



Dear Church Family,

It was wonderful to gather back as a church family last Sunday for Reset, such a joyful service and lunch together. Over the summer we have looked at Sabbath and I hope that you have not only had some rest, but also as the rhythms of life in the autumn set in, you have considered ways to keep Sabbath as a key part of your life.

As we head into the autumn I hope and pray that the sense of joy amongst us on Sunday will continue to mark our life together as a church family in the coming months. Our sermons on Sundays from now until Christmas are going to focus on 'Good News'. The heart of our faith is the good news which begins with God's character and is most fully expressed in what Jesus has done for us. I am praying for lots of joy in our hearts and at the heart of St Chads in the coming months. Joy is so much more than happiness (response to nice circumstances) it is the deep rooted well-being of living in the goodness of God.

On Sunday we also had the chance to honour, thank and pray for Vicky and share with her the generous gift which many from St Chads contributed to. Vicky was blown away by your generosity and hugely grateful. With Vicky moving on, we are so grateful for the way God has called Sarah (Baby Buddies), Dave (Just 4 Dads on Weds), Alys (Snowdrops) to take on leading groups. Each one has a testimony of how the Holy Spirit has moved their hearts to step into this, it's been absolutely beautiful to see it happen! You'll notice a few name changes to some of the groups and a new 'umbrella' name for all our outreach groups for young families. Weds morning will continue to be "Prammies", but we felt that all the groups collectively needed a new name and we're excited by the collective name of 'Mini Chadders' for this whole group of weekly ministries. Mini Chadders has a new Facebook profile so do check that out [here](#) and sign up to follow all the groups together in one place.

There was a lot to share on Sunday and so this is a bumper edition of Chads News, with lots for you to catch up on. We also shared the sad news last Sunday that David Bomford died on Sunday 1st September, his funeral will be on Thursday 19th Sept at 2.30pm at St Chads. Also sadly Rob Bucknall's wife Christine died on Saturday 7th Sept. Do please pray for both families.

Read on – there's lots to share with you!

with love,
Richard.



ReSet Sunday

Ministry Overview

As part of ReSet Sunday we produced a booklet which contains a bit of an update on many of our weekly ministries and also ways in which you could get involved.

We are so grateful for the many ways you volunteer as a church family, it's amazing!

There are some teams which are in particular need for more help right now and there are opportunities for everyone to be part of a team, to build relationships, serve and grow. So do take a look and pray about what's right for you in this season.

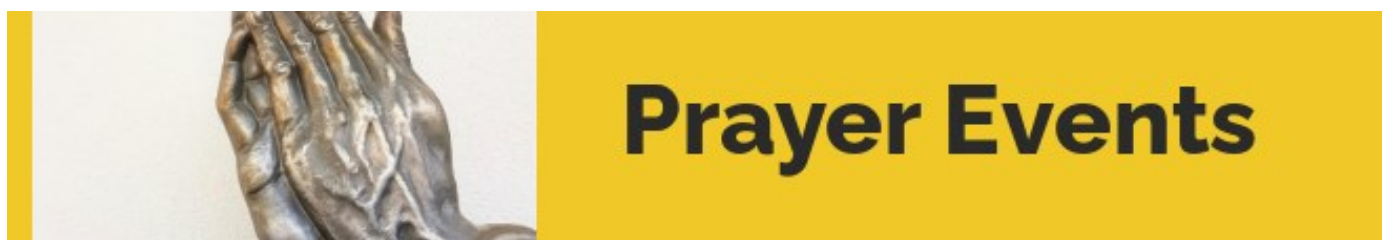
You can download a copy [here](#) or grab a paper copy at the back of church this week.



Eco-group activity - Sunday 15th September 2pm.

The wildflower areas we sowed last autumn have taken really well. Now is the time to cut them to spread the seeds and hopefully get even more wildflowers next spring! We have been advised by the Wildlife Trust to do this by hand for the best results.

Meet at church to help, and bring your shears and a rake. We will provide tea and biscuits!



Prayer is core to what we do in St Chads and we want to continue to see momentum of God changing lives. Our prayer events are unpressurised, dynamic and spiritually re-freshing and make a huge difference. They are a full expression of glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus.

September prayer events are:

Tuesday 24th Sept 7.30pm at the LifeCentre

Weds 25th Sept 1.30pm in church

Rainbow Band Concert

28th September

Rainbow at St Chad's

Ken Earith's praise and worship band Rainbow are celebrating 30 years of leading worship, performing for concerts and events as well as supporting a wide range of charities. We are holding our 30th anniversary event at St Chad's on Saturday 28th September at 7.00pm. There are no tickets but there will be an opportunity to donate to our chosen charity - Alzheimer's UK.

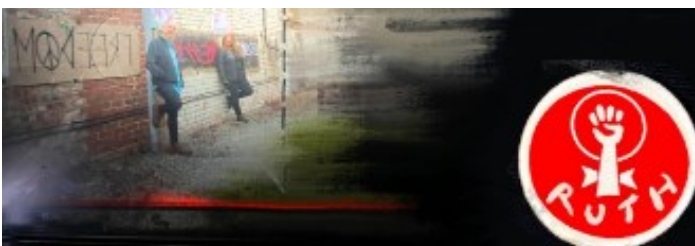
It will be an evening of memories and songs that they are calling 'Both sides of the Rainbow' which is also the title of our latest CD. Please join them for this special event and delight in singing along and worshipping God.



New to Chads? Want to find out more about our vision and values?

The next Welcome Lunch is on Sunday 13th October and is a great way to meet other new people, find out a bit more about St Chads and our vision and ask us any questions you might have. Children are very welcome!

The lunch will be hosted at the LifeCentre straight after the 11am service. For those who come to our 9.15 service, please come along for 1pm. Please sign up on our website or by email alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk and do let us know if you have any dietary requirements.



Matt Britton

19th October

Matt Britton and Emma Mould, in partnership with Press Red, present: The book of Ruth.

The biblical text performed verbatim, both spoken and sang aloud, reminding us: women count - so what we do counts!

Pre-show refreshments will be served from 7.30pm in church. The performance will start at 8pm and runs for approx. 50mins.

We want as many people to come and don't want costs to get in the way but we welcome donations to cover the cost of your ticket or someone else's.

You can buy your tickets [here](#) or on our website



Bassenfell

Bookings are still open for our weekend away at Bassenfell Manor, a residential Christian Centre in a beautiful part of the North Lake District.

This is not your “traditional church weekend” away! With home cooked food, indoor kids’ crafts, indoor sports, and outdoor games/activities. There will also be lots of time to relax and spend time together, and there’ll be worship and a quiz too. This weekend is a great opportunity for those new to the church to get to know others.

To book a room, email: emailtimwheeler@gmail.com. When requesting a room, please

state the number of adults/children/baby places required, as well as everyone’s name and also the age of each child that requires a place. We will then juggle and confirm your place back.

Costs are £80 per adult, £35 for children 5 and up. 4s and under are free. This is for the full weekend and includes food and accommodation. Payment can then be made any time before mid-October.

If you would like to know more about the venue, the link is:

<https://www.bassenfell.org.uk/about-bassenfell>. To find out more about the weekend

please, contact Florence Macaulay on 07789 298539.



Mission of the Month

Fusion

Fusion exists to help students to find a local church to call home and church leaders to stay connected to an ever-changing student culture.

Fusion exists to fuel the student movement though:

- enabling students to find churches where they can flourish
- empowering student workers
- encouraging students in mission to their fellow students

Prayer points:

- the September 'Find a Church' initiative and app
- Fusion has just launched ‘Sow the Word’ an initiative to help get Bibles into the hands of any students who would like one.

To find out more about what Fusion do visit www.fusionmovement.org.