



Dear Church Family,

Most mornings I read two or more chapters from different sections of the Bible. One of the joys of this is when God speaks the same message from very different parts of his Word. This morning my two Bible chapters were 1 Kings 5 and Titus 3. In 1 Kings 5, Solomon is preparing to build the temple and can do so because the kingdom is not at war and able to focus on building a house for God. In Titus, Paul is writing to a church planter, establishing new worshipping communities and he emphasises the importance of living with integrity, living peaceable and considerate lives and avoiding foolish controversies, quarrels and pointless arguments. The importance of peace, unity and loving community for working together to build God's church struck me afresh.

Loving community is one of our core goals at St Chads, this involves loving our community and also being a loving community. In this month of gratitude I'm simply writing this to say how much I delight in and value the unity and sense of loving community we have as a church family. We're far from perfect, we're a group of human beings, but there is a love and sense of unity in St Chads, which I would never want us to take for granted. The time we put into building deeper more honest relationships is valuable and so essential.

In a couple of weeks time we have our next 'Gather and Share' Sunday, a chance to share Sunday lunch with others, to put the gift of hospitality into practice and build new friendships. Please sign up for that.

Our 'ministry of the month' for October is Small groups and we prayed for them on Sunday. They are a crucial part of learning to follow Jesus together and loving community. Please pray for our small groups and we are asking God to call some more folk to take on leading groups. If you are sensing that call from God, then do talk to me, or Katie or Dave about that.

Also coming up we have our Neon Light Disco to enable our children to have a spiritually safe, joyful evening together on 31st October. And on 23rd November our Memorial service is an opportunity for a key part of loving community, which is to grieve together and comfort those who mourn. All of these are expressions of building a loving community.

Paul urges Titus: "insist on these things, so that those who have trusted in God, may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone" (Titus 3.8)

I urge you the same!

With love,
Richard

Neon Light Disco

Fri 31st October



Come and join us for a fun-filled **Neon Light Disco**- a bright and joyful celebration full of laughter, games, and glowing surprises!

Date: Friday 31st October

Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Location: The Guywood

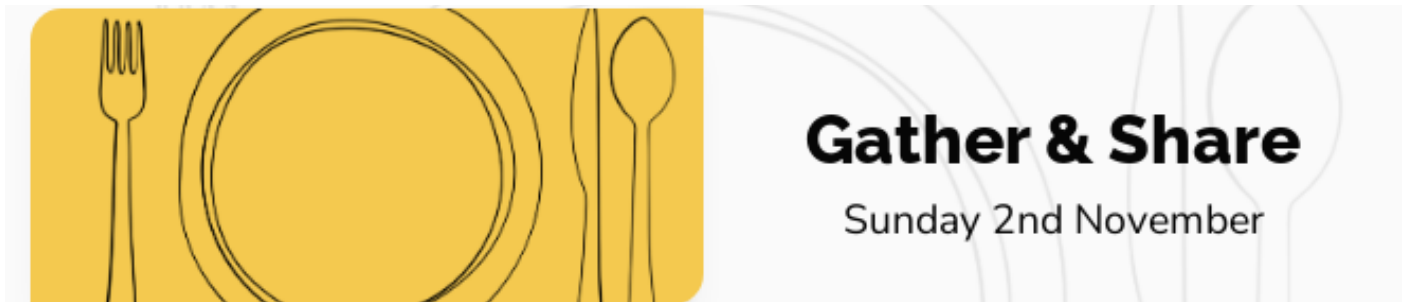
Ages: 4 - 11yrs

We'll have dancing, hot dogs, face painting, glow sticks and plenty of treats to enjoy - all in a safe, friendly, and light-filled environment.

No scary outfits, please - let's keep it bright and cheerful! Dress up in **bright colours, tutus, neon, and glow** to make the night sparkle even more!

Tickets are £3 per child (£1 for each additional sibling). [To sign up please click here.](#)

We can't wait to see you there!



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

Following the success of our first Gather & Share back in July - we're gathering again for lunch in homes on **Sunday 2nd November**. Lunch could be soup and a sandwich or a full on Sunday Roast. Whatever lunch looks like for you, the goal is connection. Like last time, some people will host, some will be guests. Everyone brings something, even if it's just themselves.

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 chat with their guests about things like food arrangements, transport, and timings.

To sign up please get in touch with **Alys in the church office** on **0161 430 4652**. You can also sign up using the **QR code displayed in the church foyer**. **Sign-up closes this Friday (24th October).**

Prayer Events



We really believe God is on the move and we are seeing some exciting things happening in our church and our nation, but we want more!! When God's people pray, lives are changed, families restored, hope renewed, salvation comes – and that includes you!

Our monthly prayer times are the very engine room of St Chads and always encouraging. Do come and join us.

5th Nov - 7.30pm

2nd Dec - 7.30pm

19th Nov - 1.30pm

10th Dec - 1.30pm

Daytime gatherings are held in church, evening gatherings are held in the LifeCentre.

Memorial Service

Sun 23rd November



This service is for all who have been bereaved. It offers a time to remember loved ones, to say "goodbye," and to turn to God for His comfort and strength.

Members of St Chad's are encouraged to invite family or friends who may be grieving to join us for this meaningful occasion.

If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church from **Sunday 9th November**.

We hope this will be a gentle and prayerful opportunity to remember those you love.

Oasis Christmas Cards



After the success of the Oasis Christmas calendar and recipe book, Oasis is delighted to present a fabulous new collection of Christmas cards.

Cards will be available to buy at the back of church from this Sunday.

Baptisms

Sunday 30th November

We believe there are some in our church family for whom now is the time to take the step of baptism, or to reaffirm their baptism vows. We would love to have a service of full immersion baptisms and confirmations on **Sunday 30th November**. We don't want to wait until Easter (although we're praying to see more people baptised then too!) And so we've included this in our autumn schedule.

If you would like to be baptised, or reaffirm your baptism vows or be confirmed, or discuss what that might mean for you, then please speak to Dave, Katie or Richard and we'd be delighted to have a conversation with you about that.



Mission of the Month

This month our Mission Partner is **The Message Trust**. The Message Trust is a worldwide move-ment passionately sharing the love of Jesus Christ in words and actions with the hardest to reach young people and communities. You can find out more about what they do [here](#).

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the **Central Grocery team** as they launch new Community Groceries. Ask God to bless Managers and Volunteers in the 30 existing sites to love people and share Jesus with generous hearts.
- Pray for the **Message Missions Teams** as they visit schools—may the Gospel be shared clearly, hearts opened, and many young people come to know Jesus.
- Lift up our **Prison Workers** as they run courses like Alpha. Pray for safety, strength, and that many prisoners find hope and salvation in Jesus.
- Thank God for our **Message Partners** and pray for more to join in God's amazing work.