated phone for all Hall bookings and enquiries: **07312 082412** Please only use this new number.

Pet Blessing Service

17th August, St Michael's, 10am

Come and celebrate all creatures great and small as we give thanks for the world God has given to us. Bring your pets!

Confirmation

Did you know... That in order to regularly receive Holy Communion you should be baptised and confirmed? This autumn we are running another course leading toward confirmation for those who want to take a step forward in their walk with Jesus. If you have not been baptised or confirmed, have a think and a chat with Jason or Kirsten about the next steps in your faith journey.

School Pastors

School Pastors is a national and international group of Christian volunteers who go into schools, or patrol outside schools, in order to show in practical ways, the love of God.

For example, they might make sure (just by being there) that young people are not targeted by gangs, or drug dealers outside school, or they might patrol the local shops just after school, to make sure the young people are not making a nuisance of themselves.

Some groups work more inside schools to support the young people and staff.

School Pastors in Rochdale is very new, having started last year, headed by two Rochdale Street Pastors (Street and School Pastors are part of the same organisation).

We are currently working in St Cuthberts RC school, and go every Thursday lunchtime to meet the young people, chat and play games.

The School has a special covered area in the playground called 'The Dome' where kids can go at lunchtime. It acts as a haven for certain kids who need a quieter, safer space than the raucous playground. This is where we currently go to meet the young people.