



Dear Church Family,

I want to begin with a huge THANK YOU! For every way that you have as a church family showed such love and generosity to me as I turn 50. I have received so many cards, gifts and the very generous financial gift which was collected is a huge blessing. We absolutely loved celebrating with our church family on Sunday, both in the morning and the evening party. I have been grinning all week as I remember different aspects of the day and ways people have blessed us. Words here can hardly express the deep gratitude I feel to be part of such a generous, loving church.

The focus of our autumn is Good News and in this edition of Chads News there is plenty of activity which I believe is good news. There are training days, teaching events, and weekends away, there are opportunities to connect with others, there are ways you can be good news and ways you can let the good news go more deeply into your soul. One piece of good news which is making me smile today is the encouragement from Tuesday night and Wednesday lunch time prayer events. At both we had such an amazing time praying. On Weds we focussed on good news from Philippians 4. On Tues we prayed into a phrase from Nehemiah 13.2 'yet our God turned the curse into a blessing'. We prayed about the many ways God loves to turn things around, from decay to new life, from despair to hope, from hatred to love. God wants to do that in us and through us in so many ways.

The Book of Ruth is an amazing love story of God turning around a family in despair and poverty, into a new family of love, kindness, generosity and hope. We are looking forward to Matt Britton coming back to St Chads to perform it for us on October 19th. And as I think about God turning things around, I think back to the many thousands of ways he did that at NewWine last summer, the early bird discount for next summer runs until 30th September, get your booking in quick!

All that we share here in Chads News is fuelled by that desire to see God turning things around. There are dates and details here, there are different events for people at different stages in life. All of it points to the goal of us seeing God's good news of new life, bring new life into our community.

with love,  
Richard.

# Rainbow Concert

Saturday 28th Sept

## 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.



## Men Behaving Dadly

**Want to be a better Father for you child and know what makes them tick?**

This 6 week course looks at issues men face in their role as Father, the Men Behaving Dadly course covers topics such as:

- How to be a son
- How to be involved
- How to be a fan
- How to be connected
- How to be consistent, available & positive
- How to be brave



## Healing Journeys

**Healing Journeys. Saturday October 5th 9.30 - 3.30pm at Holy Trinity Stalybridge**

A day of teaching and prayer in small groups led by Bishop Graham Dow and members of the Healing Journeys team

It is hoped that all participants will come ready to share their personal healing needs and to learn from each person being sensitively prayed with.

Registration beforehand is necessary for group allocation. Please email to [info@hts.church](mailto:info@hts.church) giving your name, church and contact details.

# Welcome Lunch

Sunday 13th October

## 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](mailto:alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk) and do let us know if you have any dietary requirements.



Our **Harvest Service** this year is on the 13th October. Our giving this year will be supporting the Food Provision Project. You can contribute to this by purchasing non-perishable foods, detailed below, or by making a financial donation.

### Shopping List:

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Longlife semi skimmed milk

Tea or small jars of coffee

Biscuits

If you would like to make a financial contribution please use the following details: Account name - St Chads PCC  
Sort code - 08 92 99  
Account number - 65874394  
Ref: Harvest

## Knitted Angels

It is now 9 years since we blessed Romiley with over 600 angels. This year we would like to bless the two care homes we visit - CherryTree and Silverdale, both staff and those they care for.

Could you help - even a couple would be great!!

Patterns are available in the church entrance or contact Marilyn on 07779786383.

## 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](mailto: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.

To find out more about the weekend please, contact Florence Macaulay on 07789 298539.