



Sunday 14th April - Easter 3



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Worship at St Chad's

10.00 am St Chad's Eucharist

Today's Readings

Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

Today's Hymns

Entrance	358	Jesus Prince and Saviour
Gradual	67	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Offertory	88	Brother, Sister, let me serve you
Communion	81	Bread is blest and broken
Hymn	18	All I once held dear
Exit	409	Lord, for the years

Collect for Easter 3

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 24.36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebration of Reverend Val Hicks Ordination

Val invites everyone to celebrate with her today, on the 30th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood. Please stay after the service and join her over coffee, cake and biscuits.



Welcome

Who is Who at St Chad's Church

Simon Foster is the Curate for St Chad's Church, he is assisted by our Associate Ministers, Val, Paul, Tim, and Jo.

The Churchwardens are Caroline Fellows and Kate Bowers,

The PCC Lay Chair is Lilas Rawling, she is responsible for chairing the PCC and its Standing Committee. Lilas is also our Safeguarding representative.

Pastoral care is available, through the good offices of lay folk and our clergy but please make sure you share any requests (for example for home visits or home communions etc) with wardens or clergy

If you wish to contact any of the named above please contact the office on 01543 416595

Environment and Food (with food) (St Chad's Church)

Sunday 21st April 5.30pm

Loving God's Creation: Food and the Environment

5.30pm-7.00pm Sunday 21st April, St Chad's Church

A social gathering, sharing climate-friendly food! Come to explore habits we can adopt to care for our planet while still enjoying what we eat.

Help us to cater without waste by signing up at the back of the church.

We hope this will be the first of a series of events organised by St Chad's Eco Group (currently Tim Mann, Lindsey Hall, Diane Harrison, Simon Foster, Lilas Rawling and Steve Wilkinson).

Bring and Buy coffee Morning 11th May 10 - 12 am

St Chad's Church will be holding a bring and buy coffee morning to raise funds for the Summer Garden Party, please let Caroline Fellows (Church Warden) know if you can help or donate cakes.

Barn Dance

There will be a joint barn dance (St Michael's and St Chad's) on Friday 5th July with fish and chips. It will take place at St Chad's Church hall. More information to follow.

Garden Party

St Chad's will be hosting its Garden Party in the grounds of the church on Saturday 15th June this is one of our biggest fundraisers and I cannot do it on my own please consider helping by organising / running a stall. Please speak to Caroline Fellows (church Warden / Events coordinator) if you can help

Christmas Day Together 2024

Our experienced cook has retired and so we need someone to cook the Christmas Day lunch at Wade Street Church this year. If you have had experience of catering for around 60/70 people and have the relevant food hygiene certificate please contact Gaynor Baldwin on 07989055965 or email gaynorbaldwin@aol.com

We also need a small group of people to help prepare the vegetables etc on Christmas Eve for the lunch and help cook on Christmas Day. To find out more please contact Gaynor Baldwin.

Christian Aid Week: Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th May, 2024

A big 'Thank you' to all those who have signed up to deliver Christian Aid envelopes! All St Chad's roads have been allocated except for Meadowbrook (108 houses). It would be great if one or two people were able to volunteer to deliver in this road. We have ordered 3,500 envelopes which will need to be made up into packs for our twenty-eight strong team of deliverers.

We hope to hold a working party to prepare the packs for the deliverers on Monday 22nd April at 11.00 am in Well Cottage. Offers of help to Julian or Kate would be much appreciated! We hope the packs will be available in Church for Sunday 28th April.

More news about this year's Christian Aid Week Appeal to follow! Please watch this space!

Julian and Kate Bowers

Tel 01543 300075

God, our Farmer
You plant the seed
You water the seed
You nourish the seed
You value what we bring today
What we bring today Is already yours
Accept these, our offerings
And use them to help dreams come true
In this community
Through this church
And in your world
Through Christian Aid.
Amen.

Thank you to our Associate ministers

On behalf of the congregation Thank you to our Associate ministers and Simon for leading us on a very moving and powerful journey through Holy Week.

Message from Ann Smith

I wonder if you would be kind enough to pass on my heartfelt thanks to so many members of St Chads who have been kind enough to support me with their prayers and messages of care. I am so grateful for the kindness of others which, along with the care given by Pete and Lizzie, is carrying me through these very dark days.

With love and thanks

Ann

(Funeral Details are still pending for Martin)

Pam Oakley

Pam was a beloved member of St Chad's and Elmhurst congregation. She was part of the Places of Welcome team and on the PCC. Her Funeral will Take place at St Chad's Church on Friday the 19th of April at 2 pm followed by a burial in the Churchyard.

Church and Churchyard security meeting

The Lichfield District Allotment society has arranged a meeting with the Police and Lichfield council to take place in St Chad's church on Thursday 25th April at 7 pm, it would be nice to have a few members of St Chad's who maintain the churchyard and are interested in creating a safe and welcoming area to come along and support this meeting. For more detail's please speak to Caroline Fellows (church warden)

Prayer Matters

For spiritual growth and pastoral services

For those who are due to be baptised, Maggie-Anne and Olena Hughes
We also pray for those on their own journey of Faith.

For the mission and ministry of the church

For our ministry with children, young people and schools, especially for
more leaders. For our ministries of welcome and hospitality

For the local community

For those who live in Dimbles Lane, Charnwood House & Needwood Mews
We pray for our community and all who visit the church.
For our local schools – especially for Friary & Chadsmead.

***Risen Lord, we pray that you will bring hope to all in our parish for whom
the current cost of living crisis continues to cause real hardship. And for
those for whom it does not, we ask that you will release generosity both
in financial giving and in the offering of time and care.***

For the nation and the world

Lord, we pray that you will increase the desire for truth and for true peace
within and between nations.

For those in need of God's touch.

Pam Griffiths, Nic, Bill, Max, Emily, Peter V, The Riley family, John and Sue,
Arshak, Jean G, Lisa, Joe, Andrew, Anne Smith and Family, Margaret
Stafford, and for all who leave prayer requests on the Prayer table.

**The Prayer list will be being restarted at the end of April please can you
let the office know if you would like to remain on the prayer list.**

**For our church's ministry of healing and a release of the Holy Spirit's
healing gifts.**

For the departed and those who mourn

Irene Sanders, Audrey Nicholls, Martin Smith, Pam Oakley, Michael Stafford
and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

***Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon
them; May they rest in peace and rise in glory.***

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th April	1.30 pm Coffee and Craft afternoon
Friday 19th April	2.00pm Funeral of Pam Oakley (in church)
Saturday 20th April	11.00 am Bell Ringing Practice
Sunday 21 st April	5.30pm Environment and Food (with food)
Monday 22nd April	Christian Aid packs (Well Cottage)
Thursday 25th April	11.00 am Service at The Spires Care Home
Thursday 25th April	7.00 pm Church and Churchyard security meeting .
Sunday 28th April	12 noon Baptism Maggie-Anne and Olena Hughes
Monday 29th April	7.30pm Baptism Preparation evening
Thursday 2nd May	10.00 am Julian Group (Well Cottage)
Saturday 4th May	11.00 am Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 7th May	1.30 pm Coffee and Craft afternoon

Worship and Prayer at St Chad's

Worship Every Sunday

10.00am Eucharist at St Chad's *followed by Refreshments*

Explorers 10 am (ages 3-11, 2nd and 4th Sundays) Well Cottage

11.30am Elmhurst Communion *(1st and 3rd Sundays of each month)*

Mid-Week Holy Communion and Intercessions

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*

Wednesday 11.15am-12.15pm Prayers for St Chad's Church and Parish

Daily Prayer

Weekdays 8.30am

Evening Prayer for Places of Conflict

Tuesday 6.00pm

Holy Baptism

Normally held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

Healing Prayer

Prayer with the laying on of hands, for yourself or on behalf of another, and anointing with oil in accordance with the discipline and practice of the church, is always available, if necessary in your own home.

Confession

If you need to bring to God anything that is troubling you, or any sins which you need to unload, and need the assistance of a spiritual friend to do so, we offer confidential, sacramental confession in the Anglican tradition. Speak to one of the clergy.

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Office Hours

Monday 10 -12, Wednesday 10 - 11, Thursday 5 - 6pm (By appointment only) Friday 9 - 11

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Churchwardens

Caroline Fellows & Kate Bowers

If you wish to contact the Church wardens or members of the P.C.C please contact the office .