

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.

St Chad's JC Kids – Explorers meet from 9.45am to 10.45am in the Poulton le Fylde Community Hall, Vicarage Road, FY6 7BE

Everyone is welcome! Children 0 to 6 years are welcome to attend with parents, guardians, or carers. Children 7 to 11 years may choose to attend without parental supervision, if this is felt to be appropriate.

News

Today is Advent Sunday and the beginning of a new church year.

The focus of our weekly readings will move to St Matthew's Gospel.

Join us at 3pm today at St Martin's and St Hilda's Church for our Advent Light Workshop. Everyone is welcome to come along and decorate your very own Advent Light. Followed by the Advent Light Service in church at 4pm.

Congratulations to St Chad's Mothers Union on receipt of the Rise Up Silver Award for their work in supporting refugees across the diocese.

The latest New Sentinel is available for collection, with full details of services over Christmas and other items of interest.

Details of all our Christmas services are available on the flyers at the back of church.

Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool Women's Refuges and a Men's Refuge:

We asked what would be useful to get them for Christmas. Children (all ages, boys and girls) toys/ games /hats, gloves, scarves. Pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers, fluffy socks /arts and crafts sets/ books. Older children and teens (10-18 years, boys and girls) toiletry sets (Lynx, Dove,) gloves, hats, scarves Women (all ages) toiletry sets (Dove), gloves, hats, scarves, slippers, pyjamas, dressing gowns, fluffy socks. All ages: Chocolates - boxes of chocolates, Christmas chocolate, advent calendars/ hamper items. Please see the poster at the back of church

Children's Society Boxholders. If you are holding a Children's Society collecting box we would welcome opening it, so we can remit the proceeds to the Society next month. Please pass your box to Lorraine, Doreen or Richard and it will be returned to you after emptying. If it is more convenient for us to collect the box please have a word with Lorraine (890524) or Richard (07801827588).

If you are not a boxholder but would like to join the St Chad's network please have a word with us. It really is a most convenient way for dealing with that small change! Finally, the Children's Society Committee wishes to thank the St Chad's fellowship for the further donation of £100 arising from the Sunday refreshments.

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday at 7:00pm in the Vicarage, we are planning ways to mark the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Blackburn in the parish. We are focusing on the planned Mission Weekend in September. If you have ideas about what worked or didn't at our recent Mission Weekend or what might work next time round please come along or let us know your ideas.

The Afternoon Bible Study will meet on Thursday at 2pm when we will be studying Songs of Celebration which are Psalms 113,114,115 and 116. If you would like to join us, contact June about the venue on 864534 or 07812770241 for details

Little Gang will hold a short service in St Chad's on Friday at 10am.

Friday sees the 2025 Poulton Christmas Festival with a variety of stalls across. Marketplace. The Lighting of the Crib and the Christmas Tree will take. Place at the later time of 4:45pm, followed by the arrival of Father Christmas.

Next Saturday from 11:00am to 1:00pm, St Martin's and St Hilda's will hold a Christmas Fair in the church hall. Join us for festive stalls, raffle, tombola, and refreshments. All are welcome.

Next Sunday is All Age Worship and we will be holding our Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society. Envelopes and collecting candles are available at the back of church today.

Advanced Notice

Enjoying the Psalms In what is fast becoming an annual event our next free bible teaching workshop will take place on **Sat 31st Jan 2026** in Poulton Community Hall (9am coffee, 9.30am start and 12:45pm finish). Our speaker Matt Searles will help us navigate around the book of Psalms to find food for our souls and fuel for our worship. There is a sign up sheet in church or for more details, see the information leaflets, contact David davidpgascoigne@gmail.com 07768303462

This Coming Week

Monday

12.00pm Funeral of Alison Purdon St Chad's
7.00pm Outreach Committee Vicarage

Tuesday

10.00am Holy Communion St Chad's
MU Corporate Communion

Wednesday

Thursday

11.30am Holy Communion St Chad's
2.00pm Afternoon Bible Study (see inside)

Friday

10.00am Little Gang Poulton St Chad's
4.45pm Poulton Christmas Festival
7.30pm Holy Communion St Chad's

Saturday

11.00am St Martin' & St Hilda's Christmas Fair

Sunday 7 December Advent 2

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's
10.00am All Age Worship St Chad's
11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's

Readings: Isaiah 11 v 1-10 Romans 15 v 4-13
Matthew 3 v 1-12

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St Chad's Parish Church



St Hilda's Church Carleton

www.stchadschurch.org

30th NOVEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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
38 Hark, a thrilling voice
30 Come, thou long – expected Jesus
50 The advent of our King
452 Let all mortal flesh 649 God of mercy
41 Lo, he comes with clouds
11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's
3.00pm Advent Light Workshop St Hilda's

Readings: Isaiah 2v 1-5 Romans 13 v 11-14
Matthew 24 v 36-44

Collect: Almighty God,
as your Kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In our community we pray for those who live and work in:
Lockwood Avenue, Longfield Avenue
Longfield Place, Longhouse Lane