

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 2nd Apr:	All day	Day of Prayer and Fasting
Tues 2nd Apr:	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room
Wed 3rd Apr:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 3rd Apr:	11.00am	Mothers Union
Fri 5th Apr:	8.00pm	Choir Practice in Prayer Room
Tues 9th Apr:	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room
Wed 10th Apr:	12.00	MCC in Royal Room
Fri 12th Apr:	8.00am	Choir Practice in Prayer Room
Mon 15th Apr:	9.45am	Sparkles in Royal Room
Mon 15th Apr:	10.00am	Little Chadders at EABC
Mon 15th Apr:	6.30pm	Ignite in Youth Room
Tues 16th Apr:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Cafe
Tues 16th Apr:	7.30pm	Prayer meeting in Prayer Room
Tues 16th Apr:	7.30pm	Fundraising Meeting in Royal Room
Wed 17th Apr:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 17th Apr:	12.00	MCC in Royal Room
Fri 19th Apr:	8.00am	Choir Practice in Prayer Room
Mon 22nd Apr:	9.45am	Sparkles in Royal Room
Mon 22nd Apr:	10.00am	Little Chadders at EABC
Mon 22nd Apr:	6.30pm	Ignite in Youth Room
Tues 23rd Apr:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Cafe
Tues 23rd Apr:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 24th Apr:	12.00	MCC in Royal Room
Fri 26th Apr:	8.00pm	Choir Practice in Prayer Room
Sat 27th Apr:	10.00am	Children's Craft Morning
Sun 28th Apr:		APCM

See previous page for church group closing dates for the Easter holidays.

Join us for fellowship after our church services and enjoy tea, coffee and good company.

You may even want to volunteer to help out with serving refreshments.

See Pauline if that is you!



Church Office

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:
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Chadderbox April 2024 Newsletter of St. Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath

St. Chad's Church The people of God

‘.....you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood’ 1 Peter 2:5

At long last. I'm speaking of our church building works of course. And really it's not quite that bad. I have shown a PowerPoint (the first of many) of works that had been taking place behind the closed doors of our church, but now those works have burst out before our very eyes. The new brick-built vestry rising out of the ashes of 'Al's Shack' visible at the rear, and they're doing something at the front??? Or we've got giant squirrels digging it up. Trees gone and diggers in – it warms the cockles of our hearts, doesn't it?

And if I'm honest, it's hard to keep perspective. We want to be excited. I want to be excited, and why not? A beautifully refurbished church. Better heating. A new lighting system. A brand new 'Lady Chapel' and flexible, comfortable seating. A sparkling new 'Coffee Shop' extending across our frontage and a well-equipped kitchen to service all of that. No more coats and scarves needed in the winter with everyone drawing pictures in their breath as it freezes mid-air. Gone are the days of catching a chill in the pews, we're changing for the better. 'And it's about time' I hear from the voices of those who had suffered long enough.



But it's not about buildings. Even lovely ones, clean and fresh and well decked out. And that's the perspective we need to keep. Church, 'Ecclesia' for those longing to have a little Greek in our Chadderboxes, is all about people rather than bricks and mortar. It's about the people of God, coming together to serve God and their fellow townfolk. Bishop Peter Hill's talks to us on our Weekend Away about 'Paroikia', (more Greek) translated as 'Parish' and meaning those who are outside of the safety of the city walls, hits the nail on the head. The church is literally the hands, feet, mouth and heart of God at work in its community.

I hope that you are excited about the prospects of a 'new' church. We should be and it's going to be great. But I hope that you're excited too at the potential and possibilities that 'new' church means for you. I hope and pray that you've started to think about how you might fit in to the 'ecclesia' – the people of God brought together in the Holy Spirit to reach out beyond our city walls. Will you join a team helping children and families? Or maybe you want to do something to help those in poverty? Maybe your skills are helping with the older folks in our community or administration? How is God calling you?



Paul is clear, we are living stones that are being brought together to form and to be God's holy house in Chadwell Heath. His hands, his feet, his voice and his heart. And that's exciting stuff so let's get excited.

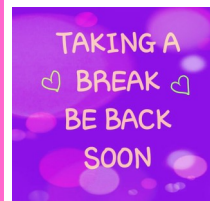
Martin.



*You also, like living stones,
are being built
into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2: 5 (NIVUK)

Would you like to join our Fundraising Team? We are always looking for new members to come along to our meetings, help out at events and come up with different fundraisers or social events. We are always open to new ideas. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Royal Room. Just come along, or if you would like some more details, speak to Iain in church or contact the church office.



Many of our groups are having a well-earned rest during the school Easter holidays, so the following groups will not be meeting weeks commencing Mondays 1st April and 8th April, re-opening Monday 15th April.

Sparkles, Little Chadders. Ignite Sunshine community Cafe

MCC and our Prayer will continue to meet as usual.

Pre-school is closed from Thursday 28th March until Monday 15th April.



Group for under-ones & their parents

Grandparents, carers, & expectant parents very welcome!

Drop in Mondays
9:45am – 12pm

It's never too early to start collecting for our shoeboxes so during the month of April, we will be collecting toothpaste.



Children's Groups on Sundays.

Luminate—for Reception to Year 6 children, every Sunday apart from All Age service, in the youth room.

Elevate—Year 7-11 children, meet as above in the prayer room.
Creche—for under 5's meets in the Royal every Sunday in the Royal Room (except when it is All Age worship) . All our children's group are run by our dedicated volunteers.



Not receiving our e-mails? Please opt-in by e-mail or complete a consent form from the church office, and return to the church office.

Tuesday April is a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points:



- Pray for the world—where there is conflict; where there is poverty, where this gang culture, where drug selling is rife.
- Pray for the NHS, Police and Education.
- Pray for our Government and for our politicians, that they would seek God’s guidance in all that they do.
- Pray for persecuted Christians across the world.
- Pray for people who are struggling in their faith.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell at this time, awaiting test results and operations.
- Pray that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel.
- Pray for the leaders of the church, Archbishops and Bishops .
- Prayer for refugees, for the unemployed, homeless and lonely
- Pray for Support workers and families caring for people with learning disabilities
- Pray for who those who are mourning loved ones
- Pray that God will bless us so that we can be a blessing to others
- Continue to pray for our leaders, the staff team and all our volunteers.
- Pray for PCC and all the different groups in St Chads
- Scriptures for comfort and encouragement Psalm 34:18, Psalm 55:22 , Romans 8:28, Deuteronomy 31:8-9

MCC—Mature Companion 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 and company. There is no charge for lunch, but donations are welcome. Please bring your friends along too. In the Royal Room in the church hall.



Our local food bank is in greater need than ever. Please prayerfully consider how you can support

your community with donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby items.



April 2024 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.

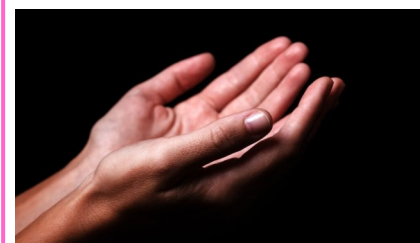
Sunday 7th April	All Age worship
Sunday 14th April	Family Church
Sunday 21st April	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 3rd April	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 10th April	No meeting
Wednesday 17th April	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 24th April	No Meeting



Our **Confirmation Service** will take place on Sunday 14th July, which will be led by Bishop Lynne, the Bishop of Barking. To be confirmed, children must be 11 years or older. If you are interested, please let Pauline know so that she keep you informed of dates for confirmation classes etc.

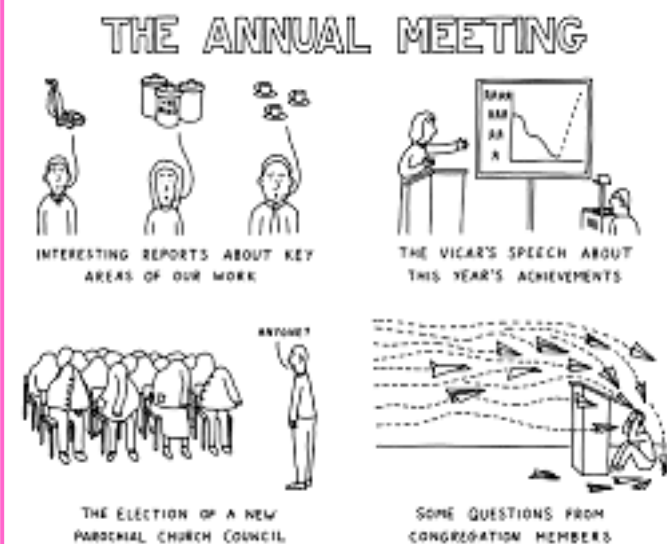


Please keep praying for the building project. We are so nearly there and we hope to be in the wonderful building soon. It will be worth the wait!



Our APCM this year will be on **Sunday 28th April**, after church.

If you head up a group, please start thinking about writing your report. Reports will be due in by 12th April at the latest.



If you wish to be on the Electoral Roll and have been attending St. Chad's for more than 6 months, please pick up a form from the back of church or ask the church office to email you one.

If you are interested in joining the PCC, elections are held at the APCM. Please speak to Martin, Bob or Pauline. Ask Pauline for a form.

Kids@St Chad's £3 per child

Craft Morning

Crafts, Songs, Games, Stories and refreshments included!

Come and join the fun!

When: Saturday, 27 April 2024
 Where: St Chad's Church Hall, Eric Road, RM6 6JH
 Time: 10am - 12noon
 How: To book, please contact Julie.stchads@gmail.com
 Cost: £3 per child
 Ages: Up to 11 years (under 5's must be accompanied by an adult)



Did you know that we hold a Prayer for Revival meeting every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30—9.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come and join, even if just for part of the time.



This year's Christmas project is candles—Patterns for knitted, crocheted and felt candles are available at the back of church, or ask the church office to email them to you. There is also wool and felt available from church.

Sunshine Community Café

Have you tried our Sunshine Community Café yet? If not, you are missing out. The food is lovely and very reasonably priced. Come along and try a panini, baguette or roll, all day breakfast, salads, children's lunches or just coffee or tea with home-made cake.

We are open from 10.00am til 2.00pm every Tuesday term time, and we would love to see you. You will also meet some nice friendly people!



We now work with the Parish Giving Scheme for the collection of our giving. They are a charity who help parishes to collect donations and also claim back any Gift Aid for us – all for no charge! If you want to set up a regular payment to St Chad's, please contact the Church Office and we will help you to do this.

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We still urgently need volunteers. When you are relying on just a few people and are asking them over and over again to do jobs around the church, they become tired and burnt out! It would be wonderful if we could spread the workload to give other people a bit of a break. We are always looking for volunteers to take part in Sunday Services; we especially need people to read and deliver prayers during services, welcome and to help with refreshments after services.

If you are available during the week, there are always volunteer opportunities—MCC, Coffee Shop, building maintenance - and we would welcome you with open arms!! Many of the jobs are simple and not time-consuming—there are no qualifications needed, just a servant heart! Please let the office know if you can help.

