DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 1st Dec:	10.00am	Sunshine Community Café (weekly)
Tues 1st Dec:	1.15pm	Chair Exercise (weekly)
Tues 1st Dec:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival (weekly)
Wed 2nd Dec:	11.00am	Mothers Union
Thurs 3rd Dec:	12.30pm	Chair Exercise (weekly
Fri 4th Dec:	11.30am	Tai Chi (weekly)
Fri 4th Dec:	8.00pm	Choir Practice (weekly)
Mon 7th Dec:	9.45am	Sparkles (weekly)Mon
Mon 7th Dec:	1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Mon 7th Dec:	6.30pm	Ignite (weekly)
Wed 9th Dec:	12.00	MCC Christmas Lunch (ticket only)
Sat 12th Dec:	2.00pm	'Shared Journey' in The Lounge

See previous pages for details of all Christmas Services and below for closing date for church groups.

Group Closures over the Christmas period:

Prayer for Revival finishes on Tues 22nd December and restarts on 5th Jan.
Sparkles and **Ignite** finishing and restarting dates tbc. Please watch out for notices in the next couple of weeks.
Sunshine Community Café closes 15th December and reopens on 12th Jan
Chair Exercise and Tai Chi end week commencing 14th Dec and restart date tbc – please ask your class teacher.
The last **Junior Church** will be on Sunday 13th December and restarts 10th Jan



The **Church Office** will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 23rd December and re-open on Monday 4th January 2027.

The **Church** Office is open every day except Thursday between 10.00am and 1.00pm for enquiries of any kind. Pauline Loomes, our Church Administrator can be contacted by **tel: 020 8590 8076**
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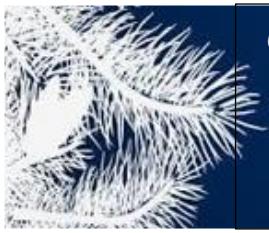

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The Newsletter of Saint Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath



"For you created my inmost being,
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
Psalm 139; 13

What is it that I (and many others) dread, but that children, and some stranger adults, love at this time of the year? Snow !!! The hand freezing, foot numbing, all too easily wet and slushy Snow. Shouldn't I have been born somewhere hot Lord?

And yet the lovers of the cold stuff are quick to point out the beauty of it all. The way It hangs on the trees and bushes, the brilliant white carpet it rolls out across the land. The joy it brings to giggling children as they race to build the obligatory snowman. And that each flake is unique.

And it is amazing. That every flake that falls from the sky – billions if you live in the wrong place – are intrinsically different from all the rest. No two look alike. The same is true with cows noses I'm told, and for years the Police have succeeded because so too are our fingerprints.

And science goes on. We do still rely on fingerprints to solve crimes, but the biggy now is DNA. The fact is that we're wonderfully and uniquely made. 'Fearfully' David said in his Psalm, meaning awesomely.

That says a lot about the God we call Father. Creative of course, but caring so deeply about each one of us that he made sure no one else – ever – would be a replica of us.

I think of the painstaking nature of an artist or model maker – and then multiply that effort, born out of love for what they're doing, by millions, and we still won't come close to God's love of each one of us as if we were the only person on the planet.

And it's worth celebrating. Worth making room in hearts for – that's our theme this Christmas, 'Make Room for Jesus'.

And…….That's what Christmas is all about. Celebrating God's love for each and every one of us. Celebrating the birth of God into humanity, so desperate was he that we should know him and hopefully love him back. It's amazing.

So I urge you to celebrate fully this year. Celebrate yourselves – individually crafted by the Lord most High. Fearfully and wonderfully made. Christ was born for you – that's worth celebrating. And yet it's amazing how many people struggle to do just that – love themselves. And yet God loves us all and shows how special we are – Christ was born for you. So love yourselves this Christmas – and celebrate.

But celebrate your family too. Past and present. Those whom you have loved the deepest and with whom you have made memories that last a lifetime.

And beyond them, friends and work colleagues. All of those whom God has blessed you to live this life with. Each one is fearfully and wonderfully made.
So often Christmas can prove difficult time of relationships, especially amongst families.

Maybe this year is the year to remind ourselves that all of us are crafted by a loving God who showed his love for us in the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Seek to put differences aside; to see each other as God sees us and celebrate life, even a new life together.

"A new commandment I give you; love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, of you love one another." John 13; 34

So let's love and celebrate love this Christmas. Let's be determined to make all of our relationships new in Christ Jesus our Lord, and most of all, let's celebrate God's unending love for us.

Have a great and blessed Christmas,

Martin



The MCC Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 9th December in the Royal Room. Tickets are £10 and are available from Christine.



Shared Journey

Shared Journey, our bereavement support group will next meet on Saturday 12th December at 2.00pm in **'The Lounge' in church.** New members welcome . Please note change of venue.



The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 30th January.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thank you to everybody who supported the Christmas Market. We raise £1,886.95!

On Saturday 5th December from 10.00am, we will be meeting in the hall to pack our shoeboxes with all the things that we have been collecting all year. It's a great fun event for a very worthy cause that we have been doing for many years for children in Eastern Europe .

Please come and join us, and help either to pack the boxes, or wrap boxes, there will jobs for everyone. Refreshments and light lunches provided.

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Tuesday 1st December is a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points. For the world at war, and that leaders of all nations would turn to God for counsel. For the Middle East, Ukraine and all othes parts of the world where there is war.

- For all countries where there have been natural disasters, floods, storms, fires and for all emergency services,
- For the fallen world which is economically, socially, climatically and politically damaged. An end to gang culture and knife crime, for safe streets.
- For the NHS, emergency services and Education services.
- For those struggling in their faith.
- For those in our Church Family who are unwell, awaiting test results and operations (see weekly notice sheet).
- For the homeless, refugees, unemployed, lonely and isolated.
- For support workers and families caring for loved ones.
- For the Royal Family
- For those mourning loved ones.
- For our clergy, staff team and all volunteers, PCC, church groups.
- For the church globally.
- For our building project to be completed soon, so our vision to service the community can be realised.
- Scriptures for **families and friends**. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!. **Joshua 24: For help** "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". **Psalm 46:1**

The next **Zoom Prayer meeting** will be on Monday 7th December at 1.00pm. Please join us for half hour of prayer for the church, church family, the world and any other issues you wish to share. Just follow the link bit.ly/StChadsPrayer

Prayer for Revival meets every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30pm until 9.00pm and you are welcome to join, even if you can come for just half an hour.



DECEMBER 2026 SERVICES

Traditional Holy Communion at 9.00am

This is a Book of Common Prayer service every Sunday for those who prefer something more traditional and reflective and lasts for 50/60 minutes.

All Age/Family Church at 10.45am

A contemporary service with times of worship and teaching, and lasts about 80/90 minutes. When it is not All Age Worship (AAW), children leave for Junior Church after we have worshipped together as a church family for the first part of the service.

Sunday 6th December	All Age Worship (Shoebox and Toy Service)
Sunday 13th December	Family Church
Sunday 20th December	All Age Worship (Nativity)
Sunday 27th December	Family Church with Holy Communion

Please note there is one service at 10.00am



Christmas Services at St. Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath

Sunday 29th November at 3.00pm **Advent Service**

Sunday 6th December at 10.45am **Shoebox and Toy Service, Christmas Jumper Day**

Sunday 20th December at 10.45am **Nativity Service**
and at 6.30pm, **Carols by Candlelight** with the Pavilion Brass Band, with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Thursday 24th December at 4.00pm **Christingle Service**
and at 11.00pm, **Late Night Holy Communion**

Friday 25th December at 10.45am **Christmas Day Service**

Followed by Holy Communion for those who wish to stay

Sunday 27th December at 10.00am Family Church with Holy Communion

Shoebox and Toy Service

On **Sunday 6th December,** we will be holding our Annual **Shoebox and Toy Service**. We donate toys to local charities, a local Women's Refuge, Haven House Children's Hospice and the local foodbank, all very worthy causes and in great need at this time.

The toys we donate must be new and unwrapped please, as some of the charities chose gifts appropriate for their clients. Please remember the older children and teenagers.

At the service, we will place the gifts under the tree, and bless these gifts and also our shoeboxes as they begin their journey to Eastern Europe.

If you know of a charity that would appreciate some of these toys, please tell us.





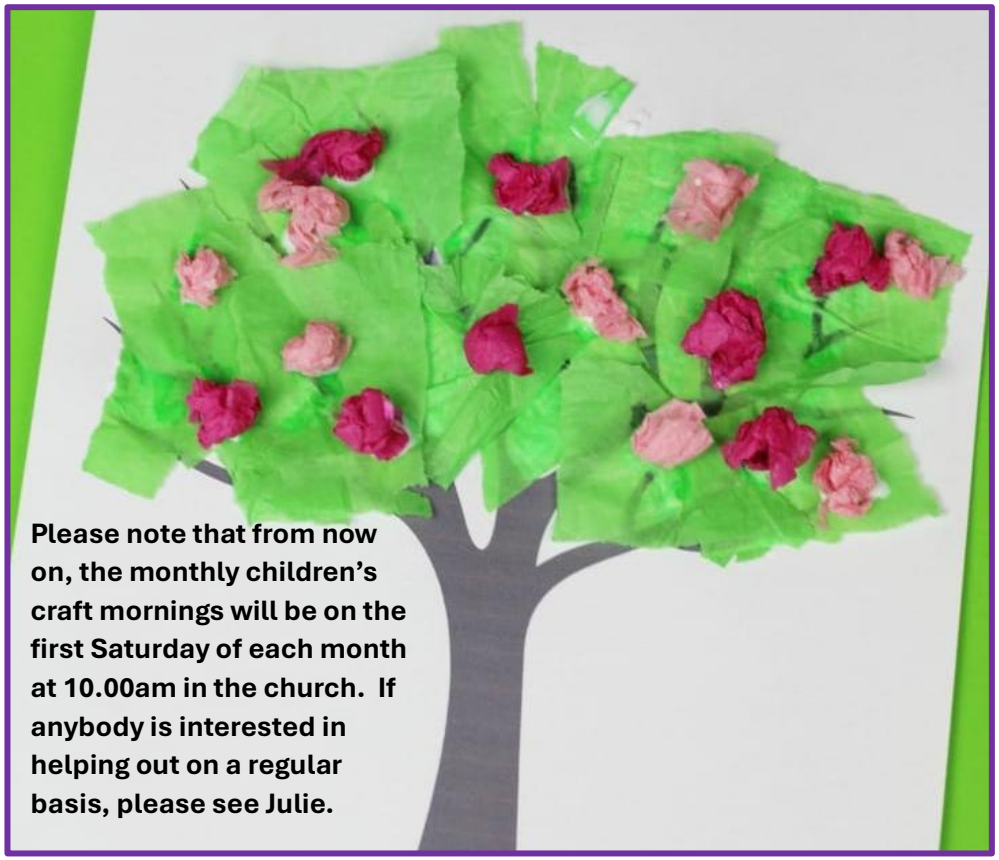




Hi I'm Jess. I'm the new Youth Worker here and I've been here for nearly three months now. St Chad's has a lot of stuff happening so here's a recap of what the youth has been up to and what's to come! Ignite has continued with full force now with a cook preparing meals for us each week. We have been doing a variety of things such as baking, nerf battles, playing darts, art activities etc.

Sunday morning youth has returned, looking at Jesus. Who is He? How do His sometimes appearing to be opposing characteristics fit together? And how does that affect the God we worship? We start chatting about our weeks, then play a game and then we explore a bible passage. This Christmas season we will go on a Christmas trip together and coming up we have the pancake day event, February on the Floor and more.





Please note that from now on, the monthly children's craft mornings will be on the first Saturday of each month at 10.00am in the church. If anybody is interested in helping out on a regular basis, please see Julie.