

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 3rd Aug:	4.00pm	Celestial Voices Choir Concert
Tues 5th Aug:	All Day	Prayer and Fasting
Tues 5th Aug:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 5th Aug:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 5th Aug:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Fri 8th Aug:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 8th Aug:	8.00pm	Choir Practice—tbc
Sat 9th Aug:	2.30pm	MU Cream Tea in Royal Room
Tues 12th Aug:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 12th Aug:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 12th Aug:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Fri 15th Aug:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 15th Aug:	8.00pm	Choir Practice—tbc
Tues 19th Aug:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 19th Aug:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 19th Aug:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Fri 22nd Aug:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 22nd Aug:	8.00pm	Choir Practice—tbc
Tues 26th Aug:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Cafe
Tues 26th Aug:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 26th Aug:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Fri 28th Aug:	12.30pm	Chair Tai Chi
Fri 29th Aug:	8.00pm	Choir Practice—tbc

Sparkles reopens on Monday 15th September.

Ignite reopens on Monday 8th September.

Coffee Shop will stay open during summer.

MCC reopens on Wednesday 10th September.

Chair Exercise and **Tai Chi** continues through summer.

Midweek Holy Communion restarts on Wednesday 3rd September

Table Tennis continues throughout the summer.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting continues to meet.

Junior Church—fun sessions planned for August.

Church Office will be open for most of the summer.

Preschool reopens on Monday 8th September.

Next Zoom Prayer meeting Monday 8th September

Lighthouse Home Group next meets on Tuesday 2nd September.



Chadderbox August 2025 Newsletter of St. Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.....
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
I am so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty" Isaiah 55*

I've been struck recently by the question of how scripture impacts you, the church family? It's fascinating – Isaiah 55 is fascinating, filled with such profound insights into our lives – but do we see that? What does it mean that God's ways are different from what we expect. Or that his word will not return to him until it accomplishes its purpose. Did we even know God's word has a purpose?

And all of these thoughts that whirl around my head stem from what God is doing within our Pre-School. He's impacting the staff in massive ways – literally spoke to one of them, Sian, and I don't think she expected God to be bothered with her at all, let alone speak to her. Many of you will have been at the recent All Age service led by the Pre-School. It's great when we can welcome them into church and build deeper relationships, but actually to 'Lead' a service is really daunting. Scary is an understatement, especially if it's not your primary calling. Theirs is to nurture children, not to give a speech to adults. And the 'Talk' had fallen to Sian for that week. What on earth should she say?

Cogs are turning, she's in a panic, her mind's blank, and she's on a bus. Nothing. The blank page was still blank. I've been there and done that so many times. The countdown clock is ticking but you're no further forward than you were last week and now it's all just days away. Sheer panic ensues.



Did she pray? Well, if you mean, did she get down on her knees and close her eyes, probably not, she's on a bus. Did she even think she was praying? Probably not. But she's about God's business and so he's keenly involved. What does Paul mean in Romans 8 when he says.....



"the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans"

Fascinating!

And there on that bus came a miracle. With worry taking a deeper hold like ivy taking over a wall, a tap came on her shoulder from a man she's never seen before in her life.

"I couldn't believe it. He told me everything I needed for the talk." She said. That's the God that we serve. He never leaves us nor forsakes us, he's always there to be our friend. And that's the promise throughout scripture. That God will join us in our lives and help us if we let him. But do we believe it? Do the promises of scripture impact our lives or is it just another book.

Other Pre-School staff have spoken of similar happenings to them. God turning up just when they needed him. It's an exciting time for them – and it will happen to you too. But it might not be as you expect in your life – our Pre-School staff didn't expect it - because God's ways are not your ways.



May his grace and power be at work in your life this week.

Martin



Saturday 13th September will be our next Jumble Sale, which we will hold in the church following the success of our last event. We will need plenty of volunteers, so please sign up to help. The list will be in church from the beginning of September. Please start saving your jumble, which can be bought to church from the week beginning Sunday 7th September.

The ordination of Deji and Peter will take place on **Sunday 14th September at Chelmsford Cathedral** at 2.00pm and everybody is welcome to attend. Please be aware that parking is an issue at the Cathedral so give yourself plenty of time. We may take the minibus, but will let you know in due course. Please pray for Deji and Peter as they attend their pre-ordination retreat and for them and for their families as they prepare for ordination.



A reminder to ladies that have booked tickets, that we are going to see the Rat Pack at Queens Theatre on **Saturday 13th September**. Please let me know if you need a lift or can offer a lift.
Thanks.



All information you need to know about St. Chad's is on our newly decorated notice boards in church. If you haven't noticed them, take a look. If you want to put a notice up about any church or community events, please feel free to do so.

Our monthly collections for shoeboxes are going well. So far, we have collected toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps and flannels, writing and drawing equipment, small toys and sweets. For the month of August we are going back to soap flannels and toothpaste (we are ok for toothbrushes). We always run out of these things on Shoebox Day. Thank you x



Tuesday 5th August is a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points:

- Pray for the world—this fallen world is damaged; climatically and economically broken: war-torn, governed by hatred.
 - Pray for the NHS, Police and other emergency services and for Education
 - Pray for the world at war, for Israel and Palestine, for Ukraine and Russia, India and Pakistan. Pray that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel. Pray for the peace of Jesus throughout the world
 - Prayer for refugees, for the Unemployed, homeless and lonely
 - Pray for Support workers and for all those caring for loved ones.
 - Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell at this time, awaiting test results and operations, or struggling in their faith
 - Pray for who those who are mourning loved ones
 - For Martin and Christine as they lead us and Neil and Daryl as they bring God's word to us. For our new curate Deji and his family, arriving soon, and for Peter joining us for a short while to be part of the team.
 - Continue to pray for the staff team and all our volunteers
 - Pray for the PCC and all the different groups in St Chads
 - Pray that God will continue to cover the whole church family
 - For the Church globally, especially where Christians cannot openly worship.
- Scriptures for this month:**
- **Thessalonians 5:11 —for encouragement** "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. "
 - **2 Corinthians 13:11 - for peace** " Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ."
 - **Psalms 34:18 - for those grieving** "The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit."
 - **Jeremiah 29:11—for hope** " But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. "
 - **Colossians 3:12—for compassion** "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. "



This year, for a change, our 'Blessings' project will be poppies for Remembrance Day instead of our usual Christmas blessings. Patterns for crocheted, sewn and knitted poppies are available from church, along with a pattern for felt poppies. Please pick up your patterns and get knitting, sewing etc.



August 2025 services

Traditional Holy Communion at 9.00 am

This is a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service every Sunday for those who prefer something more traditional and reflective and lasts for 50/60 minutes.

All Age/Family Church Morning Worship at 10.45 am

This is a contemporary service, usually with times of worship, prayer and teaching, and lasts for about 80-90 minutes. When it is not All Age Worship (AAW), children leave for Junior Church after we have worshipped as a church family for the first part of the service.

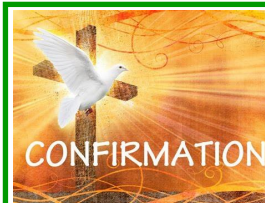
Sunday 3rd August	All Age worship with Baptism
Sunday 10th August	Family Church
Sunday 17th August	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 24th August	Family Church
Sunday 31st August	Family Church with Holy Communion

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

There will be no mid-week services during August.

Next service Wednesday 3rd September at 10.00am in the Royal Room.


A reminder that you can help to raise money for St. Chad's by using Easy Fundraising. Since we started, we have raised £194, but this could be much more as you can use it for so many online shops—food shopping, holidays, furniture, days out and much more. Take a look at their website by following this link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/st-chads-church/ It's really easy to sign up and if you recommend a friend, we get £5 !



Our Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday, **21st September at 4.00pm**. This service is open to anyone aged 11 or over. Please let Pauline know if this is something you are interested in. Confirmation classes will take place on Wednesdays, 3rd, 10th and 17th September. If you would be like to be confirmed but are not baptised, we also offer adult baptism. Again, please let Pauline know so arrangements can be made.

FUNRAISING And Social Events 2025

3rd AUGUST	The Celestial Voices Choir from Barbados concert in church, of classical music, spirituals, and music from the Broadway Shows, culminating with music from the Caribbean of folk songs and contemporary music. Ticket price tbc.	
13th SEPTEMBER	Jumble Sale in the church. Usual rules apply, jumble can be bought to church from the Sunday before. Lots of helpers and volunteers needed. Let us know if you are interested in helping.	
5th OCTOBER	Harvest Lunch in either the hall or church. A simple lunch of home made soup and bread followed by fruit and cake. Proceeds halved between the	
15th NOVEMBER	Shoebbox Day Saturday in the church. From 10.00am.	
22nd NOVEMBER	Christmas Market Saturday 22nd November 2.30pm - 11.00am - 2.30pm in the church	
29th NOVEMBER	Merry Quizmas, with Jenny and Matt. In the church or hall, a fun Christmas Quiz, for teams of 8, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Plus raffle. Tickets £8.	
6th DECEMBER	Shoebbox and Toy Service, Sunday 6th December at 10.45am.	



Mothers Union are holding a **Cream Tea on Saturday 9th August** in the Royal Room. From 2.30 to 4.30pm. This is open to everybody, ladies and gents, all welcome., Tickets are £6 and are available from Kay in church, or from the Church Office.



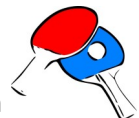

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday 16th August**. 8.00—9.30am, in the Royal Room. See Dave for details and to book your place.



Summer Raffle

Thank you to everybody who participated in the Summer Raffle., by donating prizes and/or buying tickets. We raised £325 for church funds. Hope that those that won prizes are enjoying them. Thank you.

Fancy a bit of informal Ping Pong fun? Then come along to the church hall on a Wednesday evening from 7:15 to 8:45. All ages, all standards, friendly, informal, fun activity. Cheaper than chips at £1 per session for those age 16 or over. Under 16's free but must be accompanied first time. Ask Graham on Tech Team for info.

WWF Picnic. Ladies, our next Wow Women of Fellowship event will be a picnic on **Saturday 16th August** at 12.30. We will meet at Hainault Forest with our picnics, blankets and/or chairs to share a time of fellowship. There is a nice coffee shop in Hainault Forest so we can also grab a hot drink too. Hope you can make it.

WE NEED YOU

Please see Pauline if you would like to volunteer and be part of the team that keeps St. Chad's going. We are always looking for volunteers for services, either prayers, reading or serving refreshments. We are also looking for people to learn how to do the tech/sound side for services. We especially need volunteers to help at our Coffee Shop and MCC (Mature Companions Club).

No experience needed, just a servant heart.



Please continue to support our local food bank if you are able; the need is greater now than ever. Please prayerfully consider how you can support your community with donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby items.



The Church Office is open every day except Thursday between 10am and 12 noon, for enquiries of any kind. Pauline Loomes, our Church Administrator, can be contacted by: **tel: 020 8597 8076** **email: churchoffice@stchads.church** **website: www.stchads.church**