

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 2nd May:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 3rd May:	9.00am	Women's Breakfast in church
Mon 5th May:	Bank Holiday	
Tues 6th May:	All Day	Day of Prayer and Fasting
Tues 6th May:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 6th May:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 6th May:	7.30pm	Lighthouse Home Group in Royal Room
Tues 6th May:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 7th May:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 7th May:	12.00 noon	Mothers Union
Fri 9th May :	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 9th May:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 12th May:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 12th May:	1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Mon 12th May:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 13th May:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 13th May:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 13th May:	7.30pm	Fundraising Team Meeting in Royal Room
Tues 13th May:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 14th May:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 16th May:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 16th May:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 19th May:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 19th May:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 20th May:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 20th May:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 20th May:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 21st May:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 21st May:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 23rd May:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 23rd May:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 26th May:	Bank Holiday	
Tues 27th May:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 27th May:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 27th May:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 28th May:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 30th May:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 30th May:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 31st May:	10.00am	Craft Morning

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



"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jer. 29:11

So, I am on the over ground train heading west into town, and as usual, I pick up the free paper for the ride. The Metro. And because I'm bored I start reading a column by Anthony Hilton on the chop and change of oil prices and how that affects world politics. I did say I was bored !!!

But in the article, Hilton quotes one of the earliest leaders of the Middle East's oil group, OPEC, Sheikh Yamani, who said, "The stone age didn't end because the world ran out of stones."

It got me thinking of the necessity of change – and that got me thinking about the changes we are experiencing in St. Chad's. (Goodness me – great disruption over more than two years !!!)

Our church is rightly on the escalator of change as we move upwards and onwards, keeping pace with the society around us, and becoming the church God is calling us to be - and although that is necessary – it can be tough.

Just one example would be our resident building company, 'Boggitt & Leggitt'. They,

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~Jeremiah 29:11~

with others, built our current hall complex, and it serves us really well, but to move forward we need larger, more flexible facilities and that means the bulldozing of their hard work. Not easy – and Alan and the lads are just one example of the tension and heartache growth and change bring. Between them they have now re-built the church – we won't be bulldozing that, but you get the idea.

In my last Chadderbox I said that we have a great group of leaders in our church and they recognise those tensions, but as I trundled on past Ilford it also struck me that we were doing 'Change' pretty well. Our leadership teams, whilst smaller in numbers, are growing and adapting as they take on greater responsibilities of our changing circumstances. Our Sunday services are getting back to and growing in their own styles, and even better than that, there is a growing sense of 'Oneness' across our congregations. Rather than 'Change' dividing us it seems to be uniting us. We've lost some people since COVID, but we haven't lost our fighting spirit.

Easter showed how wonderfully our church came together last month – and there is more ahead of us. It seems that everyone knows that we need to change to be an effective church in 2025 and beyond, and people are saying two things; Firstly, if we must change, let's change together – and secondly, if we must change, let's keep smiling. Not easy, but by God's grace we can.

God's plans for us are sovereign. They are to help us prosper, as a church and as a community – but they necessitate change.

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Is. 43;19*

By the grace of God it seems that St. Chad's is that way – and the oil of Christ's love that flows through us by his Spirit is the stream that will bring nourishment to Chadwell Heath.

It's great how we are standing together and saying Amen – let it be according to your word.

Come and celebrate with us – lift your praise and your prayers to God and trust him with your life and your church.....

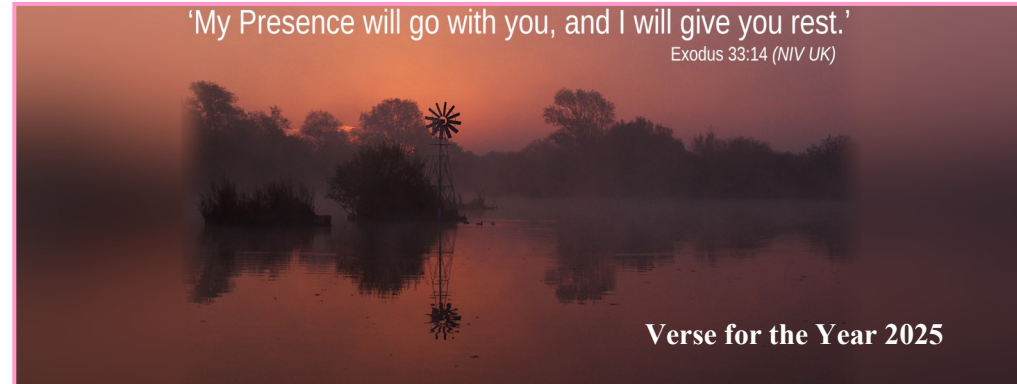
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(If you want to help with the planning fun things for our future or other church activities speak to our staff team or Iain Torrance)

As a phone provider used to say – the future is bright, our Easter celebrations showed us that. Thank you Lord. Martin

'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

Exodus 33:14 (NIV UK)



Verse for the Year 2025

Thank you to everybody who has been contributing to the monthly collections for our shoeboxes—they are going really well. Throughout May, we will be collecting:- Colouring pencils, pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, writing/drawing pads and colouring books (that will fit in a shoebox) and pencil cases. We are also still collecting shoeboxes.

There is a collection box at the back of the church or you can bring your donations to the office. Many thanks for your generosity.



This year, for a change, it has been decided that 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.



The next Children's Craft Morning is on Saturday 31st May at 10.00am. To book a place, please contact Julie at Julie.stchads@gmail.com

Crafts, songs, games, stories and refreshments included for £3 per child.

Up to 11 years, under 5's must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 6th May is a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points:

- Pray for the world—this fallen world is economically, socially, climatically, politically damaged; war-torn, stabbing of our youth, the NHS, Police and Education and for the institutions that are sick and broken
- Pray for the world at war, and for those affected by recent earthquakes.
- Pray that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel
- Pray for peace of Jesus throughout the world
- Prayer for refugees , for the Unemployed, homeless and lonely
- Pray for Support workers and families caring for people with learning disabilities
- 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
- Pray that God will bless us so that we can be a blessing to others
- For Martin and Christine as they lead us and Neil, Daryl and Bob as they bring God's word to us
- 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:
- **1 Peter 5:7—for encouragement** “Cast all your care on Him; for He cares for you.”
- **Philippians 4:7 - for peace** “And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. “
- **Luke 21:19 - for patience** “Stand firm, and you will win life. “
- **Psalms 31:9 - for those grieving—** “Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.”
- **John 16:22** “So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy”.



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 if this is something you are interested in so we can let you know when the Confirmation

Classes are. If you would be like to be confirmed but are not baptised, we also offer adult baptism. Again, please let Pauline know so arrangements can be made.



MAY 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 4th May	All Age worship
Sunday 11th May	Family Church
Sunday 18th May	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 25th May	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 7th May	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 21st May	Holy Communion in Royal Room



The Lighthouse Home Group meets on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm in the Royal Room. New members are welcome to come along and join us.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Because of Bank Holiday Monday, the Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday 12th May at 1.00pm..

Martin Brown has simplified the connection to the prayer meeting for us. You can either scan this QR code—download 'Zoom Workplace' onto your phone—or follow this simpler link bit.ly/StChadsPrayer (case sensitive).



The Prayer for Revival Team meets every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30-9.00pm. You are welcome to join them.



We are always looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of the church. These are the places where we need help:

Church services — Reading, intercessions, refreshments. Learning how to run the tech side or sound.

During the week — MCC, Coffee Shop. If you don't want to help in the kitchen, just come along and chat to the people that visit these groups and support the team.

Craft Mornings—Last Saturday of each month, we are looking for extra helpers.

Gardening—keeping the Garden of Remembrance and the garden opposite the church tidy and weed-free.

If you would like to be a part of the Fundraising Team, we are meeting on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Royal Room and you are welcome to come along , and bring along any ideas you have for fundraising.

I cannot emphasise enough how much we need volunteers to help church run efficiently. Volunteering also builds relationships and friendships; the benefits work both ways.

If you would like to be involved in any way, please speak to me in the first instance and I can then introduce you to those involved.



Once again, can I say -
no experience needed,
just a servant heart .



I look forward to hearing from you .

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Ladies, you are warmly invited to a Women's Breakfast on Saturday 3rd May at 9.00am in the church. It's an opportunity to meet up with other ladies in the church that you might not know very well and make new friendships. It will be a continental style breakfast kindly served by some of the men in the church, with plenty of tea and coffee while we chat.



The cost of the breakfast is £5 per person, payable on the day.

We do hope many of you will be able to come. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church for catering purposes or message the office.

Willow Tree Baby Bank are collecting clothes and baby items for 0-2 year olds.



OPENING HOURS 10am-12pm (By appointment only)
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E-MAIL info@willowtreebaby.org.uk
FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE
www.willowtreebaby.org.uk
facebook.com/WillowTreeBabyBank



**MCC—
Mature
Companions
Club**

MCC, our Mature Companions Club now meets every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday at 12.00 noon of each month. All over 60's are invited to come along to share lunch for a small donation and share fellowship. Please bring your friends along too. In the Royal Room in the church hall.

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, including nappies of all sizes.



The Church Office is open every day except Thursday between 10am and 12 noon, for enquiries of any kind.
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