



Dear Church family,

Don't worry you haven't overslept for a week! We are breaking our fortnightly pattern for Chads News, because we have a lot coming up in the next week and then we'll send you a summer special on 24th July before the August break.

First of all, a huge thanks to our young people and youth team for the brilliant 'Youth Takeover' on Sunday at 11am. They spoke with such depth of insight into God's Word and led with real maturity and confidence. We had a very different service at 9.15am focussing on Romans 12.14 '*Bless those who persecute you*', we took time to pray for the Persecuted Church and watched 3 very moving videos from our mission partners Open Doors. (I thoroughly recommend the video stories on their website <https://www.opendoorsuk.org>) Along with some wonderful friendship building through 'Gather and Share', it was a hugely encouraging Sunday.

Secondly, I'd love to encourage you to be praying for the group of 80+ people from St Chads heading to NewWine Festival at the end of July. Please pray for life changing encounters with God and great time of deepening friendships for all generations. NewWine is our Mission Partner of the Month for July, so please also pray for the NewWine team in preparation for the festival. Due to so many being away at the start of August, as is our usual pattern, there will be just one Sunday service on 3rd August, which will be a parish communion at 9.15am

I'll keep this short, as there's a lot to read in the pages that follow, including a reminder to come along to Great Big Green Day, to get involved in 100hrs prayer and much, much more.

With love,
Richard

Great Big Green Day

Sat 12th July



Just 2 days until our Great Big Green Day!

Do come and join us at the Guywood Centre on this Saturday anytime between 10am and 2pm 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.

Prayer Events & 100hrs of Prayer



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.

This month

Weds 9th July - 1.30pm in church

Weds 16th July - 7.30pm at the LifeCentre.

100hrs

We are so looking forward to our 100 hours of prayer starting on Weds 16th July and running through to the morning of Sunday 20th July. If you've never spent an hour in a prayer room in prayer it can seem like a challenge, but we're sure you'll find it powerful and be so glad you did! We're providing a simple resource available to use if the idea of an hour in prayer feels daunting, it will give you a bit of shape and guidance if that's helpful. We'll also be gathering at set times each day led prayer at 9am, 12pm and 4pm, but for most of the time the room will be there and open for you to stop, be still and be with Jesus. Sanctuary is always available when the LifeCentre is open, but we are setting things up to make it available through the night too during our 100 hrs. (If you've booked or would like to book a slot overnight you please make sure you email alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk for access details – note Alys's working days are Mon-Thurs office hours). There are sign up sheets in church.

Dads Curry Night

Sat 19th July

Dads' Curry - Sat 19th July - 7.30pm at the Guywood

Join us for a relaxed evening with authentic homemade curries, rice, dhal, and naan, catered by Sidrah's Kitchen - plus the chance to chat with other dads and male carers. Being a dad is one of the most rewarding - and sometimes challenging — roles we can have. That's why we're creating a space to unwind, connect, and enjoy good food and good company.

A welcome beer and soft drinks will be provided — and you're welcome to bring your own drinks for the rest of the evening!

Please note you don't have to come to Just4Dads to join us - all dads, grandads and male carers welcome!

Get your tickets by emailing hannah@stchadsromiley.co.uk.



Zeke leaving gift

As you will be aware of by now, Zeke is leaving at the end of this month. As his church family we would love to bless him with a gift as he goes. If you would like to contribute to this please make a contribution to the following account or you can use the giving machine at the back of church.

Acc name - St Chads PCC

Acc no - 65974394

Sort code - 08 92 99



Our Mission of the Month for July fittingly is New Wine. Many of us will be heading to Shepton Mallet towards the end of the month to worship, learn, laugh and meet with God. The summer festival is a key part of New Wine's vision, gathering the whole family of churches, but New Wine is also a network of church leaders which operates throughout the year, with a vision to see 'local churches, changing nations'.

As a church we have been hugely blessed, empowered and inspired by the ministry of New Wine over many years. Both Katie and Richard are part of the New Wine Leadership community nationally and as well as serving, we are encouraged, challenged and have grown so much through what we have received in being part of the New Wine family. It is easy to see NewWine as a big institution or an events planning organisation, being part of the leadership for a few years we've realised that is the least helpful way to see it.

New Wine is a huge network of friendships of people who have all had similar encounters with the Holy Spirit. By supporting it in prayer, we're supporting thousands of others in our wider family as they seek to know Jesus better and change their communities in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please note there will be no 11am Service on Sunday 3rd August as the team will all be at NewWine festival. There will still be a 9.15 service that day.

Oasis Trip

Monday 4th August



Oasis Trip - Llandudno - Monday 4th August

There are still some spaces free for the Oasis trip to Llandudno on Monday 4th August. If you would like to join, please get in touch with Jane at the church office on 0161 430 4652.

Tickets are £30 and include transport and a three course meal.

