



Dear Church Family,

A few weeks ago at our vision Sunday I shared the sense we have of God calling us to create space for him to work in our lives and our church. Reading this edition of Chads News, I realised there's a lot to share as we head into June and July and it feels like we've crammed a lot of information for you here. I admit I was concerned for a moment - are we disobeying God's call? I don't believe so, we trust that each of the events and initiatives we're sharing here are about creating spaces for us to meet with God and with each other. June and July's calendar has filled up, but within each of these gatherings I hope there is space to meet with God.

As we head into the summer, it is a great time for relationship and building community, one way we can do this is through Gather and Share on Sunday 6th July. We're trying this out as a way to create space for new friendships to form, to take the step of inviting others from church, old friends or new, to spend time together. That date is a great opportunity to do this, but only one of many.

A key part of building community in St Chads for many years has been NewWine, I was reminiscing with my boys on the school run this morning how much we love those evenings when we sit around together under canvas laughing and sharing with our church family. If you haven't yet booked for NewWine (30th July-4th August) then do join us, there are many in St Chads who can share of the amazing ways they've met with God there and deepened connection in church. So in this season, whether the diary is full or empty, we are seeking to be obedient to God's call to create space.

For Dave, being obedient to God's call has led to ordained ministry (is God calling you to that?) On Saturday 14th June at 4pm he will be priested in Chester Cathedral. (I won't explain here why clergy are ordained first as deacons and a year later as priests, ask one of us and we can try to explain the Church of England!!) You are very welcome to come to the service and whether you make it or not please be praying for Dave and his family. He is such a blessing to us and we celebrate this step forwards knowing that the anointing of God's Spirit in his ministry will lead to even more fruit.

Finally, this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. When God's people gathered to pray in unity, extraordinary things happened when the Holy Spirit landed upon them. We pray that he will visit us too, to send us out boldly to share his good news in our community.

With love,
Richard



Blended Consultation

Blended Services Consultation

We value your input as we consider the future of our blended services. You can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

Online Survey

Click [here](#) to fill in an online survey. If you have children, please complete one with them as well as filling one in for yourself.

In-Person Meeting

Share your feedback at an in-person meeting between services at **10:15am this Sunday (8th)** in the LifeCentre.

Online Meeting

Join us for an online consultation on **Wednesday 11th June** to share your thoughts. If you would like to attend the online meeting, please email alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk and she will send you the link.

Additionally, **Dave, Katie and Richard** will be visiting **Mini Church, Kids Church, and Youth Church** over the coming weeks to gather feedback directly from our children and youth.

Prayer Events

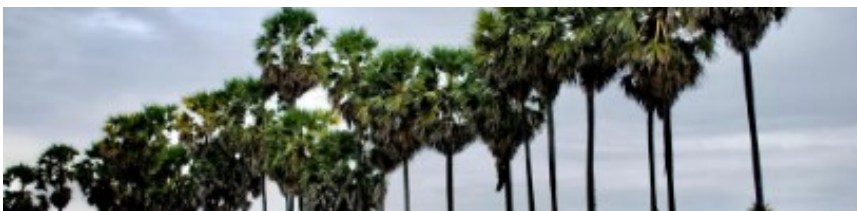


Each time we gather, we're meeting with God in powerful ways and aligning ourselves with His purposes and plans. The time we spend together in prayer is bearing real fruit - strengthening our faith, deepening our unity, and releasing God's presence among us.

June:

Weds 18th 1.30pm in church

Thurs 26th 7.30pm at the LifeCentre



Mission of the Month

The Hamiltons

Lex and Alan and their 3 boys are living and working in South East Asia. Lex works with children and coordinates special needs provision for the region.

Prayer points:

- for rest and recuperation for the whole family
- for partnerships and funding for new educational collaborations
- for Lex as she starts a new role at SENIA International



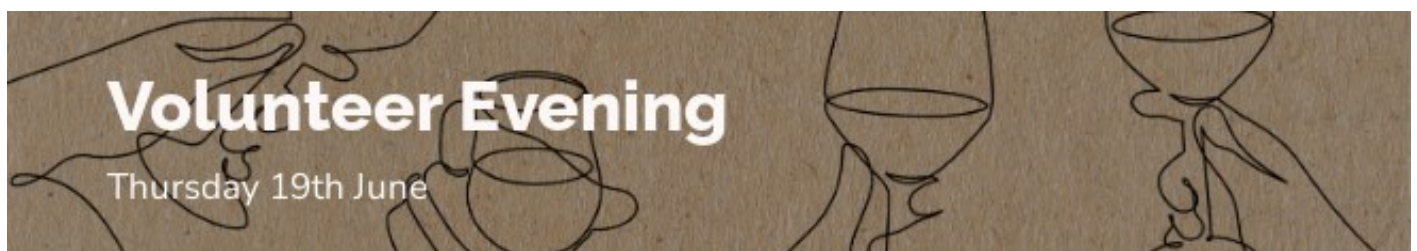
Sunday 15th June.

Engage is a monthly, evening service at All Saints' Church, Marple, where they worship, pray and learn together in a relaxed and interactive environment.

For the June Engage they will be joined by Hebdavi Kyeya who is Regional Director for Tearfund, East and Central Africa (DRC, Burundi, CAR, Ethiopia, South Sudan & Rwanda).

Heb will be speaking into how churches are responding in difficult areas and about what good is happening. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A and for us to respond in prayer together.

To sign up please click [here](#) or visit www.allsaintsmarple.co.uk.



Do you serve on one of our amazing teams at Chads, helping build up our church family and bless our community?

Join us for our **Volunteer Evening** on **Thursday 19th June at 7:30pm** at the **Guywood Centre**. You can sign up [here](#) or email alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk.

It's our way of saying *thank you* for all you give. We'd love as many of our incredible volunteers as possible to be there – it won't be the same without you!

Great Big Green Day

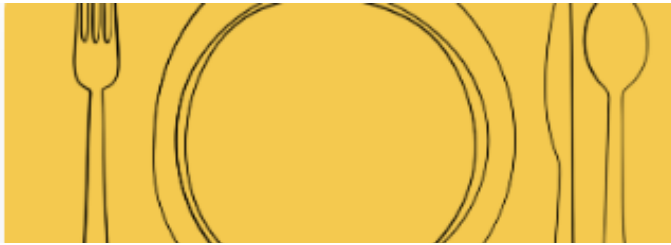
Saturday 12th July



Join us at the Guywood Centre on Saturday 12th July from 10am for a fun, hands-on event for all ages!

Explore five interactive zones:

- **Food Zone** – Try local recipes, plant seeds, and meet sustainable food producers.
- **Craft Zone** – Make seed bombs and upcycle t-shirts.
- **Games Zone** – Play and learn about saving water and reducing your carbon footprint.
- **Home Zone** – Discover eco tips for your home, from recycling to heat pumps and e-transport.
- **Speaker Zone** – Hear inspiring talks and see the school poster competition.



Gather & Share

Sunday 6th July

Gather & Share - A Table for Everyone - Sunday 6th July

Church isn't just for Sundays in a building - it's about everyday life, shared meals, and genuine friendship.

We're starting something simple: people gathering in homes to eat, talk, and just be together. Lunch could be a BBQ, soup and a sandwich or a full on Sunday Roast. Whatever lunch looks like for you, the goal is connection.

We recognise that sometimes it's hard to make that first invite - so we're making it easy.

Some will host, some will be guests. Everyone brings something, even if it's just themselves.

Everyone is invited to pull up a chair.

To help us plan well, we're asking people to sign up via ChurchSuite - whether you would like to host or be a guest. Once you've signed up we will then match people up and you can decide how it looks. Hosts can then chat with their guests about things like food arrangements, transport, and timings.

To sign up, please click [here](#), or get in touch with **Alys in the church office**, Monday to Thursday, on **0161 430 4652**.

You can also sign up using the **QR code displayed in the church foyer**.

Sign-up closes on Friday 27th June. The team will be in touch the following week with more details.

