

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday 27th March 2022

Open hearts, open minds, open doors



Services at St Chad's & St Alkmund's

Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St Chad's Church

President: Fr. Stan Swift

10am Holy Eucharist, St Alkmund's Church

President: Padre Pat Aldred

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Eucharistic Prayer B

Missa Brevis Caesar

Ave Maria Arcadelt

Hymns: **336, 473** (Omit *), **185, 413**

Voluntary: Pièce Héroïque Franck

6 p.m. Choral Evensong, St Chad's Church

Officiant: Canon Robert Parsons

Mother of God, here I stand Tavener

Responses: Statham 382, 358

Psalm 32

The Short Service Gibbens

Upon your heart Daley

Voluntary: Croft's 136th Parry

Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer St Aidan's Chapel (St Chad's)

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Eucharist St Alkmund's Church

No midweek communion at St Chad's Church until further notice.

Receiving Communion at Home: To receive communion at home, please advise the Church Office: 01743 365 478 or email

info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com and we will arrange a time for you.

Covid Guidance: It is no longer mandatory to wear a mask in church but we would continue to ask you to be cautious in public places. Please do not attend with covid symptoms, consider wearing a mask and taking a lateral flow test prior to visiting. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Lent

Living Stones, Living Hope: This third session takes place on **Wednesday 23rd March, 11.15 am with light lunch. Details from Rev'd Martin Wilson 01743 236 300. All welcome.** The course from USPG also challenges us to look at our own culture and context with biblical study and prayer.

Shrewsbury United Reform Church (URC): A Lent series on images of the Cross, **Thursdays 7.30pm** for six weeks. Contact URC: 01743 368 932

During Lent: Online Prayer in the Morning at 8am via Zoom Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (This will last about 10 minutes).
Zoom Prayer here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8984942903?pwd=elgrK1RlV25uc0MwelloYnl3Zjl5UT09> **Meeting ID:** 898 494 2903
Passcode: 815 Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kcFxMaej2>

Save the date

Concert for Ukraine, Saturday 9th April, 4 p.m. with interval cream tea in the Church Hall: St Chad's are planning a concert to raise money for humanitarian aid for Ukraine, please save this date!

Notices

St Chad's Parish Directory: Keeping in touch is an important way of building community and relationships. We are in the process of updating our Parish Directory. Forms will be distributed by email or are available in Church for your additions and amendments. Please ask a Steward if you need assistance. Please return your forms by 9th April. We plan to complete our new directory by 1st May 2022.

St Chad's Friday Concert 1st April at 12.30pm: Friday's concert this week is by Kell Wind Trio - music for Flute, Clarinet and Bassoon, including music from Haydn to William Walton and Mancini. Free, lunch after as usual.

The Passion Play (Churches Together) desperately needs stewards for the duration of the play to stop traffic when the audience crosses the road and make sure everyone stays together for the walk down Pride Hill. Stewards would still be able to watch the play. For further details contact: **Ian Peake at: jamiemccrimmon@hotmail.com**

Wednesday Group Meeting 20th April: AGM 7.30pm at the home of Julie & James Hodgson, 44 Porthill Rd Tel: 344281

St Chads Lent Appeal 2022

As we spend time in prayer and reflection in our Easter preparations, we are launching our Lent appeal. Our lives changed for ever in March 2020. We learned to live with uncertainty. We spent more time at home. Churches, including ours closed. We moved to accept a different type of worship. Our lives further changed as we moved into in interregnum in September 2021. Our ministry continues though, and we pray that we will continue to grow and develop in faith in our current vacancy.

And so we are launching our stewardship campaign- for both financial and non-financial support in order that we might better use our resources and further enrich the community.

We have a number of Lent courses for you to consider. We also want to invite you to focus on some practical support measures which will allow us to expand our outreach to the most vulnerable in the community- both in Shrewsbury and beyond.

There are many ways that you can help. We need more stewards to welcome visitors to our beautiful church- our special sacred space. We need help with coffee and concert lunches. We need assistance in helping transport for those who find it difficult to come to church. We need drivers to help in some of our outreach projects. We need people to visit the housebound and lonely.

We also need financial support to allow us to re- commit to our mission and collaboration. Like many communities and churches the financial impact of Covid-19 was overwhelming.

Do please consider whether you might review or establish a pattern of regular giving. Attached is a Standing Order mandate for you to complete. You can also give by text or BACS. Remember we can reclaim tax by means of the Gift Aid scheme if you support us. A Gift Aid declaration is also attached. Above all may we continue to pray that with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we may move our ministry forward with Jesus in all we do.

Prayer List

For those recently baptised: Henrietta Ann Rose Frazer

For those who are not well & their families: Elliot, Grace Kerr, Penny Jane, Cathryn.

Year's Mind: Gerry Struggess, Marilyn Booth, Corrine Harding, Nicholas Mann, James Lucas, James Whittaker, Shirley Alcock, Constance Martyr, Dr Dick Jenkins.

Our Prayer List is renewed *every 6 weeks, if you wish your loved ones names to be added please contact the Church Office. Tel: 01743 365 478.*

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 34. 11-20 (to be sung by the Choir)

The response to the Psalm is

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
- 20 He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19: 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Donations

We thank you for your gifts which are vital for our churches continual ministry; there will be opportunity for giving at all of our services; and both churches. You can donate via mobile text message, online or by cheque. **Text 70460 "Stchads" followed by your donation amount e.g. "stchads2" (any amount can be added). You will then receive a text giving you the choice to add Gift Aid, then a text asking if you wish to donate monthly. Or donate online to: Sort Code 30-97-62 Account No 00399018 Or by cheque to: "St Chads PCC"** Gift Aid can be arranged, please be in touch.

Friends of St Chad's Church '100 Club': The Friends of St Chad's is a separate charity from the church that exists to raise funds for the structural maintenance of the building. Please support their fund-raising initiative by becoming a Member. Invitations (Application Forms) are in the Vestibule. Cost is only £12 per membership for 12 draws. For further information, please contact Nick Paterson: membersec@thefriendsofstchadsshrewsbury.uk

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