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**JESUS**

Dear Church family,

I hope you are having a good week. It was wonderful to be together on Sunday and I really felt God's Spirit at work amongst us. Whilst I realise we addressed a challenging subject over the past two weeks, when we humble ourselves before him and seek his holiness and purity, we will experience more of God's presence and that is exciting. If you weren't with us on either of the last two Sundays then do catch up with the sermon online or you can watch the video on our [youtube channel](#). Having preached these sermons I have a sense since that they were key words from God for us as a church at this time.

This week our adventurers return. It was a joy personally for us as a family to have Nells home on Sunday, she was so encouraged by her time in Burundi and has come back buzzing and I know Loz has too. We also look forward to hearing from the group who have been in Kolkata and the Goddards who were also in Burundi. Over the coming weeks we'll have a chance to hear a bit more in church and we plan to run a special evening in the LifeCentre (or Guywood if we need more space) where our all those who have been away can inspire and encourage us with stories of what they've seen God and his people doing. We will share details of that as soon as we have a date.

Next week is half term, so that will mean holidays for some and some changes to mid-week groups. Please pray for the Cherry Tree project who are running a holiday club in the Guywood for two days next week, supporting children and young people in our community. This is an amazing opportunity for them to show God's love and grace to these young people, so do pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Tonight we have our monthly prayer event for February. God is on the move, lives are being changed and this is all the fruit of us being a praying people. Praying isn't something we delegate to others, it's something for all of us to be a part of, so come and join us in the LifeCentre at 7.30pm – come and be a part of what God is doing.

With love  
Richard.

# Prayer Events



The most important gatherings of the month, our times of prayer, the very source of our life in God together. Please do make these a priority, it's vital that we seek God together, it is fundamental to all we do.

## **March dates:**

Weds 12th March - 1.30 in Church Lounge  
Tues 18th March - 7.30pm Etherow (LifeCentre)



## **Welcome Lunch**

Sunday 9th March

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

The next Welcome Lunch is on Sunday 9th March (please note the change of date) 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 here or email [alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk](mailto:alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk).



## Electoral Roll 2025

The Electoral Roll is the membership list of St Chad's, as set out by the guidelines of the Church of England. We would love for as many members of Chads to be a part of this as possible.

Every six years we have to remove every person on the Roll and prepare a new Electoral Roll before the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) which this year will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

If you have been worshipping with us regularly for six months or more and are 16 or over (or turn 16 in the next 12 months), please do take this opportunity to join the new 2025 Roll. As this a new cycle, if you have been unable to attend church due to illness, you are still able to join the new Roll, you will just need to indicate this option on the form.

We are collecting data online so it is stored securely on our ChurchSuite database.

To sign up digitally please click [here](#).

We are aware that technology and completing forms online is not always easy. With this in mind, for anyone who would like help completing the form, Jane and Alys will be in church on the following Sundays after the 9.15am service has finished and before the 11am service starts.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

If you are not going to be in church on any of those Sundays but would still like more assistance completing the form, please call Church Office on 0161 430 4652 to arrange a time to come into the LifeCentre or arrange other assistance.

If you would like any more information or have questions, please have a chat with Jane or Richard in church or via the Church Office.



## Ministry of the Month

### Mini Chadders

This year has been a year of change. We joyfully celebrated over 35 years of official St. Chad's ministry to young families in Romiley - a truly remarkable milestone! In July, we marked the occasion with a delightful afternoon tea, where we were blessed to reconnect with many of the mums who had attended with their little ones over the years. Some even returned with their grandchildren or children of their own! We are so deeply grateful to everyone who has served faithfully in this ministry across the decades, making such a lasting impact on countless families.

We are a willing and able volunteer team spread across the many sessions, from the Tuesday evening setup crew to the Wednesday morning & afternoon, Friday morning and Saturday morning.

**Prammies** regularly welcomes 30 - 40 families on Wednesday mornings. The children (aged 0-3+) enjoy free play, while mums and carers can relax over a drink and catch up with one another. Each session includes a craft activity and concludes with a time of togetherness, featuring songs and a Bible story. For special occasions, we've created lovely photo opportunities to help families capture precious memories. Jan Ford, Heather Hills and Adele Youle have taken the lead during in the second half of the year.

Sarah Lawrence has taken **Baby Buddies** forward and has brought the **Snowdrops** group under their wing, providing vital support for mums facing postnatal depression (PND). The group is very inclusive and supportive, and great at welcoming new mums. Every week one or other of the mums will comment on what a peaceful and safe space we create and thank us for our care and kindness. Sarah says that 'One of my goals for this group is to create a space where mums feel listened to and heard and in the process feel able to share. This has happened a number of times and resulted in brilliant conversations about where they are in their faith journey'.

**Just for Dads Wednesday** group continues to build relationships between dads and male carers. It's a small and transient group, with most dads taking a few months' parental leave with their babies before heading back to work. There have been valuable times of connection and conversations about Jesus, seeds scattered that we trust God will water in the coming years. Dave Hill has taken a lead in this season. Additionally, the two **Just for Dads Saturday** sessions have been well attended, with dads and babies at 9.30 then primary aged children with dads, granddads, and others coming together later on to enjoy sausages butties, coffee, craft and fun with Heather and Barry Hills heading the team.

Building friendships and sharing the love of Jesus is at the heart of what we do, and our mum's meal and dad's curry evenings have been a fantastic way to foster connection and community this year. These events have been full of laughter and meaningful conversation along with the informal summer meet ups, which Heather arranged in local parks and have continued the work of building connection and relationships with those attending.

This is a wonderful ministry to our community and one where we show the love of Jesus for many families with young children.

We are still looking to appoint a young families worker and hope to readvertise very soon, so if you can, join us to pray that God will stir the right people to apply and join in with all that He is doing in this space we would relish the role being filled and the ministry taken into the new season.

Katie