



Dear Church family,

You may have noticed that we are changing our usual pattern of Chads news (fortnightly) to send you an edition this week, partly because of half term next week and partly because at this time of year there's lots going on for us to tell you about.

Before you read on to the many things ahead that are coming up, I want to thank all those who gave food and money on Sunday as part of our harvest festival. God loves it when we are generous to those in need and so thank you for joining with that.

Many from our 9.15am service will remember Elsie Beard, who was a much loved member of St Chads for many years. Elsie died this week after a number of years of dementia, it is good to think she is fully restored now and with Jesus. Her funeral will be on Thursday 31st October at 11.30am at St Chads.

The autumn 'term' is a busy one and I can't believe we have nearly reached half-way through already, but then looking back the summer seems a long time ago, I was in my 40s back then!! I have been listening to a book this week on silence (ironic to listen to it I know!) and taking time to be still with God. This is harder than we think in a fast-paced technological world, we can get addicted to constant connection and communications, which makes detaching to be still something we really need to attend to. The image the book uses is of a jar of water from a murky river being left to settle in order to create the stillness to hear God. That is such a profound image for what goes on inside us. So in the midst of a busy season, aware that we (St Chads) create some of that busyness, I feel prompted by the Holy Spirit to encourage you to look for where you can be still and silent. Where can you let the many things going on in and around you settle and by being still, draw nearer to God? Give it a go!

With love,
Richard

Matt Britton

19th October



There's still time to get tickets for this Saturday's (19th Oct) performance of Ruth by Matt Britton and Emma Mould.

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.

Prayer Event

30th October



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 refreshing and make a huge difference. They are a full expression of glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus.

The next prayer event is:

Weds 30th October 1.30pm in church



Light Party

31st October

**Following the success of last year's Light Party; this year we are hosting 2!
Thursday 31st October at the Guywood Centre.**

Come and join us for a fab time of fun, games and party food!

3.30-5.00pm for children aged 3yrs to 7yrs old.

5.30-7.00pm for children aged 8yrs to 11yrs old.

You can sign up in the events section of My ChurchSuite or over on our website.

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background, which is itself centered within a larger yellow rounded rectangle.

**Tearfund
Event**
4th November

Tearfund: A Taste of the Middle East and DRC
Monday 4th November
7pm arrival 7.30pm sit down meal.
Guywood Centre

We are excited to be hosting our Mission Partner, Tearfund, who are bringing two incredible speakers who will share their experiences and perspectives:

1. Safa Hijazeen - sharing about the Middle East
2. Poppy Anguandia - sharing about the Democratic Republic of Congo

Following the presentations, we will share a Middle Eastern meal together, providing an opportunity for further discussion and connection.

Safa Hijazeen, Tearfund's Regional Director for the Middle East, said: "The humanitarian suffering in Gaza and across the Middle East is greater than ever. Tearfund's church partners are doing their best to respond across the region, working in very difficult circumstances"

This is a free, ticketed event booked through Eventbrite on a first-come basis. You can sign up [here](#). You will have the option to add any dietary requirements on the booking page.

We look forward to seeing you there.

A banner for a Memorial Service featuring a background of lit candles. The text "Memorial Service" is written in large white letters, and "24th November" is written in smaller white letters below it.

Memorial Service

24th November

Memorial Service
Sunday 24th November at 3.00pm.

The service is for all those who have been bereaved. Many people find a service of this kind a very valuable part of the process of saying 'Goodbye' to those they love and also turning to God for his comfort and support through this time. Very often a beautiful part of this service has been members of St Chads bringing members of family who are grieving to join us.

We hope that it will be an opportunity for you to remember those you love.

Women's Events



**From the Garden to Eternity:
Trusting & Following God Through Every Season
15th & 16th November at Soul City Church, Stockport.**

An inspiring time of connection, growth, and challenge as women from across Greater Manchester journey together in faith! Whether you're in a season of joy or struggle, God is calling you to go deeper and be found in Him.

Together, we will explore what it means to trust God in both the good and the hard times, to strengthen our prayer lives, build authentic friendships, and embrace the mission He has for us in this world.

Book your tickets over at www.SoulCityhome.org/wildandfree

NewWine Women's Reset Day

Courageous faith: Living in God's promises

Saturday 1st Feb at St Philips, Salford

This year's Reset theme emphasises the strength that comes from faith, encouraging us to face challenges with confidence and to trust in God's plans while allowing the treasure within each one to be poured out for Gods glory.

We know that life presents various trials, and with courageous faith, we can confront these challenges with strength and resilience. Courage helps us to pursue our God-given purpose even when it requires stepping out of our comfort zone. With courageous faith, we can inspire and uplift others trusting in God's promises and so serving as powerful examples of His love and strength to those around us, encouraging others to go deeper and wider in their faith.

We will have a time of worship, eating, sharing and ministry throughout the day. Get the date in your diary and come join us as we work out how we can be courageous in our faith.

Book your tickets [here](#).



Rhythm of Hope Couples Retreat Day

Happening on **Saturday 18th Jan 2025** in Oxfordshire, the Rhythm of Hope Retreat Day is aimed at couples facing infertility. Practical and biblical insights will be shared to equip and encourage those affected to journey well through the valleys and near summits of infertility. There will also be time to worship together.

For more information visit www.therhythmofhope.co.uk or speak to Emma or Pete Hulme.