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Merry Christmas Everyone
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the Headingley and All Hallows' team



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St Chad's Church Diary – December & January 2021

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Date	Time	Services & Events
Every Thursday except 30 th December	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Sunday <u>5th December</u>	8am 9.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Christingle Service – BOOKING REQUIRED - Perfect for the whole family All funds raised will be donated to The Children's Society Evensong
Sunday 12 th December	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-age 'Toy' service - perfect for the whole family - Accepting donations of <u>new</u> toys as gifts for disadvantaged Leeds children of all-ages Evensong
Sunday 19 th December	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Christmas Carol Service - BOOKING REQUIRED Come and support our wonderful choir
Friday 24 th December	3pm & 5pm	Crib Services (two this year!) – BOOKING REQUIRED - Perfect for the whole family Nativity costumes optional but encouraged!
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service – BOOKING REQUIRED
Saturday 25 th December	8am 9.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion for Christmas Day – bring the whole family!
Christmas Day		
Sunday 26 th December		No services
Sunday 2 nd January	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion (No children's groups) Evensong
Sunday 9 th January	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-age service - perfect for the whole family Evensong
Sunday 16 th January	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong
Sunday 23 rd January	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong
Sunday 30 th January	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Epiphany Carol Service

St Michael and All Angels' Church Diary for December 2021

Date	Time	Services & Events
Sunday 5 th December The Second Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.30pm	All-Age Eucharist 'Cloth for the Cradle' Evensong
Friday 10 th December	6pm to 9pm	Art and Craft Fair in St Michael's Church
Sunday 12 th December The Third Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 19 th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Lessons and Carols for Christmas
Friday 24 th December Christmas Eve	4pm 11.30pm	Christingle Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 25 th December	10.00am	Parish Eucharist for Christmas Morning
Sunday December 26 th The Feast of Stephen	10.00am	Said Holy Communion (No service of Evensong today)
Wednesday December 1 st , 8 th , 15 th and 22 nd (No service on the 29 th)	11.30am	Said Holy Communion



St Michael and All Angels' Church Diary for January 2022

Date	Time	Services & Events
Sunday 2 nd January Epiphany	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (No Evensong today)
Sunday 9 th January The Baptism of Christ	10.00am 6.30pm	All Age Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 16 th January Epiphany 2	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong
Sunday 23 rd January Epiphany 3	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 30 th January Candlemas	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong
Wednesday January 5 th , 12 th , 19 th and 26 th	11.30am	Said Holy Communion

Adventuring in Advent.

What do you think of when you think about Advent?
Do you think about Advent or do you jump straight from
Hallowe'en to Christmas?

Advent is a short season of the Church's year; there are only
4 Sundays in Advent which may start
as early as November 27th and as late
as December 3rd, and it has become
dominated by our preparations for
Christmas.

Despite good intentions we get pulled
in different directions as the world
around us gets caught up in the
Christmas rush. Even Advent calendars
have become more about expensive
treats rather than following the story
of the birth of Jesus with added
chocolate.



*St Michael's Posada
or travelling crib*

It has not always been like this!

Beginning around the sixth century Advent has been a time of
preparation for the celebration of the Nativity marked by fasting
and prayer.

The Latin word *adventus*, from which our word Advent is derived,
is paralleled in Greek by the word *parousia*, which has strong
links, in Christian tradition, with the expectation of Christ's
second coming in judgement and in later centuries, people's
thoughts were directed in Advent to contemplation of the Four
Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven.

In recent years there has been a shift away from that focus towards joyful expectation of Christ's coming at Christmas, the embodiment of God's saving work in liberating his people from oppression.

Advent is about preparation and expectation, so let us make full use of the opportunity of the season and spend a little time every day preparing ourselves for Christmas.

We can pray for the people we are writing Christmas cards to or buying present for.

We can donate goods to Rainbow Junktion or other food bank as a reverse Advent calendar - something for every day in Advent.

We can read and contemplate on a few verses of the Christmas stories in the gospels of Matthew and Luke each day or we can read an Advent book. At St Michael's we will have a selection of books available to be borrowed, many of which contain a daily reading and short reflection for each day of Advent.

Let's adventure a little in Advent and journey with the Holy Family to Bethlehem where we will receive the greatest gift of all.

With every blessing to you this Advent and Christmas,

Revd Dr Angela Birkin Team Vicar

Huge thanks to all the magazine contributors.

**Please note we will not be publishing a January edition of
Team Ministry News**

The copy deadline for our Feb Magazine is Monday 17th Jan

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The first question was 'What two things do you already do for our environment?'. The most popular response (24%) was to recycle and/or compost as much as possible, with walking/cycling instead of using a car or public transport in second place at 15% of respondents. To complete the top-five things people are already doing, we had eating a more plant-based/vegetarian diet (6%), not owning a car (3%) and using a green energy supplier (3%).



The second question was 'What else will you pledge to do for our environment?'. The top-five things the people of Headingley have pledged to do were - eat less meat/be more flexitarian (10%); use the car less (9%); reduce/avoid single use plastic (8%); eat more vegan meals/become vegan (6%); walk more (5%).

All three churches were represented throughout the day at the stall and it was really important for us to be present at this vital community event, so I would like to extend a great deal of thanks to all those who helped to organise and run the stall, we really got the people of Headingley and beyond thinking about what else they can do to help protect our precious environment.

Along with a couple of photos from the day, I wanted to leave you with some more of the ideas pledged at the street fair in the hope that you, the reader, may see something that perhaps you hadn't thought of doing. You never know, a small change could save you some pennies and also make a great deal of difference to our shared environment. Go on, give something a go!

Luke Verrall - Convenor – St Michael's Green Group

Car Free Street Fair What Environmental Pledges did Headingley make?



On Sunday 19th September, Zero Carbon Headingley (an initiative by Headingley Development Trust) held their second Car Free Street Fair. This involved the closure of North Lane to all traffic between 12:00 – 17:00 to provide a safe, pollution-free venue. No sooner had the road been closed and you could be forgiven for thinking you had entered a Victorian market scene! Stalls were erected on one side of the road selling items, sharing environmental ideas and encouraging children to get involved and have fun, whilst a diverse programme of live music was playing outside Manahatta including choral singing, jazz and folk. The atmosphere was so alive and refreshing, you couldn't help but smile and enjoy yourself!



The Headingley and All Hallows Team once again held a stall and in the same vein as 2019, we encouraged passers-by to come and make environmental pledges of what they would commit to do to help our environment. We also had an activity for children where they could get messy making a Bee Bomb!

The stall was busy throughout the afternoon, and we thought it interesting to analyse the key issues and commitments that Headingley is thinking about, particularly in the wake of the COP26 conference. We encouraged people to take away their pledge card so that they could refer to it after the event, however for those who left their cards at the stall, we asked the following two questions.

Tribute to Constance Colby (17.5.1925 – 12.5.2020)

Constance Colby was born on the 17th May 1925 in Leeds - the only child of John and Mary Hamilton, and was always called Connie from childhood. The family settled in the Harold's and Connie attended Brudenell Road School where she met her lifelong friend Lucy.

Connie did well at school and gained a scholarship to the Leeds College of Commerce.

In 1940 school children were evacuated and Connie was sent to Ripon with her friend Madge Merry. They were chosen by a Mrs Moody and for six months lived at Skell Terrace by the river. When she returned home air raids started and Connie remembered hiding in the cellar with her mother whilst her father, an ARP warden, was out on duty.

At the age of 16 she passed a secretarial examination and started work for Leeds City Council. She enjoyed music and ballroom dancing going to dances, with Lucy, in the many ballrooms in Leeds. The Capitol was her favourite as it had a sprung dance floor. It was at a dance at Leeds Town Hall where she met Eric Colby, who as it happened lived only a few streets away from her.

Connie and Eric married in January 1953 at All Hallows' church and bought the family home in Newport View. They both worked long hours and Connie had three jobs. During the weekdays and on a Saturday morning she worked for the Leeds City Council becoming personal assistant to a Chief officer; in the evening she taught shorthand and typing at the College of Commerce and on a Saturday afternoon worked on the Newsdesk at the Yorkshire Evening Post - typing up reports and results from journalists who were phoning in from local football and rugby matches.

When John was born Connie stopped work as was expected in those days. Joan was born a few years later. Connie did return several years later to working at the Yorkshire Evening post on a Saturday afternoon and to teaching at night school - shorthand, typing & secretarial practice at Park Lane College. She had the most beautiful hand-writing and could quickly jot down notes in shorthand.

It was when John attended St. Michaels School the family's long association with St. Michaels began and Joan attending pre-school "Mrs Podmore's" in the Parochial Hall in Bennett Road.

Connie joined the Young Wives, the Mother's Union, took turns on the coffee rota after the Sunday morning service, was on the magazine rota, was involved with the Stewardship committee and was PCC secretary for many years. She was also on the brass cleaning rota – the left altar rail in particular. She joined in all fund-raising activities whether jumble sales, beetle drives or flag days – always getting involved and always busy.

She was proud when Eric became a Sidesman and then a Church warden. They both took their responsibilities most seriously and responsibly – not wanting a fuss just getting on with the jobs to be done. They continued their enjoyment of dancing with the Denis Altman's dance school in the centre of Leeds where they gained medals and statuettes in Ballroom and Latin Dancing. Sadly, Eric died in June 2002.

In 2011 Connie moved to sheltered housing in Kidderminster, to be closer to family. There she had a self-contained flat and made many new friends. In 2017 she moved to Nightingales Care Home near Kidderminster, where she was very well cared for and looked after. She made new friends and enjoyed all the activities especially the quizzes showing off her general knowledge especially of movie stars and musicals from the 1940s and 1950s.

Even though Connie had left Leeds her heart was always back here. She spoke on many occasions of the happy times spent and her friends here at St. Michaels. She passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on the 12th May 2020 at her Care Home. Connie's Memorial Service was at St Michael's on November 20th this year.



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St Michael's and All Angels' charity of the season for December and January

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Many thanks Revd Angela Birkin



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St Chad's Lunch Club re-launch and Special Christmas Dinner

We are pleased to announce that the St Chad's Lunch Club will be restarting regularly on Wednesday's 12-1.30pm from January 5th 2022 and will be kicking off before that with a home cooked Christmas Dinner on

15th December at noon.

The lunch club is for retired people who live in the parish and would enjoy sharing a hot meal and some friendly company each week. Lifts can be provided for those who can't get to the Parish Centre under their own steam. If you would like to come and try out the lunch club, or would like to join the team of volunteers, please contact Penny Rice pennyrice@msn.com 07762 824470.



Family Quiz and Pie and Pea Supper

Friday 3rd December 7.00 -9.30 pm

It's been too long since we've enjoyed a good old St Chad's social!



Get your tickets now for this evening of fun and food for all ages together in the Parish Centre hall and bar. You can book online at <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTQ4MS0xMDQ/t> or in person with Susan Milestone or Nicki Bagnall. Tickets Include Pie and Peas or a veggie option and the bar will be open for drinks: Adult £5, Child £2.50, Family £15. Pay in cash on the night. Our new Youth Worker Ollie is looking forward to joining us to Introduce himself and get to know us better, and especially to hear from families about how they would like the St Chad's youth work to develop.

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Diary of a Church Dog

Well, here we are again December and another year ends. I have watched from my seat at the back of church the comings and goings of my friends and family at St Michaels for the last twelve months. I have seen new people come and join us, we have lost old friends and seen new babies arrive. In short, apart from the dreaded covid, it has been a year marked by all the normal and usual events. The church's calendar begins at Advent and Christmas follows as it should. The joy and colour of Christmas is always a welcome insert to the long cold winter nights. Amongst all the commercial shedazzle and sell, sell, sell it is sometimes hard to see the true message.

Mumma has a number of favourite poems that always come to mind at this time of year the first is the glorious Betjeman poem Christmas. Mumma's beloved husband used to read it every year at the Advent Carol Service the words are so beautifully set and she especially loves verse 6. Her second Advent poem is the beautiful The Coming by R.S Thomas. Finally the words of Advent by Eric-Milner White.

*And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?*

*Let me sing the new song,
following the Lamb whithersoever he
goeth, loving wheresoever he loveth,
doing whatsoever he biddeth,
unto the perfect day
and for ever and ever.*

*On a bare Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.*

These words are just so very
beautiful, and I commend all three
poems to you as a pre-Christmas
meditation



Results from the St Chad's Environment Service

At the end of the latest St Chad's environment service on 17th October, members of the congregation were invited to write on post-it notes one thing they had already done for the sake of the environment and another thing they were planning to do. Totting the results up has been complicated by the fact that the post-it notes often didn't make very clear what had already been done and what was planned and several people most generously recorded several things they had done with the intention of improving the environment. Here is therefore a compilation of both the planned and completed changes the members of the congregation recorded and, like Luke Verrall's record from the Zero Carbon Headingley car-free street fair, gives an impression of the things the congregation at St Chad's are doing to reduce carbon emissions and improve our environment, in the hope of inspiring others.

Dietary	Vegetarian	4
	Eat less meat/fish	27
	Reduce food miles	2
	Shop more locally	4
	Reduce palm oil use	2
	Eat more responsibly	1
	Fast 1 day per month	1
Energy	Reduce energy use	19
	Cycle or walk more	19
	Reduce car use	12
	Change to electric car	7
	Consider environmental implications of travel	5
	Installed solar panels	2
	Reduce screen time	1
Reuse/Recycle	As much as possible	16
	Terracycle	4
	Reduce waste	4
	Use reusable nappies	1
Water	Use less/recycle	3
Plastic	Less plastic use	9
	Use solid soap & skin care products	1
Fashion & toys	Use sustainable fabrics	1
	Try to avoid fast fashion	1
	Buy more second hand	2
	Make do with less	1
Garden	Composting	1
	Bug hotel	1
	Plant more wild flowers	1
Information	Learn/teach more about environment issues	4
Environment	Help Litter Free Leeds	1
	Climate Advisory Committee member	1

Helen Cruickshank - Green Team member

Mothers' UNION

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Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm—Knit and natter

Venue—Bar area of Parish Centre.

Thursday 9th 2.00pm—Reflections of Christmas

Venue—Small hall

Sharing some of our favourite Christmas readings or poems etc please bring an item to share with other members There will be seasonal refreshments

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms

'In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.'

None this month

Weddings

'Marriage is a way of life made holy by God'

None this month

Confirmations

24th October - Alec Temple, Emma Cayley, Fiona Williams, Jacob Fitzgerald, Jacqueline Hall, Joshua Watson, Lucy Hart, Myrian Vasquez Herrick, Nora Mitchell

Funerals

'May they rest in peace and rise in glory.'

16 November - Raymond Bruce - age 94 years
St Michaels

13 November - Grace Carr - Aged 96 - St Chad's
16 November - Chris Milestone - Aged 76- St Chad's

Interments

9 November - Irene Spencer - Aged 81 - St Chad's
20 November - Grace Carr - Aged 96 - St Chad's

Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes

20 November - Constance Colby - age 94 years
St Michaels



Thought of the Month 'God is Working His Purpose Out'

By Nigel Greenwood

The start of any new year is always more than just a transition – rather an opportunity to reflect on the past year and decide to bring changes, renew friendships, plan holidays, visit folk whom we don't see very often, and of course to make resolutions – but in 2021 the new year is likely to be different.

As ever, our rest and devotions over Christmas will prepare us all for the challenges and opportunities which any new year brings, as we seek to discern God's purpose for us on this next stage of our faith journey. This brings me to one of my favourite hymns not only in the new year but at any time or season, as it offers so much to inspire, reassure and guide us throughout each year. Whatever is going on around us, regardless of local, national or global circumstances, the words have a timeless quality – drawing us towards something infinitely beyond our human experience with an eternal aspect.

So, what is God's purpose for us? This is surely one of those vital 'meaning of life' questions for all Christians and, as would be expected, scripture abounds with advice!

In the creation story from Genesis we are told how God said "Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" going on to say how we are created in the image of God.

I know John's younger daughter, Maggie, as she was at one time a Magazine Distributor and still subscribes to it. Recently we met over a cup of coffee as she reminisced.

Her Father and Mother (Margery) went to Africa at Christmas 1970. The reason for their visit was to see their older daughter Ann (now living in Durham) who had moved to Western Uganda to teach Mathematics and later English.

The nearest large place was Mbarara, but the school was at Bweranyangi where 'google' indicates there is a girls' Secondary School – boarding only for Middle and High. It has quite a history and thanks to the computer one is also able to see the backdrop of the Ruwenzori Mountains he speaks of.

Dorothy Gazey



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Spotlight on the St Chad's Parish Magazine archive
An item from February 1981
A MEMORY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Communion (and why ever must they call it Eucharist, as though English were inadequate?) reminded me of another Communion exactly ten years ago to the day and five thousand miles away in a little village among the hills of Western Uganda, not far from the Ruwenzori Mountains.

There were fewer than a dozen of us, black and white, and one jovial burly black Priest; for accommodation we had the hall-cum-chapel of the local school. A single vase of frangipani marked the beauty of the occasion and supplied the perfume of heaven itself, little lizards scampered around the rafters and fire-flies flitted in and out of the windows. Beyond was the warm scent and sounds of an African night.

Inside were the familiar words – The Collect for Christmas Day – the Confession – “We do not presume ...” – The Consecration of the (home-baked) bread and the wine – and everything conduced to reverence and tranquillity and an abiding sense of the nearness of God. And the selfsame Christian Office said in that tiny corner of a great continent underlined how world-wide is the Faith.

All who know Africa must have had a similar experience; for me it cannot now be repeated but it remains as vivid as it was ten years ago.

John S. Barnshaw

PS. November 2021

I remember John Barnshaw (a retired Headmaster) often standing at the back of church during my early days at St Chad's. He was on the PCC at the time? The article was from a collection taken from the Archives and I was prompted at a Magazine meeting to find out more of the background to it.

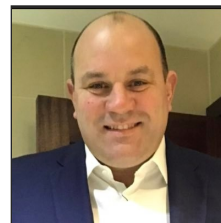
But before we get carried away with such power, Proverbs 19 warns us ‘**many are the plans in a person's heart**, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails’.

Psalms 57 tells how God guides, supports and encourages us: ‘I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfils his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me - God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.’ God has a purpose for everyone: ‘I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth’ (Exodus 9:16). Perhaps it is left to Paul to be more specific in his guidance to the Philippians: ‘it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose’.

God's purpose for us is surely beyond definition, but Micah makes it abundantly simple and clear: ‘to listen to what the Lord says then act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.’

So, as again we look forward to another new year, our thoughts are stirred to echo words from the hymn, as the time draws nearer when the earth shall be filled with the Glory of God.

‘God is working His purpose out’
A.C.Ainger in Hymns AMR No.271



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Exciting news! A youth worker for St Chad's Church!

St Chad's are excited to introduce Ollie Greenfield, a Missional Generation Youth Worker who has been engaged to serve at St Chad's, 6 hours a week for 5 years. This is an exciting step forward in our strategy to grow and develop the faith of our young people.

The Alpha Course has been a wonderful start to this, and Ollie will build on those beginnings to develop a permanent Friday Night youth group. In 2022, we will introduce another group for Year 5 and 6 primary school children earlier the same night. Ollie will need lots of volunteers to help with the groups. If you'd like to be a part of this exciting new ministry please get in touch with Hannah or Linda Ward.

A word from Ollie....

Hello! My name is Ollie ...

and I would love for you to know a little bit about me. I have been living in Yorkshire all my life, on the edge of Leeds in a town called Ilkley.



I grew up going through the children's and youth groups at my church and loved the joy and teaching that I gained from them, so much so that I eventually became the children's and youth worker there, where I worked for 3 years before moving this summer into Leeds to work with Missional Generation.

I am passionate about sharing the gospel with young people and am excited to be able to join in with the inspiring work done by Missional Generation. I love to see young people step up and take a lead in their own faith and share that faith with others.

My journey up to this point had started with me originally setting out for teacher training. After finishing my training I was invited by my youth worker at the time to help him lead the children and youth groups. This opened up a new door for me and I am so thankful for that as it led me to my calling to minister to our young people. I will be looking out for opportunities and events at your church that I can join with, but in the meantime, I would love to meet up for a coffee and get to know as many of you as I can, so please don't hesitate to ask.

PRAYER POINTS

Please will you stand with myself and Missional Generation in praying for the following:

- Pray for me as I settle into a new community after recently moving***
- For beginning the work I am going to do within St Chad's.***
- For the exciting opportunities Missional Generation has to equip, resource, and gather our young people.***