



Sunday 21st April - Easter 4



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Worship at St Chad's

10.00 am St Chad's Eucharist
11.30 am Elmhurst

Today's Readings

Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-end
John 10.11-18

Today's Hymns

Entrance	161	Father hear the prayer we offer
Gradual	434	Loving shepherd of thy sheep.
Offertory	303	I cannot tell.
Communion	156	Faithful Shepherd, feed me.
Anthem		The Lord's my Shepherd
Exit	337	I will sing the wondrous story.

Collect for Easter 3

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1 John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Today's Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

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

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

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)

Martin Smith

For those that knew Martin Smith his funeral will be on Thursday 2nd May at 11.00am in the Cathedral.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the cards and gifts I received for my 30th Anniversary, and for those who provided the refreshments. It was a very special day.

Val

Dementia Friendly Songs of Praise

Our next dementia friendly service is on Tuesday morning, 23 April. We will be joined by Tony Christie and by the Cathedral choristers. This service will be recorded for broadcast as BBC Songs of Praise at the start of Dementia Action Week. We are keen for anyone impacted in any way by dementia to join us. Do contact Canon David: david.primrose@lichfield-cathedral.org if you would like to come yourself or if you would like an invitation to pass on to any-one else who might be interested.



St Chad's & St Stephen's Walking Group

Next walk!

Saturday 27th April

departing from

Bunker's Hill Car Park, Beacon Park, Lichfield

WS13 6RA at 10am

A short walk through Leomonsley Woods specifically to see Bluebells!

More details please contact

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Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Copies will be available shortly

By Rev Paul Harrison

As people who are trying to follow the Christian 'Way', how do we express our own belief in the reality of God in our lives and in our world? It is especially hard when we hear about warfare and violence. When considering our belief is it enough to simply say: 'You can take my word for it, because I have tried it'? Consider those thoughts....

Have you tried walking with God through the ordinary events of your ordinary days?

At the end of each day have you reflected where, when, in whom you have sensed God's presence?

Have you tried tracking your moods and noticing when you felt close to God or when far away?

Have you found time for stillness / time to listen to God in prayer, in reading scripture or books to help you understand more about God and letting what you 'hear' or learn take root in how you live?

If you have tried it, do you trust your experience of God? When you feel that God is leading you in a particular direction do you trust his reality sufficiently to take a risk following him? On the other hand, do you simply believe that God is at work in your life, or do you have courage and trust his guiding in your living of it?

Standing-up to be counted doesn't, I feel, always mean proclaiming our faith in words to reluctant hearers. The reality of our faith is eloquent and potent than mere statements about it. If our lives show something of what we believe this gives it force and authority. Lived experience speaks for itself. Three questions then: Have I tried it? Do I trust it? Will I let it show?
(PGH: 10/23)

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 Chadswell heights, Spring Road and Summer Grove
We pray for our community and all who visit the church.

For our local schools – especially for The Willows and St Peters and St Paul
***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, Ann 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

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)
Thursday 2nd May	11.00 am Martin Smith Funeral (Cathedral)
Saturday 4th May	11.00 am Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 7th May	1.30 pm Coffee and Craft afternoon
Thursday 9th May	11.00 am Service at The Spires Care Home
Saturday 11th May	10.00 am St Chad's Bring and Buy Coffee morning
Tuesday 14th May	7.30 pm PCC Meeting (Well Cottage)

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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St Chad's Parish Office

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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 .