

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 we welcome the Freemasons of the Fylde for their Masonic Carol Service at 2.30pm in St Chad's, with music by Waterloo Ladies Choir. All are welcome.

This afternoon at 4.00pm there will be a Candlelit Carol Service at St Anne's Singleton, with music by the Occasional Singers and the traditional handbell Christmas Peal.

A psychology student from this area and studying at the University of York, is currently researching the relationship between religious orientation and wellbeing. If anyone would be willing to complete my questionnaire to help with this, it is online and will only take approximately 10-15 minutes. The link to the study is:

https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1TzDzQSHNW7Dcj4.

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

Please could you make sure all items for Christmas for the Refuges are left at Church by Sunday 21st December.

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

The Children's Society Committee wish to thank the St Chad's fellowship for the amazing support for our 'Christingle Service' and for your generosity of your donations which totalled £525. Also to thank our network of boxholders who with their small change donations have raised £366. These funds have been remitted to the Children's Society to assist them in their valuable work with vulnerable children.

We are once again collecting Christmas gifts for the homeless which will go to Vincent House. Please mark your gift for a man or a woman and place in the Santa Bag at the back of church. The final day to drop off gifts is next Sunday, 21st December.

Poulton CE School will hold their infant Nativity in St Chad's on Tuesday at 1:30pm.

MU Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday arriving at Stanley Park Golf Club, North Park Drive-12.30pm for 1pm. Raffle prizes will be welcome.

Hodgson Academy will hold their Carol Service in St Chad's on Thursday at 6:00pm with additional contributions from Blackpool Sixth Form College.

Next Saturday at 4:00pm in St Martin's and St Hilda's Shared Church, there will be a Carol Service with the Ecumenical Choir. All are welcome.

Next Sunday at 6:30pm St Chad's Candle Lit Carol Service will take place. A big thank you in advance to Joan Swan and members of the Ecumenical Choir who have worked hard to organise this service following the recent illness of David Chadwick. We are delighted to welcome as our guests the Mayor of Wyre, Councillor Steve Nichols and the Chair of Lancashire County Council Councillor Alf Clemson.

Advanced Notices

MU Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 17th December arriving at Stanley Park Golf Club 12.30pm for 1pm. Raffle prizes will be welcome.

Christmas Eve 5.30pm	Crib Service (ideal for children and families)
Christmas Day 8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Family Communion (children bring a gift to show)

There will be no newsletter on Sunday 28th December when we will be keeping The Holy Innocents.

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

Tuesday

10.00am Holy Communion St Chad's
1.30pm Poulton CE School Infant Nativity St Chad's

Wednesday

12.30pm MU Christmas Lunch Stanley Park Golf Club

Thursday

11.30am Holy Communion St Chad's
6.00pm Hodgson Academy Carol Service St Chad's

Friday

10.00am Little Gang Poulton Community Hall
7.30pm Holy Communion St Chad's

Saturday

4.00pm Carol Service St Martin's & St Hilda's

Sunday 21 December Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's
10.00am Parish Communion St Chad's
11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's
6.30pm Candle Lit Carol Service St Chad's

Readings: Isaiah 7 v 10-16 Romans 1 v 1-7
Matthew 1 v 18-25

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St Chad's Parish Church



St Hilda's Church Carleton

14th DECEMBER

THIRD 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
11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's
2.30pm Masonic Carol Service St Chad's
4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service St Anne's Singleton

Readings: Isaiah 35 v 1-10 James 5 v 7-10

Matthew 11 v 2-11

Collect: God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our community we pray for those who live and work in:

Mains Lane, Maldern Avenue

Maple Drive, Market Place