

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



Open hearts, open minds, open doors



Lent

Mothering Sunday

St Chad's & St Alkmund's Services (Week beginning Sunday 19th March)

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Chad's Church
President	Rev'd Jason Clarke	
10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Alkmund's Church
President	Rev'd Preb David Jenkins	
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Missa Brevis <i>Caesar</i>		
Mother of God here I stand <i>Tavener</i>		
Hymns: 336, 459, 451, 475		
Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott <i>Karg-Elert</i>		
6 p.m.	Choral Evensong	St Chad's Church
Officiant	Fr Stan Swift	
Responses: Statham		
Hymns: 636, 638		
Psalm 31 v1-8		
<i>Statham</i> in E minor		
God so loved the world <i>Stainer</i>		
Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657 <i>Bach</i>		
7.50 a.m.	Online Prayer	
Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88230540962?pwd=ZHZ6RU9NdmppbjhfFS0xYmZlZXUx3UT09		
Thursday, 10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Alkmund's Church

Receiving Communion at Home: Please advise the Church Office: 01743 365 478 or email info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com and we will arrange a time for you.

Lent 2023

St Chad's Church, Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

'Faith Hope and Destruction: Lent with the minor Prophets'
What hope is there in a world that appears to have taken leave of God and to be bent on self destruction? This was the world the Jewish prophets lived in and the message that came through them to God's people is as important now as it was then...28th February Hosea—loving those that betray us

21st March Habbakuk-From fear to faith

St. Alkmund's Church

Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. March 2023

With refreshments from 6 p.m.

A series of four talks will explore the theme '**A Faith that works**'. Four speakers will talk about their experience of different working experiences and how God supported them in their vocation. Being a Christian affects all areas of our life, seven days a week, often in the most challenging of circumstances.

March 23rd **Rev Henry Corbett Minister in inner city Liverpool and warden of Shrewsbury House, Everton**

March 30th **Andy and Louise Houghton Working in the NHS**

Each talk commences at 6.30pm at St Alkmund's and will last a maximum of one hour. The session will involve a mixture of talk, discussion and questions.

St Chad's Lent Special Collection 2023

In support of USPG to the Church in Tanzania's work with pregnant mothers to protect new born babies from life-long HIV and combat the stigma of Aids. You can also see how USPG with the Diocese of Europe is supporting Ukrainian refugees see www.uspg.org.uk, see especially Natalia's Story from Helsinki. Please use the envelopes and the prayer diaries.

Please use the USPG envelope for your donation, thank you.

Notices

St Alkmund's 1 p.m., Tuesday, 21st March: Leading Shropshire trumpeter Wendy Jones in celebratory mood.

St Chad's Concert in the Round, 24th March, 12.30p.m.: Friday marks the first of a number of concerts this year to be given at St Chad's by students at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester. For those who have not attended a concert given by Chetham's, this is a specialist music school, training up the professional musicians of the future. So you are likely to hear a future winner of the BBC Young Musicians' Competition. You can hear them free of charge now at St Chad's.

Parish Magazine submissions: We are hoping to produce the next issue of the Parish Magazine in the next couple of months. All contributions of whatever nature (within reason and subject to the editors' discretion !) are invited and will be received with gratitude, and should please be submitted by e-mail as a pdf attachment to either Peter Flint (St Chad's), John Clark (St Alkmund's) or to the Church Office info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com.

Shropshire Hope Prayer Breakfast, Saturday April 22nd: Keynote speaker this year is Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, at Christ Church, Glebe Rd, Bayston Hill, SY3 0PZ. Arrive 8.20a.m., event starts at 9 a.m. Email: info@shropshirehope.co.uk to register. More info at www.shropshirehope.co.uk. This is a free event or for those who wish, donations on the morning to help cover costs. Rev Chris Densham.

St Chad's welcome back the Phoenix Singers, Saturday 18th March, 7.30 p.m: **Music for Lent and Passiontide.** Allegri's *Miserere mei*, Domenico Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater* and Mendelson's well known *Hear My Prayer*. An evening of stunning music. <https://www.phoenixsingersshrewsbury.co.uk/concerts/>

How can I help? We are looking for volunteers to assist with the plate collections at St Chad's 10 am Service. This simply involves passing the collection plates around the congregation during the offertory hymn and thereafter taking them up to the altar to be blessed. All those willing to assist with this are asked to speak with Peter Flint Tel: 01743 872 339.

Prayer List

For those who are unwell and their family: Roger and Helena, Brenda and Robin, Jacqui Barden, Jeff, Nathan, Bob, Garth, Robert Gregory.

For recently baptised: Alice

For those who have died: Callum Powell

For the families of those that have died: the Powell family.

Year's Mind: Janet Kohler, Edith Haycock, Alfred

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. 2

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 for 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.'

2. Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Gospel Acclamation

All Sing: Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory

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

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.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, 26th March

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The Friends of St Chad's – 100 Club – 2023/2024

We are appealing for your support and generosity in joining The Friends of St Chad's Shrewsbury's 100 Club. We hope you will encourage family, friends and neighbours to join too. The cost is only £12 per year = £1 per membership per month. The more members, the more your Church ultimately benefits; over 50% of membership income supports the maintenance and upkeep of your Church. Each membership number has at least 48 chances of winning a prize. Application Forms with full details are available in the Inner Vestibule. Or, speak to either Ian Somerville or Nick Paterson. Email: 100club@thefriendsofstchadsshrewsbury.uk

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.

Donate online: Sort Code 30-97-62 Account No 00399018

Donate by cheque: “St Chads PCC”

Gift Aid can be arranged. Please complete a Gift Aid form, available in the outer vestibule of St Chad’s Church or by email from info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com. Please return to the Church Office, 1 St Chad’s Terrace, Shrewsbury. SY1 1JL

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Liz Raven, John Clark (St Alkmund’s) (www.stalkmundschurchshrewsbury.org)

Holy Week and Easter with St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's 2023

Holy Week and Easter is the most important period in the year for Christians, as we follow Christ from his Entry into Jerusalem, to the intimate Last Supper with his disciples, to share his sufferings on the Cross, and celebrate his Resurrection. You are encouraged to join in as many of these services as you are able.

Palm Sunday, 2nd April

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (St. Chad's)

10a.m. Liturgy of the Palms at St Alkmund's followed by Palm Procession to St Chad's for Liturgy of the Passion and Sung Eucharist.

6 p.m. Readings and Music for Holy Week (St Chad's)

Holy Week: Compline 7.30 p.m.

Monday 3rd April (St. Chad's)

Tuesday 4th April (St. Alkmund's)

Wednesday 5th April (St. Chad's)

Maundy Thursday, 6th April, 7.30 p.m. (St. Chad's)

Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, 7th April

9 a.m. **Stations of the Cross** at St. Alkmund's (a meditative journey with Christ to his Cross).

10 a.m. **Good Friday Walk of Witness** *The plan is to meet by the barrier on Victoria Quay, through the Quarry with readings scheduled to take place at the Hercules Statue and the Bandstand before heading to St Chad's.*

10.30 a.m. **Good Friday service: a reading of John's Passion, prayer and hymns** (St Chad's)

12 noon **Devotions before the Cross** (St Chad's)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. **The Good Friday Liturgy** (St Chad's)

Easter Day, Sunday 9th April

8 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** (St. Chad's)

10 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (St. Chad's)

10 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** (St. Alkmund's)

6 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (St. Chad's)