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## St Chad's Church Diary – November 2022

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\*\*\*Please note new start time for Evensong is 4pm from November 2022 to end of March 2023.\*\*\*

Date	Time	Services & Events
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion – with children's groups Evensong
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> November	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-age service for Remembrance Sunday – perfect for the whole family Evensong
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> November	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30-9pm	Youth Group (Older Group Only) – Offsite event
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Advent Sunday	8am 9.30am 6.30pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Advent Carol Service
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall



St Michael and All Angels' Services - November 2022		
Date	Time	Services
6 <sup>th</sup> November The Third Sunday Before Advent	10am	All Age Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong with Prayer for Healing
13 <sup>th</sup> November The Second Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday	10am	Parish Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday with Act of Remembrance at Headingley War memorial
	6.30pm	Evensong
20 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
27 <sup>th</sup> November The First Sunday of Advent	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Service of Carols and Readings for Advent
4 <sup>th</sup> December The Second Sunday of Advent	10am	All Age Eucharist – Cloth for the Cradle
	6.30pm	Evensong with prayer for Healing and Wholeness
Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup> (The second Tuesday of the month)	8pm	Compline
Wednesdays in November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> .	10.30am	Holy Communion (said) in the Lady Chapel





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**‘Remember, Remember’ November is a month for remembering.**

### November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day.

At each Evensong service, in the Apostles’ Creed we affirm that we believe in the communion of Saints. On All Saints Day especially we remember the saints, all those men and women who strove to follow Christ, in each generation who have gone before us and by doing so we acknowledge that we are part of an unbroken chain in Christ.

‘For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.’ (W. Walshaw How 1823-1897)

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls’ Day.

We remember the faithful departed, particularly members of our families and our friends. There is sadness in this remembering, but also healing of grief as we commend those, we love who have died to the merciful keeping of God.

‘There’s rosemary, that’s for remembrance, pray, love, remember’ (Hamlet Act IV scene 5)

### November 5<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Night.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we remember the Gunpowder Plot – an attempt to blow up the King and Parliament on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605. In remembering an assassination plot that failed we can also remember all those who are victims of political assassination, political prisoners, and those in fear of violence because they speak out against those who wield power unjustly and violently.

‘Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the Gunpowder Treason and Plot.’



## November 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day.

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.



Remembrance Sunday is observed on the closest Sunday to 11<sup>th</sup> November which this year is November 13<sup>th</sup>. We wear poppies to remind us of all those who have died, and are still dying, in war, and as Christians, we commit ourselves to working for peace and justice throughout the world.

‘They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.’

## November 20<sup>th</sup> Christ the King and November 27<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday

We remember God’s promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ knowing that God remembers and loves us.

‘He hath helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy’ (From the Magnificat, Luke 1.54)

‘Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ (Luke 23.42-43)

‘And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ (Matthew 28.20b)

*Have a blessed November, Revd Dr Angela Birkin*



### This Month’s Editorial Team

*Freeth, supported by Hannah Lievesley and Angela Birkin*

## St Michael’s and All Angels’ charity of the season for November



Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice is in Headingley, Leeds and provides expert palliative care.

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the Season

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*Many thanks Revd Angela Birkin*

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

### Funerals

*‘May they rest in peace and rise in glory.’*

### Interments

7 October - Philip Ashall - Aged 64 - St Chad’s

### Burials

29 October - James Dryhurst - Aged 91 - St Chad’s

### Baptisms

*‘In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.’*

16 October - Joseph Jack Collins - Son of John & Saffron Collins -St Chad’s

23 Oct-Balthazar-Maynard Armstrong –

Son of Bernard & Gemma Armstrong - St Chad’s

23 Oct - Oscar David Joy - Son of Matthew & Nicola Joy - St Chad’s

# Tuesday Talks

Leeds & District Association of the National Trust  
Tuesday Talks at St Chad's Parish Centre

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Colin Philpott  
Secret Wartime Britain**

Colin is author of three books about 20th century history, one on the above subject.

His career encompasses 25 years as a reporter and programme maker at the BBC and 11 years as a national museum director.

Talks begin at 10.30am with coffee served from 10am

£5.00 per head. Members of the Leeds & District NT Association, £4.00

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After a few very covid-disrupted years it has finally started to feel like we are gaining momentum, growing, and reaching out into our community again.

## Youth Group and Junior Youth Group

The St Chad's Youth Group is thriving. New members joined the existing older group at the start of term, and we launch a new Junior Youth Group for Year 5 and 6 (aged 9-11) this month to run alongside the older group. The young people are continuing to explore identity and faith together this term, through film, discussion, and games. At the end of the month the older group will be joining other Leeds and Bradford Christian Youth Groups for an offsite weekend of worship, fun, and learning together. Big thanks to the growing group of volunteers making this happen, and especially to Linda Ward for her work with our youth worker Ollie to get the younger group off the ground.

## St Chad's Tots

Nicki Bagnall and Rev Jo have been dreaming dreams together about starting a new Baby and Toddler Group, 'St Chad's Tots', and after an amazing feat of planning and organisation are now ready to roll. The first session will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10-11.30 in the Parish Centre Small Hall. Each session will include a time of worship with a bible story, songs and prayers. It's hoped the group will serve the community, build up links to church and bring the good news of Jesus into the lives of the very youngest in our parish.

## Lunch Club

St Chad's Lunch Club came back strong in September and has just passed a council inspection with flying colours: 5 out of 5! Congratulations and huge thanks are due to Val Dew and Penny Rice and the wonderful team of volunteers who enable the lunch club to happen each week. God made us to be in community with one another, and to share His care and love with our neighbours. Providing a hot meal and good company every week to those older folk in or parish who would otherwise be on their own is a great way of doing this. Well done to all involved.

**Rev Hannah Lievesley**



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## My favourite hymn - Or - What gets my foot tapping!

I like singing (I'm in the choir at St Michael's) and I've got lots of hymns I love to sing – and some that are a bit of an ordeal. So, what is a hymn? To me a hymn is a prayer put to music, so for a hymn to get anywhere near my top ten, it's got to have both a great tune and the words must mean something as well. There's a lot of good tunes out there; 'Stella' – Jesu my Lord, my God, my all (483) 'Anima Christi 'Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast' (322) but the words don't do it for me. My top three are all quite old – it's not that I disprove of the new ditties, it's just that the centuries have yet to winnow out the chaff, although 'Make me a Channel of your Peace (519) was looking good until the words got commandeered by a certain Prime Minister in 1979 – it was never the same for me after that.

That leaves me with 'Hail Gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured' (16) which not only has a tremendously uplifting tune (especially in the Tenor part), the words are a prayer of adoration and thanks, but it is also from the Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century or earlier, i.e., right from the beginning of Christianity where it all began. The downside is that it is so short (only ten lines) that you've finished before you've properly started.

'Abide with me' (10) is also one of my three top hymns, especially when you know that the Revd Henry Lyte knew he was dying when he wrote it in 1847. We sang it at my father's funeral and the words of verse four in particular 'Where is death's sting? Where, grave thy victory' are poignant – and it almost goes without saying that the Tenor harmony is superb on that line. However, I still feel young now, who knows in ten to fifteen years, this might become my favourite hymn.

Which leaves 'O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder' - How Great thou art! (262) as my favourite hymn. Why? It's a translation from a Russian Orthodox hymn for starters – the Orthodox Church seems more spiritual and mystical somehow than the Catholic,



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possibly (in my view) because when the Orthodox Church developed it still had a working secular authority (the Byzantine Emperor) to keep its political ambitions in check whereas the Catholic Church grew up in the ruins of the Roman Empire. The tune just pulls you in and the chorus is a gospel of praise.

The words make me feel small, humble, and yet loved all at once and sometimes I have difficulty in singing verse four 'When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!' without welling up. And above all, when I have finished singing that hymn, in Church, with the Choir and congregation, all is well with the world again!!

*Deryck Piper St Michael and All Angels*

Note the Hymn number references are all to 'Common Praise' – I know our fellow Church use different hymn books.

As part of the Our Earth, Our City, Christian Aid is hosting a Talking Climate Justice Tour Talking Climate Justice Tour - Christian Aid event

Thursday, 17 November at 7.30pm  
at Holy Trinity, Boar Lane.



Part of a national tour, equipping Christians to have honest conversations about climate justice that spur us into action. Guest 'conversationalists' will talk through how the church can respond and call for climate justice. The conversationalists for the evening include Patrick Watt CEO of Christian Aid, Grace Twum from Just Love and Emma Flint councillor for Weetwood on Leeds City Council.

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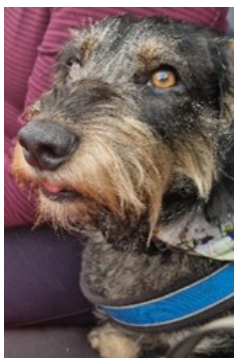
### Diary of a church Dog

I do like the fact that I am a church dog. I go there many times through the week with mumma and of course I am there on a Sunday to sing my little heart out. I have my chair at the back and a basket in the vestry so I am very at home there. I know everyone and everyone knows me. I sometimes greet people and I frequently call out to see the business of people who have just wandered in nothing gets past me.

Being in church I find solace and comfort from the surroundings I often doze as mumma potters around doing what she does. Sometimes I go for a little mooch around and have a chat with the mice I am rather fond of the children's corner and like to look at the pictures and colouring that the children do. I love to sniff the flowers that auntie Glynis does they are always so pretty. In short, I feel at home in this most beautiful of buildings. I find myself thinking about what makes a place feel like home and welcoming?

In recent weeks St Michael's has had a lot of opportunities to open and welcome many new and varied people. There were the three days when the Queen died and many people came to sit, pray and pay their respects. Included in that time was the open day for Leeds Heritage weekend. Then there was the splendid brass band concert when lots of new people came and enjoyed the wonderful music in the most beautiful surroundings. Everything from Hello Dolly to Verdi via Jerusalem and Loch Lomond. Everyone had a super time. Mumma left me at home because she said they didn't need my vocal contribution (how rude!). Most recently was the first of the Art Fairs when again lots of new people came into the building.

It is always strange that when people visit, they often say the same thing,



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"I have lived here all my life and never been in this church!" it is good that we can have the building open as much as possible to let people in and share what we have at every service and who knows if they like it and feel moved enough, they may come back again where they will find a warm and sincere welcome especially from me. Mumma remembers when she was young how the building was left open and unsupervised all day. It is sad that we cannot offer that same service, but what we can do is open up for as many things as possible and show our beautiful building and offer people the peace, tranquillity and home that they desire. My final thought to you is this, is home a building? A state of mind? The people we share with?

*Much love TJ*

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

**Tuesday 1st November at 7.30** Knit and Natter in  
parish centre bar area

We are not having an afternoon meeting in November because there is a diocesan Meeting at Idle Church Bradford its a great opportunity to learn about MU and meet others from MU across the Diocese. Elizabeth will be going and has spare seats in the car if anyone would like to go please contact elizabeth

**All Welcome**

For further details please contact Elizabeth Branch Leader  
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## Saving the Planet and Saving Money?



Managing our finances is not easy at the moment. Prices are rising on pretty much everything from fuel to food. Some people are being hit much harder than others since they were already living on a tight budget.

Just as the need for food banks is rising so the ability of people to donate is diminishing. In the face of these challenges, and despite the extreme heat, the climate and ecological emergencies have slipped down the list of priorities for some. This is understandable. And yet, saving money whilst still working on saving the planet is not impossible. So here are a few suggestions that will both save money and contribute to building a sustainable future:

- Cutting down shower time from 10 minutes to 8 minutes (and not many of us need 8 minutes) could save you £43/year for each person in the house.
- Switch from tumble drying your clothes to air drying them whenever possible. This could save up to £180/year
- Switching to LED lightbulbs will save you MORE money than sticking with old style ones and remembering to switch off the lights every time you leave a room.
- Turning off electric devices at the wall: the more you have to turn off, the more you will save e.g. one games console regularly turned off at the wall can save you up to £25/year
- Boil a full kettle in the morning and store the water in a thermos for hot drinks throughout the day.
- Wash clothes at lower temperatures. Even moving from 40 degrees down to 30 could save you £12/year

The ultimate aim would be to enable the gospel to reach wider and deeper.

### Wider:

We currently offer 4 services a week, three of which use the ancient liturgy of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The BCP liturgy can be beautiful, but is not very accessible for those who haven't grown up with it. Our fourth service, the Sunday 9.30am service, is also traditional in format and style, and includes Holy Communion on all but one Sunday a month. At St Chad's we're quite unusual for the Church of England in that lots of those who come are under 45 years old. Although preferences for types of music or worship style or learning methods are not necessarily defined by age, people of different backgrounds and ages do have different needs and expectations. Most people under 45 have never gone regularly to church, so when they walk through the doors for the first time everything can feel quite alien. An informal, contemporary service would be more accessible for the many people in our parish who have never been regular church-goers in the past but want to come and explore faith with us.

### Deeper:

We would love everyone who comes to St Chad's to grow into a deeper faith and spirituality. But we recognise different people have different needs. Younger generations typically have very limited knowledge of the bible, or a familiarity with traditional hymns, because they didn't get the same diet of bible stories and singing in assemblies as older generations did. The sermon might come as a bit of a shock because they're far more used to learning through interaction, exploration and discussion, than sitting and receiving teaching from the front - just think about the change we've seen in the way teaching is delivered in classrooms and universities over the last 20 years!

We know that the message of the gospel and the love of Jesus is for everyone. Our ambition is to offer a programme of services at St Chad's that provides for everyone. A programme that enables everyone to grow in faith and in love for Jesus from whatever their starting point. Watch this space to see how our vision for worship progresses over the months to come.

***Rev Hannah Lievesley***

## Wide and Deep - St Chad's Worship Review

*I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:17b-19

Before the pandemic hit, St Chad's had a Vision Day and collected ideas and feedback to help us plan for the future. Feedback from the Vision Day showed a diversity in the preferred style and formality of worship. Some treasured the traditional choral style of worship at St Chad's, others were keen for us to develop more informal and contemporary worship.

Our Vision Team and PCC are currently reviewing the programme of worship on offer at St Chad's, taking into consideration:

- the Vision Day feedback
- the needs of our Parish as a whole
- current research into the best ways to nurture faith and discipleship across the generations
- responses to our recent Worship Survey

In particular, we are considering whether we might introduce a more contemporary service into the mix, whilst merging some of the existing services to make space. Or, whether we should make the 9.30am service more contemporary and informal to meet the needs of the wider parish.



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### A few other things to bear in mind:

- Planning meals to avoid food waste will save money and reduce carbon and methane emissions
- Buying 'wonky' fruit and veg is also a double win
- If you have school age children, follow Zero Waste Leeds on Facebook and make use of their 'school uniform exchange' scheme
- Make use of websites like 'Freecycle' and 'Freecycle' to both give and search for items: no cost and no extra carbon.
- If you have a smartphone, make use of 'Olio' and 'Too Good to Go' to track down free (Olio) or very cheap food offers

And finally, should any of us be in the fortunate position of having some savings available, this could be a very good time to invest in personal energy saving measures such as extra insulation, double/triple glazing, fitting solar panels etc.

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## Autumn Reflections

Many years ago in his Ode to Autumn, the poet John Keats hauntingly described it as a 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' – a gentle yet powerful phrase which surely draws us into a sense of well-being and perhaps even nostalgia.

I often recall a stroll to the top of Beamsley Beacon in Lower Wharfedale around this time of year, sitting on the crags as a cloud-inversion filled the Craven Valley with a sea of mist as the projecting hills were highlighted in the low-lying sun.

It was an inspiring and memorable vision of God's creation and as I scrambled down, reflecting on the experience, warm autumn colours on the trees emerged to reinforce the wonders of nature. Over the years as the transition from autumn to winter approaches, Keats reflection reminds me of words from Paul's Letter to the Galatians in which he considers 'fruits of the spirit' as bringing freedom in Christ through life by the Spirit – espousing qualities such as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. For us as Christians on our individual and collective faith journeys, this offers a clear set of values – even a code of conduct – which we are required to follow as Christians and Disciples down the ages, as relevant and indeed vital today as when Paul wrote them. In all this we can be conscious of the phrase 'fruits of our labours', indicating the impact and outcomes of our endeavours.


Autumn is a time of transition in climate and nature, bringing vital opportunities which surely prompt us as Christians to reflect on our wider responses to God's calling in this time and place.

As the seasons change bringing 'all things new', we ourselves are guided by faith through the metaphorical mists which surround us in the pressures, challenges or even chaos so characteristic of our world today.


Walking in Nidderdale yesterday, with a panorama of warm autumn colours and mellow fruitfulness everywhere, the distractions and busyness of everyday life seemed distant in every sense. Looking up the valley from above Pateley Bridge, the power of creation was overwhelming in the stillness, silence and scenery.

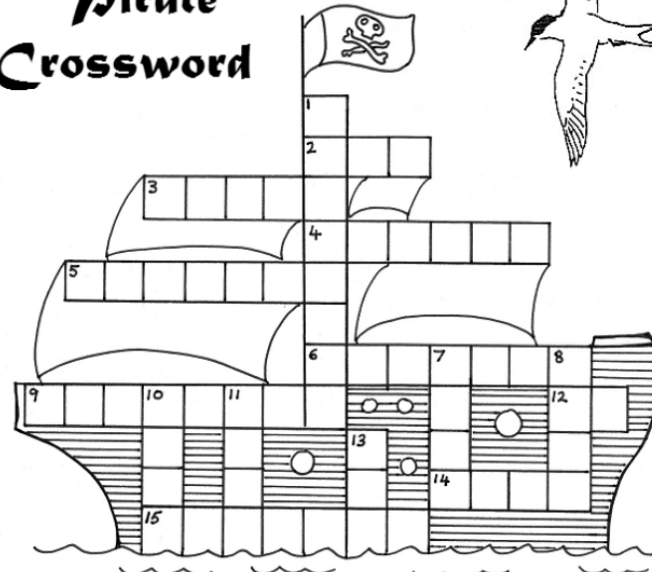


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# Pirate Crossword





**Across**

- 2 You use oars to \_\_\_\_
- 3 Huge sea animal
- 4 It holds a ship in place!
- 5 Pirate's sword
- 6 Thieves!
- 9 This might grow on a desert island (2 words)
- 12 "Yo ho \_\_\_\_!"
- 14 Opposite of shallow

**Down**

- 1 Gold and jewels
- 7 A parrot is a \_\_\_\_
- 8 Big boat
- 10 Tall pole that holds the sails
- 11 A cabin is a small \_\_\_\_ on a boat
- 13 A long way away