



Chads News - 17th April

Dear Church family,

What a couple of weeks it has been!

Easter Sunday was just so powerful and beautiful and then Katie's licensing 10 days later was a very special moment in the life of St Chads. The Sunday in between was very special too, including some very moving testimonies at the 11am service. So many people I am speaking to are sharing their joy at what God is doing in St Chads at the moment and Nells and I share that excitement.

It is an absolute joy to have Katie and Mike with us. Katie has dived straight into both her roles and we've both noticed how much God has been doing here in the past 3 years since they left to go to Gee Cross. I'm aware of how many people have joined St Chads in the past few years and so encourage you that if you have, please do reach out and get to know Katie and Mike, they are really looking forward to building new friendships. Over the coming weeks we'll share more with you about the different areas of leadership and responsibility Katie will be taking on in both St Chads and the LifeCentre. Having Katie here (& Dave joining us in the summer), gives opportunity for us to encourage and empower more of our church family in your calling. One of the pictures God gave us of Katie's licensing was a huge jigsaw being laid out on the church floor and each member of our church family, of all ages, each bringing the piece God had given you to make one big picture, to bring the whole together. When the PCC and Ministry Leadership Team chose to appoint an Associate vicar, the goal was not for more clergy to do the work, but for us to be able to release you, the church family into what God is calling you to. After worship and prayer, that's our primary goal in our roles.

I've already lost count of how many times I've wanted to use the word 'beautiful' in this letter! This does feel like a beautiful season in the life of St Chads and I believe that this is the fruit of us making prayer a top priority in the past few years. For that reason, can I encourage you to join us on Thursday evening (18th April) for our monthly prayer event. The past few have been so powerful and it is amazing what happens when God's family prays together. So come and join us in the LifeCentre at 7.30pm tomorrow night to pray and we've included the dates of future prayer gatherings below for you to put in your diaries.

This Sunday at 11am we're going to share more about NewWine in the summer, there are very limited camping tickets left, so if you're considering joining us, then get on it fast!

with love,

Richard



An introduction to Spiritual Warfare

The first of Bishop Graham's three part teaching series on Spiritual Warfare at Stockport Baptist Church is happening this Weds (17th April) from 7.45 - 9.15pm.

For more information please see the flyer at the back of church.



Vision Sunday & APCM

28th April

EVERYONE is invited to Vision Sunday on the 28th April. We will start at 10.00am with breakfast of pastries, coffee and tea (and juice). This will be a lovely chance for both congregations to spend time together.

At 10.30am we will come together to worship and take communion together as family. Richard will then be looking back over some highlights of the last year and sharing the vision for Chads. After communion the children will be watching a film in the church lounge (and finishing the pastries!). Vision Sunday includes our APCM where we will be voting for Wardens and PCC members for the coming year.

Please do come along; young and old, new people and people who have worshiped at Chads for fifty years or more. There is something special about being all together.

Any questions please give the Church Office a call on 0161 439 4652.

Annual Report 2023

Each year we produce our Annual Report. This is a fantastic tool to reflect over the past 12 months in the life of St Chads. Reports include reflections from Richard along with various members of our incredible team as we seek to love, not just our church family, but the wider community of Romiley. Copies are available at the back of church. You can also find a pdf on our website under the Following Jesus/ Resources tab.

Copies of our Annual Accounts are also available at the back of church or on request from the church office.

Prayer for Healing



Prayer is always core to what we do in St Chads and we want to continue to see momentum of God changing lives.

Evening gatherings: we rotate the evening to enable small groups to come together once every 3 months, in the LifeCentre at 7.30pm

Daytime gatherings are in the Church Lounge from 1.30-2.30pm.

Upcoming dates:

Daytimes:

Weds 15th May

Weds 12th June

Weds 10th July

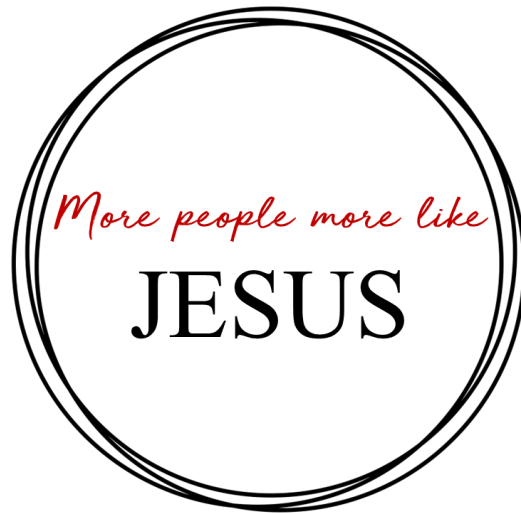
Evenings:

Thu 18th April

Tues 14th May

Weds 19th June

Thu 18th July



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