

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 1st Sept:	1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tues 2nd Sept:	All Day	Prayer and Fasting
Tues 2nd Sept:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 2nd Sept:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise (<u>every Tuesday</u>)
Tues 2nd Sept:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival (<u>every Tuesday</u>)
Tues 2nd Sept:	7.30pm	Lighthouse Home Group in church
Wed 3rd Sept:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 3rd Sept:	11.00am	Mothers Union in Royal Room
Fri 5th Sept:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi (<u>every Friday</u>)
Fri 5th Sept:	8.00pm	Choir Practice (<u>every Friday</u>)
Mon 8th Sept:	6.30pm	Ignite Youth Room (every Monday)
Tues 9th Sept:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 9th Sept:	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Royal Room
Wed 10th Sept:	12.00	MCC in Royal Room
Thurs 11th Sept:	7.30pm	Fundraising meeting in Prayer Room
Thurs 11th Sept:	7.30pm	CHRA meeting at URC Mill Lane
Fri 12th Sept:	2.00pm	Jumble Sale prep in church
Fri 12th Sept:	6.00pm	Police Ward Panel mtg Royal Room
Sat 13th Sept:	11.00am	Jumble Sale
Mon 15th Sept:	9.45am	Sparkles (every Monday)
Tues 16th Sept:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Wed 17th Sept:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 17th Sept:	12.00	MCC
Tues 23rd Sept:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Café
Sat 27th Sept:	10.00am	Craft Morning
Wed 24th Sept:	12.00	MCC
Tues 30th Sept:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Café



Coming soon Harvest Lunch on **Sunday 5th October** after the 10.45am service. Harvest Festival is about giving thanks for a successful crop yield over the year as winter starts to approach. The festival is also about giving thanks for all the good and positive things in people's lives, such as family and friendships. It will be a simple home made soup and bread meal, followed by cake and fruit, the cost is £5 per adult, £3 per child and the proceeds will be halved between the church and Christian Aid. Please let Pauline know if you are able to make a soup, Thank you



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

I can't believe it's my turn to write a few words for our monthly news letter, August is here and we are almost through the summer months. What a summer we have been having, one moment we are in a heat wave, then thunderstorms, then back to



bearable heat and just as we begin to adjust to the temperatures we find ourselves back in a heat wave. I don't know about you, but anything over 24ish is not good for me. The gardens are struggling with the heat waves as are farmers their crops are not yielding as much as they usually do and apparently there is going to be a shortage of peas, not that it would concern me, I don't do peas!

The weather isn't just affecting us, it's affecting many other countries in different ways, India are having flash floods that are making many homeless and causing loss of life and what about all the fires in Europe, causing such havoc and devastation, people losing their homes and lives. It must be soul destroying to watch your house go up in flames. So I guess in the great scheme of things, we are so lucky in this country because on the whole, when the weather causes havoc and destruction here, it's not usually on the same scale as elsewhere.

However, enough about the weather. We have much to celebrate having two curates. Deji will be with us for about 4years and Peter for 3months before he moves on to St Mary's. I believe this is a time for us to re look at things and what impact we are having on the wider community. There are so many people who are searching for something and I believe it's the presence of spiritual guidance in their lives, and who better than Jesus because he can and does make a difference in our lives. Maybe you are searching and unsure and if that's you, find a local church and get involved ,it will be the best decision you'll ever make. Here at St Chad's we try to reach out in many different ways, working with the young, elderly and all those in between. Look us up on our website or Facebook to see the many activities and clubs that are on offer.



God is at work everyday but sometimes we allow the business of everyday to push him out instead of allowing him to be a part of our everyday lives because God is meant to be an integral part of our lives from the moment we get up in the morning until we retire for the night.

God isn't just about religious things, he wants us to be involved in the whole aspect of our lives, from the mundane to the important things we go through everyday. His presence is always around us and he longs for us to include him. God loves us unconditionally and he hears us when we pray to him.

How do I know that this is true? Because He stepped into the world through his Son Jesus Christ, sending him to save us from our sinful ways and offer us salvation through the cross. Romans 5:8 says:- ***"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"***.

Demonstrating God's unconditional love even before humanity had repented or turned to him. **John 3:16** ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"***. This well known verse highlights God's motivation to bring salvation to his beloved world and his promise of eternal life to all those who call upon his name.

Step back and look at your life. if you're looking for change or seem to be lost trust in Jesus to meet you exactly where you are and he will make a difference; bring everything to the Lord in prayer especially as we look at the world and see all that is happening; pray for peace and reconciliation, because together we can make a difference and God longs to hear from us.

Have a blessed day, week, month and year,
Christine



Sunday, 7th September, we are holding a barbecue in the church gardens, after the 10.45am service. It will be a bring and share, so please either bring something that can be cooked on the barbecue or a salad/buns/cold drinks. **Please sign the sheet at the back of the church so that we know if we need to get any extras.**

This will also be Lucinda, Bob and Nick Crowther's last Sunday with us, so please come along to wish them happiness in their new home.



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 !

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Please join us for a Zoom Prayer meeting at on Monday 1st September and every first Monday of the month at 1.00pm. Download Google Workplace or Follow this link or QR code. bit.ly/StChadsPrayer



The Lighthouse Home Group re-starts Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel in the church.

New members welcome.
Contact Martin Brown
at edenuk777@gmail.com



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.



Melissa has offered to do flower displays in church in memory of a loved one.

A pedestal will cost £30. Please contact the office if you would like to remember someone in this way.



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 September, we collecting teddies and soft toys. Pre-loved toys are perfectly acceptable after a trip to the washing machine! Thank you x



Tuesday 2nd September, 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. And all others at war. 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, and for Peter and his family, 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.

We still need lots of poppies, so please keep going!



September 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 7th September	All Age worship
Sunday 14th September	Family Church
Sunday 21st September	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 28th September	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 3rd September	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 17th September	Holy Communion in Royal Room

Please pray for Deji and Peter as they prepare for their ordination on **Sunday 14th September at Chelmsford Cathedral** at 2.00pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Please be aware that parking is an issue at the Cathedral so give yourself plenty of time. There are a few spaces left on the minibus if you need a lift. Please hold them both close in your prayers as they attend their pre-ordination retreat and for them and for their families as they prepare for ordination.



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 asap if you wish to be confirmed as classes start 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 asap so arrangements can be made.

FUNDRAISING And Social Events


2025

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 church and a worthy charity
15th NOVEMBER		Shoebox Day Saturday in the church. From 10.00am.
22nd NOVEMBER		Christmas Market Saturday 22nd November 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		Shoebox and Toy Service, Sunday 6th December at 10.45am.

JUMBLE SALE 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 is at the back of the church. Please spread the word amongst your friends, families and neighbours and encourage them to come along. You might be surprised at how much fun a jumble sale can be! We will be preparing on Friday 12th September from 2.00pm, so please come along and help if you can.

You can bring your jumble to church from the week beginning Sunday 7th September, but not before please as we have nowhere to store it.

Would you like to get involved in the planning and organising of things such as the Jumble Sale? If so, please come along to our next Fundraising meeting on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. New members and new ideas always welcome.



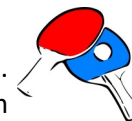
Did you know that we hold a Prayer for Revival meeting every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30—9.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come and join, even if just for part of the time.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday 27th September** from 8.00—9.30am, in the Royal Room.

See Dave for details and to book your place.



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.



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).



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No experience needed, just a servant



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.

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