

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2nd June	1.00pm	Prayer Zoom Meeting
Mon 2nd June:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 2nd June:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 3rd June:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 3rd June:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 3rd June:	7.30pm	Lighthouse Home Group
Tues 3rd June:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 4th June:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 4th June:	11.00am	Mothers Union
Fri 6th June:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 6th June:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 9th June:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 9th June:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 10th June	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 10th June:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 10th June:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 11th June	12.00 noon	MCC film and lunch
Wed 11th June:	7.00pm	Archdeacons Visitation
Fri 13th June:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 13th June:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 16th June:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 16th June:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 17th June:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 17th June:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 17th June:	6.00pm	Ward Panel Meeting
Tues 17th June:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Tues 17th June:	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed 18th June:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 18th June:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 20th June:	12.30pm	Chair Based Tai Chi
Fri 20th June	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Mon 23rd June:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 23rd June:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 24th June	10.00am	Sunshine Community Café
Tues 24th June:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise
Tues 24th June:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 25th June:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 27th June:	12.30pm	Chair Tai Chi
Fri 27th June:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 28th June:	10.00am	Craft Morning
Sat 28th June:	7.00pm	New Dimensions Choir Concert
Mon 30th June:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 30th June:	6.30pm	Ignite



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

One could almost be forgiven for thinking we are in the middle of summer, flowers blooming sooner than expected, having to water the garden already because of lack of rain; if we don't have rain soon my five water butts will be empty! The sun shining makes us feel good doesn't it, like we want to get out in the fresh air and it's saving us money because the heating is not on. Just a walk over the park energises me as I see the children playing and mums meeting up for a chat, the smell of recently cut grass, the fresh air that surrounds me, the birds and flowers that are everywhere, the bees busy making honey and pollinating shrubs, flowers, trees etc. This time of the year always gives me a chance to blow away the cobwebs after being stuck indoors during the winter months. It's great to be able to enjoy God's creation and it's also the time of year we think about preparing for our holidays.

Where do you like to spend summer? With friends and family, travelling abroad or perhaps exploring our own country because we have some wonderful scenery and places to visit, but usually it's the weather that prevents us from remaining here! Although over the last few weeks we have been warmer than Spain and the likes. It's amazing how differently we feel when the sun is shining and we can enjoy all of God's creation in all its beauty. The Bible recounts several stories highlighting God's beautiful creation, particularly the creation story in Genesis and the Psalms, which emphasise the beauty of the natural world and God's design. At times when we listen or see the news we might feel differently and find it hard to believe that something so wonderfully created by God's almighty power and love can be changed into something ugly and devastating because of humanity and those seeking power with no regard to people and their way of life. We see destruction of countries because of war, famine, earthquakes and many other adversities.



Matthew 6:25-34, urges us to consider the birds and wildflowers as examples of God's care, by encouraging us to observe the birds of the sky and the wildflowers of the field as examples of God's provision and care. It suggests that these creatures, though not actively seeking their own sustenance, are fed and adorned by God, demonstrating His love and concern for creation. Nature is one of God's beautiful creations and it's through nature that God is able to teach us, speak to us, and provide for us and as God's crowning glory of humanity we are called to protect all of His creation. Job 12:10 says *"In His hand is the life of every creature."*

There's a song we sing: "Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus."

We only have to look at creation to see God's love and wonderful works. I know that when I want to get close to God I look at creation and can see him in the flowers, trees, birds and other plant life and animals. I can hear him in the wind that gently blows; he's all around us but we often miss out because we fail to use our imagination. Mark Twain said "You can't depend on your eyes when you imagination is out of focus. When it comes to seeing God in creation that is

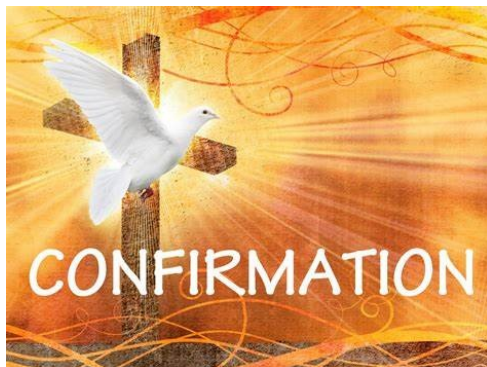
The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 19:1

unquestionably true, so go feed your imagination; do whatever it takes to get your imagination in focus because so much depends upon it." If you and I are going to see God in nature then we must learn to exercise our imagination.

God bless, Christine

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. Confirmation classes will take place on Wednesdays, 3rd, 10th and 17th September. 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.



Wednesday 11th June at 7.00pm is the Archdeacon's Visitation in church, when our churchwardens, Florence and Iain will be commissioned. Please come and along and support your wardens, 7.00pm for refreshments, 7.30-8.30pm for the service.

Archdeacon Christopher Burke



We are are holding a Summer Raffle this year instead of an Easter Raffle and here are some suggestions of donations you can make. All proceeds to church funds
Winners will be announced on 20th July in time for your holidays!



Holdall
Travel bag
Children's Backpack
Beach bag
Beach towel/s
Sun Cream
After Sun
Toiletry Bag
Toiletries
Water bottles / Flask
Comics for children
A good novel and or magazine
Puzzle book and pen
Kite
Frisbee
Beach ball
Picnic set or individual picnic items
Sun hats



Sun Glasses (adult and children)
Children's book (young and older)
Colouring book/pencils
Bats and balls
Bucket and spade/sand toys
Picnic blanket
Please bring your donations to church or church office. Thank you.

Our monthly collections for shoeboxes are going well. So far, we have collected toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps and flannels and writing and drawing equipment. For the month of June, we are going to be collecting small toys; balls, cars, dolls, small games, small teddies, playing cards, yo-yo's—anything that will fit in a shoebox. Thank you.



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.



Tuesday 3rd June 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. Pray for 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, India and Pakistan. Pray that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel. Pray for the 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 and for all those caring for loved ones.
 - 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 for this month:**
- **Deut 31.8—for encouragement** "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged "
 - **Luke 21:19 - for peace** "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."
 - **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."
 - **Jeremiah 29:11—for hope** "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. "
 - **Proverbs 19:7—for compassion** "If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!"



June 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 1st June	All Age worship with baptisms
Sunday 8th June	Family Church
Sunday 15th June	Family Church with Holy Communion Fathers' Day
Sunday 22nd June	Family Church
Sunday 29th June	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 4th June	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wednesday 18th June	Holy Communion in Royal Room

A reminder that you can help to raise money for St. Chad's by using Easy Fundraising. Since we started, we have raised £194, but this could be much more as you can use it for so many online shops—food shopping, holidays, furniture, days out and much more. Take a look at their website by following this link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/st-chads-church/ It's really easy to sign up and if you recommend a friend, we get £5 !

Support us
through

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Kids@St Chad's

£3 per
child

When: Saturday, 31 May 2025

Where: St Chad's Church Hall, Eric Road, RM6 6JH

Time: 10am - 11.30am

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)

Crafts, Songs, Games,
Stories and
refreshments
included!

Come and join the fun!



Lighthouse Home

Group 1st Tuesday of the month. Next meeting 3rd June. For more details contact Martin Brown 07780 674120 MartinBrownNewham@gmail.com



Zoom Prayer Meeting, Monday 2nd June at 1.00pm. Here is a simplified 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).

FUNDRAISING And Social Events 2025

28th JUNE	New Dimensions summer Concert in the church. Tickets £7.50 at the door, includes Refreshments, cash only. Under 16's free.	
19th JULY	Movie Afternoon and Evening in the church. Showing 'The Wizard of Oz' at 2.30pm and 'Wicked' at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be on sale. Suggested donation for tickets around £5	
3rd AUGUST	The Celestial Voices Choir from Barbados concert of classical music, spirituals, and music from the Broadway Shows, culminating with music from the Caribbean of folk songs and contemporary music. Ticket price tbc. In church.	
13th SEPTEMBER	Jumble Sale in the church. Usual rules apply, jumble can be bought to church from the Sunday before. Lots of helpers and volunteers needed. Let us know if you are interested in helping.	
5th OCTOBER	Harvest Lunch in either the hall or church. A simple lunch of home made soup and bread followed by fruit and cake. Proceeds halved between the church and a worthy charity	
15th NOVEMBER	Shoobox Day Saturday in the church. From 10.00am.	
22nd NOVEMBER	Christmas Market Saturday 22nd November 2.30pm 11.00am—2.30pm In the church	
29th NOVEMBER	Merry Quizmas, with Jenny and Matt. In the church or hall, a fun Christmas Quiz, for teams of 8, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Plus raffle. Tickets £8pp	
6th DECEMBER	Shoobox and Toy Service, Sunday 6th December at 10.45am.	



Calling all ladies. WWF (WOW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP) are organising a trip to Queens Theatre, Romford to see the 'Rat Pack' tribute on Saturday 13th September. The tickets are £25.70 and the deadline for booking and payment is Sunday 8th June to ensure we get seats. Please sign the sheet in church or message the office.

NEW DIMENSION CHOIR SUMMER CONCERTS

Musical Director Enid Weaver

SATURDAY
28TH JUNE

ST. CHAD'S CHURCH
73 Eric Road, Chadwell Heath RM6 6JH

FRIDAY
4TH JULY

HAROLD WOOD METHODIST CHURCH
1 The Drive, Harold Wood RM3 0DU

SUNDAY
6TH JULY

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
80 Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch RM11 2LG

DOORS OPEN 7:00 PM
CONCERT STARTS 7:30 PM
Running time approx. 2 hours with a half time interval.

£7.50 WHICH INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS (cash only)
Tickets available on the door.
UNDER 16's GO FREE

Featuring:
Chattanooga Cho Choo Singing in the Rain
La La Land Over the Rainbow New York New York
Lullaby of Broadway It don't mean a Thing

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WE NEED YOU

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.



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.



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



MCC Film Show and Fish and Chip Lunch in the Church on Wed 11th June at 10.30am. Tickets £10, see Christine to book. Film yet to be decided!

