

SERVING AT ST CHADS



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Why serve?



These three anchors root all we do in the opening lines of the Lord's prayer: *Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done*. They capture our core activities of worship, prayer, evangelism and discipleship.

In this booklet we will share with you various opportunities for being involved in the life and outreach of St Chads. Before you read those, here are some reflections on the nature of volunteering and our approach to this at St Chads.

Our approach to volunteering is based on some core biblical convictions about the nature of following Jesus together:

'Our identity is children of God, our call is to serve'.

We don't need to earn God's favour through serving; we can't do anything to make him love us any more or any less than He does already. Serving is the family business, we choose to serve because we take on that family responsibility of sharing what we have already been given. Jesus served humbly and called us to do the same. This also dissolves any sense of hierarchy or status competition in church life.

‘Each of you should give joyfully and without compulsion’

We approach serving as calling not duty. This changes the way we think about the roles we take on; we respond to God’s call, not the church’s needs. This is a risky thing, but we are convinced that if there aren’t enough people to joyfully serve in an area of ministry, we honestly review whether it should continue. This has to be balanced with the self discipline to commit to the things we have taken responsibility for. We might not feel like serving every time, but the initial call comes from a sense of call from God.

‘One body, many parts’.

The way the New Testament describes the church is a diverse range of gifts, all coming from the same Holy Spirit. This means things will work best when we are all finding our way to serve, rather than a handful of people doing all the work. It also means we serve in the areas where we have gifts and we trust God that He has given a wide range of gifts to the church family.

There is a season for everything

Serving isn’t a life sentence! There are seasons for each of us when other circumstances require us to step back from volunteering, or we believe God is calling us to serve in a different way.

'We shared with you, not just the gospel, but our very selves, because you had become dear to us'

Volunteer teams are probably the best way to build real friendships in church. Many of us have experienced this. Often the kitchen is the most fun place to be at a party!

As we reconsider our whole approach to serving, it is worth sharing some further thoughts on healthy communication between staff and volunteers.

Serving together takes honesty and open hearted communication. We want to be able to ask freely for help knowing that those we are asking will feel no guilt or shame about saying 'no'.

Serving can be tiring, it can stretch us, it can include using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we serve, we will have more opportunities to see God working powerfully and miraculously.

Generosity is a core value. As well as giving financially to the church, we can give of our time and energy. A generosity of heart brings life to what we do, it makes 'going the extra mile' a joy not a duty.

Many of the serving roles in St Chads are to bless people who are not yet part of the church. They are opportunities to share the love of Jesus and show hospitality to those we welcome into our buildings.

Kids & Youth Ministry

MINI CHURCH

Sundays
10.30 - 12.30
Age 3 - Reception

KIDS CHURCH

Sundays
10.30 - 12.30
Yr 1- 6

YOUTH CHURCH

Sundays
10.30 - 12.30
Yr 7-13

1 Sunday in 4

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We are looking for people who are passionate about supporting children and young people, coming alongside them as they grow in faith and develop their own discipleship journey.

Our Sunday ministry groups are all about creating spaces where people of all ages can encounter God, share stories and testimonies, pray together, learn and grow in faith as a community.

Young Families Outreach

Mini Chadders is our young families outreach for preschool children and their parents, carers and grandparents.

Our lively and welcoming groups are a place for families to connect, build friendships and get to know others at St Chad's. Sessions include free play, time for adults to chat, circle time with a Bible story and nursery rhymes, crafts for older children and plenty more time to play.

We love creating a space where families feel welcomed, valued and encouraged as they discover more about God together.

Prampushers

Wednesday

9.30-10.30am

11-12pm

Baby Group

Friday

9.30 - 11.30am

Just4Dads

First Saturday of the month

Babies from 9.15 am

All age from 10.15am

Mini Chadders groups

Mini Chadders runs a variety of groups for babies, toddlers, children and their families at the Guywood Centre on Guywood Lane.

Prampushers is our baby and toddler group, running every Wednesday morning with two sessions available: 9:30–10:30am and 11:00am–12:00pm.

Baby Buddies is a weekly drop-in session for mums with non-mobile babies. It runs every Friday morning from 9:30–11:30am.

Just4Dads is a stay-and-play group for dads, grandads and male carers looking after children. It runs on the first Saturday of each month, with a baby session at 9:15am and a session for children under 8 from 10:15am.

Serving at Mini Chadders

There are lots of ways to get involved and help create a warm, welcoming environment for families.

Prampushers

Volunteers can help by chatting with families, socialising and making guests feel welcome, preparing refreshments, leading story time, helping with nursery rhymes and Christian preschool songs, setting up the space, or praying for the groups and the families who attend. Set-up takes place on Tuesday later afternoon or Wednesday mornings from 8:30–9:00am.

Baby Buddies

You can serve by welcoming families, chatting with parents, sitting alongside others, and helping to make everyone feel at home. Volunteers can also help with refreshments during the morning session or bake cakes at home to bring along.

Just4Dads

Volunteers can help by welcoming families, chatting and socialising with dads and carers, setting up and packing away, and preparing refreshments.

Oasis

Oasis - Mondays at the Guywood 11.30-2.30pm

Oasis is our outreach into the community for people who may experience loneliness or social isolation. While many of those who attend are over 60, Oasis is open to everyone and we welcome people of all ages.

Oasis meets every Monday at the Guywood Centre from 11:30am–2:00pm. It is a relaxed and friendly space where people can enjoy conversation, build relationships, take part in table activities such as dominoes and jigsaws, or simply spend time chatting with others before sharing a prepared lunch together.

There are lots of ways to get involved and help make Oasis a welcoming place, including joining in with activities, preparing food and refreshments, helping with clearing up and the dishwasher, setting up and packing away tables and chairs, sharing a short “Thought for the Day” faith reflection, or baking cakes at home to bring along.

Sundays

Welcome Team

Welcoming people into church is one of the most valuable things we can do on a Sunday morning. We want everyone who walks through our doors, whether a regular member, newcomer or visitor, to experience a warm, friendly and loving welcome.

Serving on the Welcome Team involves joining a rota, greeting people as they arrive and providing welcome packs to those who are new. Full training and support will be provided.

Time commitment: One or two Sunday services per month. You would need to arrive 15 minutes before the service and be available near the back of church during the service.

Visuals Team

Our Visuals Team operates the computer systems that display visuals on the church screens and support our livestream for those joining from home. The team also helps operate the camera during the livestream.

This role is ideal for someone who is comfortable using technology and enjoys working with computers. Full training will be provided to help you become confident and familiar with the systems.

Time Commitment: You would serve on a rota of one or two Sunday services per month. You would need to arrive 20 minutes before the service and be available on the system for the entirety of the service.

Sundays

PA – Sound System

Our PA operators manage the sound system during church services, balancing the different audio elements to ensure everything can be heard clearly. This role would suit someone with a good ear for sound levels and an interest in working with audio equipment. Full training and support will be provided to help you become confident using the system.

Time commitment: One or two Sunday services per month. You would need to arrive 20 minutes before the service and be on the system for the duration of the service.

Serving Refreshments

Help create a welcoming space after the service by preparing refreshments, serving drinks and helping with the clear-up.

Time commitment: One Sunday service per month. Set up before the service, prepare during the final 10 minutes, and stay for around 20 minutes afterwards to serve and tidy away.

Sundays

Readings

As part of the services we read the Bible readings for that morning within the service. This will involve standing at the front and reading into a microphone. If you are confident in reading and would be willing to speak at the front of church then this may be for you.

Cleaning – Church Tuesday Mornings 9.00-10.30am

We love to welcome all people to our Church and we really value it being clean and tidy in order to make that welcome and experience of Church as good as we can. We have a committed team that meets on Tuesday mornings to clean the Church building, is this something that you could be involved in, help with the cleaning of the brasses or be on call for holiday cover?

Flowers – Church

Do you have a creative gift or would like the opportunity to learn more serving as part of the flower team. This would involve a commitment of creating a pedestal of flowers one week and coming in to water the week after and help with flowers at Christmas and Easter. This would be on a rota and the commitment would be once every couple of months.

Cherry Tree Project & Food Provision

It is our privilege to partner with the Cherry Tree Project - a youth-led community group based in Romiley that supports young people throughout the year with regular weekly sessions and holiday activities.

Food Provision for those in need operates from the Guywood Centre and the Cherry Tree Hub and we regularly collect food items in church.

For more details on how you can get involved - please email office@stchadsromiley.co.uk.

The LifeCentre

There are many ways that you can get involved as the Lifecentre is run predominantly by volunteers.

There are opportunities to help at reception, in the cafe and in the kitchen. If you would like more information please email centremanager@stchadsromiley.co.uk.

**Please get in
touch if you
would like to
find out more.**

The church office
is based in
Romiley
Lifecentre,
and is
open from
9am - 3pm
Monday – Friday.

Alternatively give
us a call on
0161 430 4652



Expression of Interest

If you would like to express your interest in being involved in one or more of the ministries mentioned in this booklet, then you can do this through the form on the next page of this booklet.

You can then remove the completed back page and hand it in to one of the team in Church or post it through the Lifecentre in an envelope addressed to the Church Office.

Ticking a box doesn't mean that you've signed up to a ministry at this stage, it is just to express your interest in beginning a conversation.

Expression of Interest

Please tick the area you are interested in:

Mini, Kids or Youth church - Please indicate which

Prampushers

Just4Dads

Baby Buddies

Oasis

Welcome

Visuals

Sound

Refreshments

Readings

Cleaning

Flowers

Please provide your contact information

Name:

Phone:

Email: