

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



Open hearts, open minds, open doors



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! May the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ be with you this Eastertide as we pray for peace with justice for all.

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

President Rev'd Sam Mann

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist St Alkmund's Church

President Rev'd Chris Walker

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Preacher Rev'd Alex Aldous

Ireland in C

O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

Hymns: 105, 115, 296, 408

Voluntary: Fantasia in C, BWV570 *Bach*

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

President Rev'd Sam Mann

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Hymns 394, 227 (T.184)

Psalm 96

The Gloucester Service *Howells*

O gladsome light *Darke*

Voluntary: Paeon *Leighton*

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Thursday

10.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

St Alkmund's Church

Notices

St Chad's Church APCM, 28th April 2024 11.30am St Chad's Church Hall

The annual meeting for the election of Churchwardens will take place at 11.30am on 28th April 2024. This will be immediately followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Concerts in the Round at St Chad's, Friday 3rd May 12.30pm: We welcome Simon Earl, Director of Music, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Christchurch Priory. Lunch in the church hall afterwards as usual.

St Alkmund's concert, Tuesday, 30th April 1pm Renata Konyicska (piano) Schubert, Liszt and Chopin from this talented Hungarian-British pianist, then on **Tuesday 7th May 1pm** Andrew Bannerman (talk) Love Poems.

Ascension Day 9th May, Sung Eucharist 7.30pm St Chad's Church

Medical Aid for Palestine (MAP) Light Lunch fund raiser, St Chad's Church hall, Wednesday 15th May 12.30pm: Continued thanks to all who were able to support the lunch on 4th April which raised £525 for MAP. Please sign up at St Chad's or call Tony Burton 07510 808196 **by Tuesday 14th May** for the next MAP fund raiser in May.

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ & Shrewsbury Street Pastors, The Big Quiz Night, Friday 10th May, 7pm, Christ Church Bayston Hill, £5 per person: Join this fun night of quizzing whilst supporting the work of the Street Pastors and Shrewsbury Youth for Christ. Refreshments available but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Illuminate Christian bookshop will run a stall on the night with 10% of purchases donated to both initiatives. Email for info: hello@s-yfc.org Tickets from www.baystonhillchurch.org

Receiving Communion at Home: Please advise Rev'd Sam via 01743 365 478 or email info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com and we will arrange a time for you.

Prayer List

For those recently baptised: Etta Sofia Page

For those who are unwell or waiting treatment & their families:

Reuben Tanaka, Sheron & Alan Kitts, Sue Petty.

For those that have died, their family & friends: Chris Hewetson (priest), Alan Lowe.

Year's Mind: Edna Miller, Dorothy Powell.

The prayer list is updated every 6 weeks; to be in touch about prayers or the Year's Mind: 01743 365 478.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Acts 8. 26-end Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the

road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4. 7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15. 1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Services with St Chad's & St Alkmund's

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (5th May 2024)

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St. Chad's Church
President	Rev'd Sam Mann	
10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Alkmund's Church
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SPRING & EARLY SUMMER LUNCHTIMES AT ST ALKMUND'S

Tuesday, 23rd April	Clio Duo (<i>viola & piano</i>)
Tuesday, 30th April	Renata Konyicska (<i>piano</i>)
Tuesday, 7th May	Andrew Bannerman (<i>love poems</i>)
Tuesday, 14th May	Alison Loram (<i>violin</i>) & Chris Symons (<i>piano</i>)
Tuesday, 21st May	Shrewsbury School Ensembles
Tuesday, 28th May	French Horn Connexion
Tuesday, 4th June	Ranco Liu (<i>percussion</i>)
Tuesday, 11th June	Will Smith (<i>tenor</i>) & Simon Bate (<i>piano</i>)
Tuesday, 18th June	Shrewsbury School Ensembles
Tuesday, 25th June	Victor Maslov (<i>piano</i>)

ALL CONCERTS FREE (voluntary donations) at 1pm

www.stalkmundschurchshrewsbury.org



Concerts in the Round 2024

**St Chad's
Shrewsbury
12.30pm**

**Free admission -
Retiring collections**

- April 5** Paul Mcroft *baritone*, John Jenkin *piano*
- April 12** Liam Condon *organ - Solihull*
- April 19** Lloyd Buck *piano*
- April 26** Blaize O'Callaghan *soprano*, Yeeching Lau *piano*
- May 3** Simon Earl *organ - Christchurch Priory, Dorset*
- May 10** Richard Walker *organ - St Chad's*
- May 17** Students from Chetham's School of Music
- May 24** Music for soprano, flute and piano
Sarah Westwood, Chris Lacey, Richard Silk
- May 31** Julia Hartmann *piano*

Light lunch in the hall after each concert

*Programmes are usually on the church website
a few days ahead of each concert*



Donations to St Chad's & St Alkmund's

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 (St Chad's): Sort Code 30-97-62 Account 00399018

Donate by cheque: "St Chads PCC"

Donate online (St Alkmund's):

Sort Code 30-97-62 Account 00398895

Donate by cheque: "St Alkmunds PCC"

Gift Aid can be arranged. Please complete a Gift Aid form, available in the outer vestibule of St Chad's Church or info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com.

Registered charity: 1132443

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

Vicar: Rev'd Sam Mann **Mobile: 07742 858 128** (*not available Wednesdays*)

Email: vicar@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com

Churchwardens: Joanna Hepper, Sue Kelly, (St Chad's) John Clark, Liz Raven (St Alkmund's)

The Church Office: 1, St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JL.
01743 365 478. Email: info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com

If you need to visit the Church Office we advise Monday to Thursday 10am to 12 noon, a prior phone call is recommended.

Rev'd Sam is in St Chad's church weekdays at Morning Prayer (8am) & at the church office throughout the week. Individual appointments can be made via 01743 365 478.

If you need to contact Rev'd Sam directly please do call **07742 858 128**.

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