# 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

This evening 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.

#### **Christmas Services**

**Christmas Eve** 

5.30pm Crib Service (ideal for children and families)11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

**Christmas Day** 

8.00am Holy Communion10.30am Family Communion (children bring a gift to show)

**Today is the last chance to donate 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 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.

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

Thank you for all the gifts for Christmas for the Refuges. They are very grateful. We will continue to collect items for the Refuges in the New Year-They need any size of nappies, shampoos, conditioners and any cleaning items. They will accept some small kitchen electricals - they get them PAT tested before giving out. They would also accept plates, bowls etc and pyjamas. The Men's Refuge welcome donations of toiletries.

There will be no newsletter next Sunday when we will be keeping The Holy Innocents.

#### **Advanced Notices**

**On Sunday 4th January**, our puppeteers will join us for All - Age Worship as we celebrate The Epiphany and the visit of the Magi with their gifts.

**2026** marks a year of celebrations on the 100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Blackburn, and we will begin those celebrations on January  $4^{th}$ , as we dedicate the New Year to God and offer our gifts in his service.

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 <a href="mailto:davidpgascoigne@gmail.com">davidpgascoigne@gmail.com</a> 07768303462

## **This Coming Week**

Monday

Tuesday

10.00am Holy Communion St Chad's

Wednesday Christmas Eve

5.30pm Crib Service St Chad's 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist St Chad's

**Readings:** Isaiah 9 v 2-7

Titus 2 v 11-14

Luke 2 v 1-20

Thursday Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's 10.30am Family Communion St Chad's

**Readings:** Isaiah 62 v 6-12 Titus 3 v 4-7

Luke 2 v 1-20

Friday

7.30pm Holy Communion St Chad's

Saturday

Sunday 28 December Holy Innocents

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

11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's

**Readings**: Jeremiah 31 v 15-17 1 Corinthians 1 v 26-29 Matthew 2 v 13-18

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St Chad's Parish Church

St Hilda's Church Carleton

# 21st DECEMBER

# FOURTH 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

394 Tell out, my soul

50 The advent of our King

45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

85 The Angel Gabriel 41Lo, he comes with clouds

315 Sing we of the blessed Mother

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

Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our community we pray for those who live and work in:
Maycroft Avenue, Meadow Crescent
Mill Hey Avenue, Milton Crescent