

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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from January 18th to 25th.

Next Sunday, we mark the beginning of that week with a United Service at 6:30pm at St Martin's and St Hilda's, when we will be joined by Christians from across the town.

This year's material is entitled "One Body One Spirit" and has been prepared by American Christians. For those wanting daily reflections for the week, there are copies of the published leaflet at the back of church.

The Prayer Group will meet on Monday evening at 6:30pm in St Chad's.

2026 marks the centenary of Blackburn Diocese and through the years there will be a variety of events, locally and centrally, to mark this milestone we begin today in the parish with the launch of the Centenary year. Look out for the prayer cards which carry a prayer for Epiphany and the New Year, and also the official Diocesan Centenary Prayer.

Churches Together in Poulton and Carleton will meet on Tuesday at 11.00am at Poulton Methodist Church.

MU Notices

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

We continue to collect items for the Refuges. 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.

A reminder to MU members that £32.50 subs are due to be paid as soon as possible.

Our next afternoon MU meeting will be on Wednesday 28th January at 2pm at the Methodist Hall when June Challis will talk about 'My Visit to Kenya. All are welcome to come to this meeting. There will be a collection and a raffle for MU Overseas work.

Every year on the first Friday in March, (6th March 2026) churches in Poulton get together for the **Women's World Day of Prayer**. The theme is "I will give you rest, come" and has been written by women from Nigeria. I will be attending the Preparatory Meeting on Monday 19th January at 2pm at the Methodist Church.. Unfortunately I will be away on Friday March 6th so I would be grateful if someone from St Chad's could attend the meeting on 19th January with me and take part by doing a reading in March. Please contact June on 01253864534 or 07812770241.

Advanced Notices

At the next 3 meetings of the **Wednesday Home Group** (14th & 28th Jan and 11th Feb) we will be studying Romans chapter 8 which sets out some of the most wonderful blessings we enjoy as believers: being free from God's condemnation; indwelt by God's own Spirit; adopted into his family; destined for resurrection and glory; and full of hope because of God's love for us and because of his promise to bring good to us in every circumstance of life. You would be very welcome to join us. For more details please contact David on davidpgascoigne@gmail.com or on 07768 303462.

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

6.30pm Prayer Group St Chad's

Tuesday

10.00am Holy Communion St Chad's

11.00am Churches Together Poulton Methodist Church

11.30 Funeral of John Broome St Chad's

7 for 7.30pm MU Bistro Italia Poulton

Wednesday

Thursday

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's

Friday

10.00am Little Gang Poulton Community Hall

7.30pm Holy Communion St Chad's

Saturday

Sunday 18 January Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Communion St Chad's

10.00am Parish Communion St Chad's

11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's

6.30pm United Service St Martin's and St Hilda's

Readings: Isaiah 49 v 1-7

1 Corinthians 1 v 1-9

John 1 v 29-42



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St Chad's Parish Church



St Hilda's Church Carleton



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11th JANUARY

BAPTISM OF CHRIST
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

103 O worship the Lord

388 Speak, O Lord

422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

330 Do not be afraid

227 Crown him with many crowns

11.00am Holy Communion St Hilda's

Readings: Isaiah 42 v 1-9

Acts 10 v 34-43

Matthew 3 v 13-17

Collect: Heavenly Father,
at Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Moorland Road, Moorland Court

Moorway, Moreton Drive