

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:	See Easter Closure dates on page 2
Wed 1st Apr: 10.00am	Mid week Holy Communion
Wed 1st Apr: 11.00aam	Mothers Union
Thurs 2nd Apr: 1.15pm	Chair Exercise (every week)
Thurs 2nd Apr: 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri 3rd Apr: 12.00	Walk of Witness (see details on page 3)
Fri 3rd Apr: 3.00pm	'An Hour at the Cross' in church
Tues 7th Apr: 7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 8th Apr: 10.00am	MCC
Thurs 9th Apr: 12.15pm	Chair Exercise in church (every week)
Thurs 9th Apr: 7.30pm	CHRA meeting at URC Beresford Road
Fri 10th Apr: 12.30pm	Tai Chi in church (every week)
Fri 10th Apr: 8.00pm	Choir Practice (every week)
Mon 13th Apr: 1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Mon 13th Apr: 6.30pm	Ignite (every week)
Tues 14th Apr: 10.00am	Sunshine Community Care (every week)
Tues 14th Apr: 2.00pm	Care Home service—The Willows
Wed 15th Apr: 12.00 noon	MCC
Mon 20th Apr: 9.45am	Sparkles (every week)
Tues 21st Apr: 7.30pm	Lighthouse Home Group in Lady Chapel
Wed 22nd Apr: 12.00 noon	MCC
Wed 29th Apr: 12.00 noon	MCC
Tues 28th Apr: 7.30pm	Leadership Team meeting
Thurs 30th April 7.30pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Prayer Rm

We will be continuing our collections for shoeboxes in April with colouring pencils, crayons, note books/small colouring books, erasers, and sharpeners. Thank you to all those of you who already donated items this last two months. Please also save shoeboxes for us and if you would like to wrap some shoeboxes, I can provide you with paper!



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**
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Chadderbox April 2026 Newsletter of St. Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath



Easter already! It seems to have arrived very early this year, but what a fantastic time of the year. We've just completed an excellent Lent course ran by Deji which has really got us into the swing of things as we prepare for the excitement of Easter. We have already been evangelising on the streets, giving out Easter eggs and leaflets advertising our Easter services and now its time to engage with those services. We are just about to celebrate Palm Sunday and our next Easter service is Maundy Thursday . It's a time when we remember Jesus preparing for what is to come by celebrating the last supper as Jesus did with his disciples, washing their feet but don't panic Martin will only be washing Deji's feet, reminding us about humility and how we should show humility to one another.



Following on from that there is a walk of Witness as we join together with other churches and at 3pm we will be having our own Good Friday service which will be an enactment of Jesus' last seven words on the cross, which includes a time of meditation and reflection of all that Jesus has done for us.



People often don't like these services because they find them sad, but we cannot have Easter Sunday without them. Then we come to the time of celebration, Easter Sunday, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection — a new beginning.

We also have that same theme in many ways as new shoots begin to break through the earth offering new life. Eggs hatching as new wild life begins to take shape, sometimes babies are born this time of the year another offer of new life. What is there not to celebrate? Even if some find this time of the year difficult I believe there is always something to look forward to.

Longer days more sunshine less rain and cold spells, summer holidays to book children on holiday from school a chance for families to spend time together building relationships. Loads of chocolate to consume well maybe not too much otherwise we will all be joining slimming world !

But joking aside, Jesus has done so much for us but I wonder how much we do for him? Do you remember to thank him everyday for what he is doing in your life, for family and friends? The world, do you pray for peace, especially at this time when the world seems to be in turmoil, even though we are not at war we are feeling the effects of what is happening miles away. Philippians 4:8-9 says:

“Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praise worthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me (Jesus) – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”



God's peace is different from the world's peace because true peace is not found in positive thinking, in absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing that God is in control. So as we remember what Easter truly means in that we have new life, a new beginning in Jesus because of the work on the cross, we have been set free

to live in his peace and our responsibility is to pray that others also know that same promise and peace.

Have a Blessed Easter, Christine

Church Groups—closing and reopening dates.

Sparkles 30th March—reopens 20th April

Ignite 23rd March—reopens 13th April

Preschool 27th March—reopens 13th April

Brownies and Guides—24th March—14th April

Coffee Shop 25th March—reopens 14th April

Chair Exercise and Tai Chi continues as normal apart from Good Friday, when there will be no Tai Chi.

MCC 25th March—reopens 8th April

Junior Church restarts on Sunday 12th April

The Church Office and Hall Bookings will be closed from Thursday 2nd April and reopens on Tuesday 7th April.

No Choir Practice on Good Friday, 3rd April.

Tuesday Night Prayer Group—no closure

Table Tennis—no closure

Lighthouse Home Group—not meeting on 7th April, next meeting 21st April

Zoom Prayer meeting—not meeting on 6th April, next meeting 13th April



We are very excited that for the first time for a long while, we will be holding a summer fete this year. The date is **Saturday 4th July**, get in your diary. We do not have full details yet, but the Fundraising Team will be meeting on Thursday 30th April, to decide on a theme and to start planning the event. We would love for more people to join the Fundraising Team to bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the event, so please have a chat with either Iain or anyone on the team (see list on Noticeboard in church), for details of what being part of the team involves. One thing we do know is that we will be selling tables for people to sell their goods, so please let us know if you would be interested in doing this, (bearing in mind that we will be outdoors.

This is a very exciting time for St. Chads and we would love for as many people as possible to be involved.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Coming soon.

Just to remind you that our Easter Raffle concludes on Easter Sunday, when prize winners will be announced. This coming Sunday (29th March) will be the last Sunday you can buy tickets in church. They will be available from the church office up until Wednesday 1st April.



We look forward to welcoming the New Dimension choir back for one of their wonderful summer concerts on Saturday 27th June in the church. Time and tickets prices to be confirmed nearer the time. Get the date in your diary!

We still desperately need volunteers for all sort of jobs in church. We especially need people to learn the sound and vision system for church services and to go on the monthly rota. We also need help with our coffee shop and MCC (Mature Companions Club).

If you think that you could volunteer for one of these, please do have a word with Martin, Deji, Christine or myself and we will welcome you with open arms!



Tuesday 7th April a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points:



- Pray for the world at war, and that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel.
- Pray for this fallen world which is economically, socially, climatically, and politically damaged, where there is war and unrest, and the streets are unsafe.
- The NHS, Police and Education and for the institutions that are broken.
- 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. (see weekly notice sheet).
- Pray for refugees, for the unemployed, homeless and lonely
- Pray for Support workers and families caring for loved ones.
- Pray for the Royal family who are in turmoil at the moment.
- Pray for who those who are mourning loved ones.
- Continue to pray for our clergy, 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 Martin and the whole church family.
- For the Church globally .
- Scriptures: for Easter and the hope of Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 1:3 (we are born again), **John 11:25-26** (I am the resurrection and the life), **John 6:40** (I will raise him up on the last day), **Jeremiah 29:11** (For I know the plans I have for you), **Romans 15:13** (the God of hope) **Join our Zoom Prayer meeting every first Monday at 1.00pm.**

Pray for our community by street each week.

- w/c 6/4** North Road, West Road, The Close . South Road, Alexandra Road
- w/c 13/4** Edward Road, Lee Avenue, Mayfair Avenue , Japan Road
- w/c 20/4** St Chads Road, St Chads Gardens, Back Lane , Eric Road , Cecil Road
- w/c 27/4** Kenneth Road . Eustace Road, Broomfield Road , Heath Road



The next children's **Craft Morning** is on Sat 25th April at 10.00am in the church. Come along and enjoy Crafts. Songs, Games, Stories, refreshments included, £3 per child.



The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 25th April and every last Saturday of the month at 8.00am—9.30am in the Royal Room. Breakfast is £5. See Dave.



April 2026 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 5th April	All Age worship—Easter Sunday
Sunday 12th April	Family Church
Sunday 19th April	Family Church with Holy Communion
Sunday 26th April	Family Church

Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

Wednesday 1st April Holy Communion in Royal Room

An invitation to Easter Services 2026 at Saint Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath (behind the White Horse pub).

Palm Sunday 29th March. 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 2nd April at 7.30pm. A traditional service of Holy Communion reminding us of the Last Supper.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, Friday 3rd April starting from opposite Becontree Leisure Centre at 12.00 noon, stopping by Asda's to pray, then on 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.



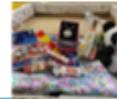
'He is Risen - Hallelujah!' Easter Sunday 5th April Services of celebration at 9.00am - traditional BCP service, and All Age Worship at 10.45. Come and celebrate the Risen Lord!



FUNDRAISING

And Social Events

2026

21st FEBRUARY		Jumble Sale in the hall. 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. 11.00am—2.30pm
15th MARCH		Mothers Day Cake Sale—raising funds for the church and blessing our mums at the same time.
5th APRIL		Easter Raffle and sale of Margaret's knitted Easter goodies. We would appreciate any donations of Easter eggs or Easter gifts. Winners announced Easter Sunday.
27th JUNE		New Dimensions Summer Concert in church At 7.30pm. More details and ticket prices will be announced nearer the time.
4th JULY		For the first time in several years, we are holding a Summer Fete and raffle, in the church car park and hall. Theme yet to be decided but we would love to hear any ideas you have. Next meeting is 30th April.
5th OCTOBER		For our Harvest this year, we are planning to make up bags for the homeless. We will also have our usual collection for the food bank and sweets for shoeboxes. More details to follow.
24th OCTOBER		As usual, lots of volunteers needed to help get ready and on the day. 11.00am until 2.30pm, Bring jumble from the week before.
21st NOVEMBER		Christmas Market Saturday 21st November 2.30pm 11.00am—2.30pm In the church
5th DECEMBER		Shoebbox packing day in the hall. Starting at 10.00am, come along and help us pack all the items we have collected during the year into shoeboxes. If you would like to wrap some shoeboxes, please see Pauline.
6th DECEMBER		Shoebbox and Toy Service, Sunday 6th December at 10.45am.

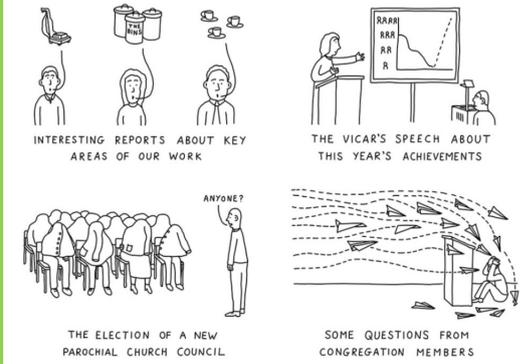
A reminder that you can help to raise money for St. Chad's by using Easy Fundraising. Since we started, we have raised over £300 but this could be much more as you can use it for so many online shops—food shopping, furniture, days out and much more. If you are starting to think about booking a holiday, many holiday companies donate, so it's worth taking a look. You can view 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!



THE ANNUAL MEETING



Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) this year is taking place on Sunday 10th May after the 10.45am service. Everybody is welcome to attend, but you must be on the Electoral Roll to vote. If you have been attending St. Chads for the last 6 months and wish to be added to the Electoral Roll, please pick up a form from the back of church and return to Pauline, our Electoral Roll Officer.

 The Lighthouse Home Group will continue when the lent course finishes at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel in church on alternate Tuesdays (1st and 3rd). New members always welcome. Next meeting Tuesday 21st April.

Please note, our next Zoom Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday 13th April at 1.00pm. Please join us for half an hour of prayer for the church, church family, the world and any other issues you wish to share. Just follow this link bit.ly/StChadsPrayer



Please continue to Support the food bank if you are able, all non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby items are all gratefully received. Please either bring to Church or to the church Office during the week. Thankyou.

