

Today's Collect and Readings

The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The United Benefice of St Chad's &
St Alkmund's with St Mary's



28th May 2017 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to today's services

St Chad's

8.00am Holy Eucharist *President & Preacher:* Father Mark Chadwick

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Preacher: Reverend Chris Walker

Warden on duty: Simon Badrock

Hymns: 345, 499, (see insert), 134

Mass of St. Thomas *Thorne*

Voluntary: March on a Theme of Handel, *Guilmant*

12 p.m. Baptisms Father Mark Chadwick

(NO EVENSONG DUE TO SHREWSBURY GRAND PRIX CYCLE RACE)

St Alkmunds

(No 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist due to Shrewsbury Grand Prix Cycle Race)

St Chad's and St Alkmund's Services—Monday to Saturday

All at St Chad's unless indicated

8.00 am Silent Prayer

8.20 am Holy Eucharist on **Friday**

10.30 am Holy Eucharist (**Wednesday** only)

10.30 am Holy Eucharist at **St Alkmund's** (**Thursday** only)

5.00 pm Evening Prayer (WW1 Remembrance on **Wednesday**)

Any members of the congregation who wish or feel the need to do so are welcome to remain seated during any part of the church services.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For those being baptised

William Arthur Coverdale, George Corcoran

For those that have died

Miriam Leech, The Reverend John Waddington-Feather, Hazel Sturges, Kate Peate

YEAR'S MIND

Judith A. Sutherland, Celia M. Simmonds, Greta T. Jones, Harold Bebbington

Thy Kingdon Come Booklets are now available, please feel free to take one home.

No Evensong – St Chad’s - Sunday 28th May

Due to the cycle Grand Prix and town centre road closures, please note that there will not be a 10am service at St Alkmund’s or 6pm service at St Chad’s Church this Sunday. For those attending the 10am service at St Chad’s, you are advised to turn left when leaving the car park and then turn right over Kingsland Bridge to avoid traffic on Claremont Bank.

Junior Church

St Chad’s junior church is relaunched from 9.55am to 10.50am every Sunday morning. Children and young people can meet in the Pastoral Care Room, enjoy a drink and a biscuit or a piece of fruit and a chat and then do a few activities before joining the main service at about the time of the Lords Prayer (at about 10.50ish).

Confirmation Classes

Father Mark will have an introductory book available for confirmation classes, please contact the Vicarage or St Chad’s church office if you wish to be confirmed and receive a copy.

Saturday 3rd June “Dementia Friendly Churches” workshop

Led by Sarah Thorpe and Joyce Jagger, St Chads church hall. Coffee at 10.00a.m. for 10.30 a.m. start, finishing at 3.30p.m. Coffee at 10.00am; please bring and share lunch.

16th July Dementia friendly service at St Alkmunds.

Visiting Bell Ringers On 30th May Chester Bell Ringers will be ringing from 11.45 to 12.45 p.m. at St Chad’s and at St Mary’s from 3-4 p.m. On 17th June, a University group will ring at St Chad’s from 11.20 a.m. to 12.20 a.m.

St Alkmund’s Summer Fair: Saturday June 10th 10.30am onwards

This highlight of the summer season featuring the unique sales skills of Father Mark on Bric a Brac plus the Shropshire Ukelele Band, plants, books, bottles, raffles, coin rolling, teas and Mrs Thewles’ bacon butties will take place in St Alkmund’s churchyard on Saturday June 10th. **Please come and spend as much as you can (proceeds to church funds). Any contributions for selling (bric a brac, books, plants, produce, etc) can be brought to the church anytime on June 9th or after morning service on Sundays.**

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS 12.40pm

We welcome nearly 100 pupils of Shrewsbury High Prep School for their annual lunchtime concert here on Friday. Please come and support what is always a very enjoyable occasion.

Amnesty International

On the 26 September 2014, around 80 students our from the Ayotzinapa rural teacher training college, travelling in five buses to a demonstration in Mexico City, were confronted by local police who opened fire. Three students and three bystanders were killed. Several students were seriously wounded: one is still in a coma. Forty three students were arrested and loaded on to police buses. They were never seen again. Please sign the letter in the vestibule asking that investigations be made to bring those responsible to justice. Thankyou, Sarah Doyle.

Homegroup

From next month the Homegroup will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at 78 Highfields for Coffee, chat and Bible Study. Members of St. Giles church may be joining us. All are welcome. Tel: 743537959.

Social Committee trip to Bodnant Gardens Wednesday 7th June 2017

All welcome to join this superb visit to the glorious gardens set in an eighty acres paradise nestling in the foothills of Snowdonia. Booking and payment deadline is Sunday 21st May.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be Closed Bank Holiday May 29th, Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June.