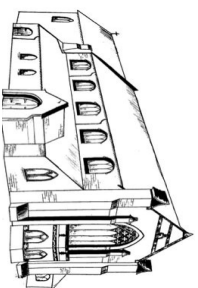


St Chad's Ladybarn



18th Sunday after Trinity
8 October 2023

“They said to him ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death.’” Matthew 21.41

This morning's music *Still last week's*

- 627 Praise to the Holiest
- 820 When I survey the wondrous cross Tune 2
- 97 Christ is our cornerstone
- 94 Christ be with me Communion
- 798 We have a gospel to proclaim

This morning's readings and prayers

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 (Reader: Pam Race),
Psalm 78, **Philippians 3:4b-14** (Reader: Jenny
Black/Diane Wynn), **Matthew 21:33-end** (Gos-
peller: Opal Walsh), Intercessor: Mark Hewerdine

Prayer in the silence after communion

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to
your truth and to trust in your love, that we may
live each day with confidence in the salvation which
is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that
which is before, we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Post-Communion for Black History Month

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have
rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are
persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the
life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the
coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. Amen."

Next Sunday, Dedication Festival: Revelation 21:9-14 (Reader: Lesley Bowers), Psalm 122, **Hebrews**

12:18-24 (Reader: Chris Ashfield), **Matthew 21:12-16** (Gospeller: Helen Reid), Intercessor: Helen Reid

**Thanks to all
who helped ...**

... get Harvest gifts to the Food Bank where they were much appreciated;

*The Food Bank needs
long-life milk and fruit
juice and tinned soup.*

... meet and greet the student volunteers on Wednesday and kept them supplied with food and drink; again much appreciated;

... Christian Aid's work relieving hunger

**Tuesday
10 October**

10.00am Holy Communion in church 11.00am – 12.30pm Chatty Tuesday

**Saturday
14 October**

10.00am – 12.00noon at Holy Innocents, also on 18 November and 9 December: Three talks on the history of Fallowfield since 1872, the year the church was consecrated.

**Sunday
15 October**

10.00am Parish Communion for Dedication Sunday and Gift Day.

Friday 20 October

7.30pm at St Nick's: Concert with Greater Manchester Voices. Tickets £8 at the door

**Saturday
21 October**

1.00pm – 2.00pm. *Great Sacred Music*, St Chad's turn to host an afternoon service of readings, reflections and songs from the great classical music of our religious heritage. The service led by the HeartEdge Manchester Clergy and Choral Scholars.

**Parish Share
Income Survey**

Please complete an annual Parish Share Income Survey form and post it in the box at the back of church. The survey is anonymous & no-one at St Chad's sees the completed forms. The smaller your income, the more important it is that you complete a form. Please do this because it will make our Parish Share lower in the future. Thanks to those who have already completed their form.

Security

Please take care of your belongings, particularly when you go up to receive communion.

Revelation for Everyone Mark will be leading a series of bible studies on the book of Revelation beginning Wednesday 18th October 8-9.15pm in the Community Hall. We'll be meeting for 6 sessions and using studies prepared by Bishop Tom Wright.

Gift Day:

We will be having a Gift Day next Sunday 15th October. All donations will go towards the costs of running our mission and ministry in the parish. We have been running at a significant budget deficit each year from 2020 onwards in order to maintain our work and our contribution to the Diocese's common fund (through our Parish Share.) We have been able to until now due to reserves we had saved up and generous legacies. We are now working hard to balance our books each year as a deficit is unsustainable; doing so will depend on the generosity of our parishioners. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. If you are eligible for Gift Aid (being a UK tax-payer) we can recover an additional 25% on your donations. Donations for our Gift Day can be made by cash, cheque, our card reader (card or phone app), or online (stchadladybarn.org.uk).

Here is what psychologists say about thankfulness, gratitude and generosity – basically, giving is good for you!

“Gratitude is a fundamental thread that holds the tapestry of our social fabric together. Feelings of gratitude nurture our individual mental health and fortify our bonds with other people. The personal and interpersonal benefits of gratitude occur at both a psychological and neurobiological level.

“Recent studies have shown that generosity and gratitude go hand in hand both at a psychological and neurobiological level. Generosity and gratitude are separate sides of the same coin. They are symbiotic. Fortunately, each of us has the free will to kickstart the neurobiological feedback loop—and upward spiral of well-being—that is triggered by small acts of generosity and gratitude each and every day of our lives. Why not practice a small act of generosity today?”

Black History Month October is Black History Month. We will be marking and celebrating this with themed prayers during the month, and it will be the subject of our sermon on 29th October. Look out at the back of church for additional resources to aid reflection, prayer and action during this month.