

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 1st Apr:	All Day	Day of Prayer and Fasting
Tues 1st Apr:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 1st Apr:	7.30pm	Lent Course
Wed 2nd Apr	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 2nd Apr:	12.00 noon	Mothers Union
Fri 4th Apr:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 4th Apr:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 5th Apr:	1.00am	High Road Easter Evangelism
Sun 6th Apr:	After church	Prayer Walk around church and hall
Mon 7th Apr:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 7th Apr:	1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Mon 7th Apr:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 8th Apr:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 8th Apr:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 8th Apr:	7.30pm	Last Lent Course
Wed 9th Apr:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 11th Apr:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 11th Apr:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 14th Apr:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 15th Apr:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 15th Apr:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 15th Apr:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 16th Apr	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 16th Apr:	12.00 noon	MCC
Thurs 17th Apr:	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service in church
Fri 18th Apr:	3.00pm	Good Friday Service in church
Tues 22nd Apr:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 22nd Apr:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 22nd Apr::	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 23rd Apr:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 25th Apr:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 25th Apr :	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun 27th Apr:	After church	APCM
Mon 28th Apr:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 28th Apr:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 29th Apr:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Café
Tues 29th Apr:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga
Tues 29th Apr:	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
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For you are the body of Christ

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I remember some years ago, 2016 in fact, when our leadership team went away for a day in the beautiful setting of Waltham Abbey and led by the very experienced Roger Matthews. We looked at 'Who we are' as individuals and as a team and part of that was some learning through a psychometric test called 'Insights'. I won't describe it all, there's too much to say, but one part of the day was him lining us up from one end of the room to the other from the most introverted of us to the most extroverted. Fascinating stuff – I'm an introvert in case you didn't know.

He then explained that, depending on where we stood impacted on how we made decisions. The most extrovert amongst us would make a decision quickly and then live with and work through the consequences as the scenario developed. Introverts take much longer to make a decision, wanting to have thought through the possible consequences before they start. It was very insightful for us as a PCC and the wider team, but our move back into church has reminded me of some of that learning. For some, our refurbishment won't be radical enough, for others it's too radical. For some, church is hugely sacred, for others it's just a space. Interestingly that point was seen by several people (who commented such on the post-it notes we wrote out on our first service back in church) that this whole experience has reminded them that 'Church' is the people not a building – some had enjoyed worshipping in the hall. The views are as divergent as introverts and extroverts.

How have we made the move to our changed environment? With grace on both sides as well as exhibited by all those who stand in the middle. One person who valued the traditional look of the church said to me, 'It's not what I want Martin, but for the sake of our youngsters we must move forward.' A more radical voice said to me, 'I wish we'd got rid of that statue (the Crucifix now hanging on the wall of the chancel) but actually it seems fitting looking down on the altar.'

We're one body with a myriad of different thoughts and perspectives, but we come together as one because together we can achieve more.

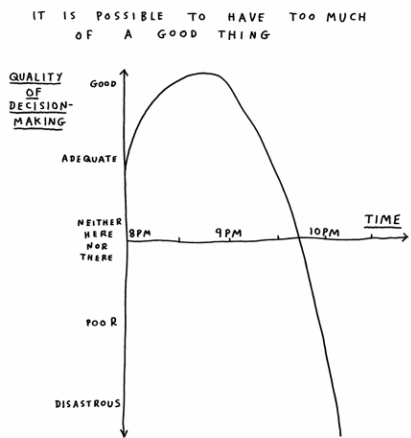
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I think the most amazing thing that has come out of our refurbishment (which has taken an age and is still to be fully finished) for me, is the fact that we have all, whatever our position and stance on what has happened at St. Chad's, come together as one. Whether that is people giving money or time, working physically on the building or helping out at a fundraiser, baking cakes or coming to a Summer Ball, praying fervently and persistently, or working magic with a duster, everyone has come together for the common good, and that is church.

When we read of the first church in Acts 2:40ff it all sounds so perfect – I suspect it was far from that. But they, like us, put Jesus at the centre of what they were doing instead of their own agendas, and a global church was birthed that still goes strong today. It's amazing, but it really is true,

Together we can make a difference. Let's see what God has got for us now, and move into that future together. Martin

COMMITTEE MEETINGS



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Our APCM this year will be on **Sunday 27th April**, after church.

If you head up a group, please can you get your report in by 13th April at the latest.

To vote at the APCM you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Please pick up a form from church or the office. Cut off for inclusion on Electoral Roll is 13th April.

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

Exodus 33:14 (NIV UK)



We hold a Prayer for Revival meeting every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30—9.00pm

Everybody is welcome to join us, even if just for part of the time.



The following groups are taking a short break over the Easter holidays.

Sparkles closes on Monday 7th April and reopens on Monday 28th April.

Ignite finishes on Monday 14th and re-opens on Monday 28th April.

Coffee Shop and MCC will continue as usual

There will be no Chair Tai Chi on Good Friday and no Chair Yoga on 1st April, otherwise, there groups will continue as usual.

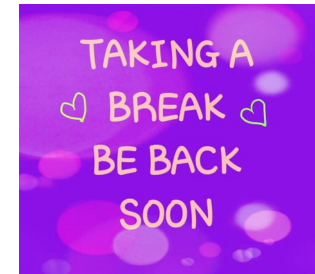
There will be no Craft Morning in April.

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.



TAKING A
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SOON



Tuesday 1st April 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, for Israel and Palestine, for Ukraine and Russia.
- 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 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.



APRIL 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 6th April	All Age worship
Sunday 13th April	Family Church
Sunday 20th April	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 27th April	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 2nd April	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 16th April	Holy Communion in Royal Room

REPORT

A reminder to all those who head up groups in St. Chad's that their annual reports are due in by Sunday 13th April please, to be included in the APCM Book.



Just a reminder also that your report should include all activities from 1st January—31st December 2024.



Please note that the Lighthouse Home Group is not meeting this week because of the Lent Court. It will resume on Tuesday 6th May.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Monday 7th April at 1.00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85834336962?pwd=9sme7flWm2ctaMSj12Cza7GaRZkgni.1>

Meeting ID: 858 3433 6962

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Easter Services at St. Chad's

Palm Sunday 13th April. Traditional BCP Service at 9.00am. At 10.45am, All-Age Worship led by our children. At 3.00pm, a Palm Sunday service of traditional hymns and readings.



Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday 17th April at 7.30pm. A traditional service of Holy Communion reminding us of the Last Supper.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, Friday 18th April starting at the junction of Becontree and Valence Avenues at 12.00 noon to the High Road Baptist church, for an act of worship at 1.00pm lasting about 30 minutes, with refreshments.



'An Hour at the Cross' at 3.00pm on Good Friday. A reflective service of drama and reflective hymns.

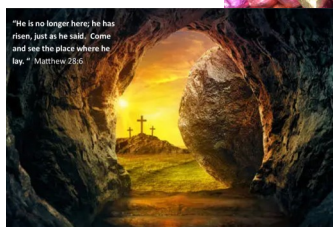
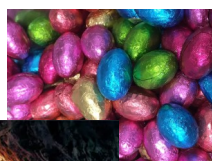
'He is Risen - Hallelujah!' **Easter Sunday** 20th April Services of celebration at 9.00am - traditional BCP service, and All Age Worship at 10.45. Come and celebrate the Risen Lord!

Walk of Witness— churches of Chadwell Heath come together to witness to the resurrection of Christ. The walk will conclude with a service outside the Baptist Church on the High Road.



The starting point is the junction of Becontree and Valence Avenues at 12.00 noon, and will process up Valence Avenue for a service outside the Baptist Church in the High Road at 1.00pm.

High Road Evangelism. Come and join us to hand out invitations to our Easter services and Easter eggs along the High Road with us. No experience needed, just a friendly smile.



In 2025, the Church of England requires all churches to wipe their Electoral Roll clean and start again. If you wish to be included on the electoral roll and have been attending St. Chad's for 6 months, please complete a form available from church or from the church office. The deadline for inclusion is Sunday 13th April.



Please see Pauline if you would like to volunteer and be part of the team that keeps St. Chad's going. We are always looking for volunteers for services, either prayers, reading or serving refreshments. We are also looking for people to learn how to do the tech/sound side for services.

We especially need volunteers to help at our Coffee Shop and MCC (Mature Companions Club).

No experience needed, just a servant heart.



Our **Lent Course** will continue on Tuesdays 1st and 8th April at 7.30pm in the Royal Room. Please note the Tuesday Prayer group will be joining the Lent Course.



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. May for this time of years include some Easter treats/



The Church Office is open every day except Thursday between 10am and 12 noon, for enquiries of any kind. Pauline Loomes, our Church Administrator, can be contacted by: tel: 020 8597 8076 email: churchoffice@stchads.church website: www.stchads.church