

AUTUMN COUNCIL 2012
ROCHDALE ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

We have had another busy time in the Archdeaconry. Several members went on the visit to Bangor and the AGM, and are now looking forward to Bath next year. The Diocesan Festival 'Songs of Praise' was well supported, as was the visit to Falshaws for afternoon tea.

The Archdeaconry Festival was held at St Mary's High Crompton. This was an inspiring service taken by our Area Dean of Oldham East Rev'd Canon Alan Butler. I visited St Andrews, Dearnley along with other Archdeaconry leaders when 14 new members were enrolled.

Another branch St John's, Facit celebrated its birthday. The last event which was very much enjoyed by all who went was the 'Celebration 2012' held at Bolton, Albert Halls. It was a fantastic evening and those who didn't go missed a treat.

This week there was a Memorial Service for one of our members at Holy Trinity, Ashton. It would have been Kathleen Holgate's 90 Birthday and whilst she was ill she requested that we have a party so this was her party. She was a very dedicated member and branch leader. Fr. Charles Lawrence a past priest was officiating along with the vicar of Holy Trinity Rev'd Josie Partridge. After the service there were refreshments in the hall which were Kathleen's favourite potato pie.

May she rest in peace.

Thanks to everyone for their support over the last six years.

Mary Helliwell

Rochdale Archdeaconry President.