



Dear Church Family,

As we look ahead to our Vision Morning on 10th May, I've been reflecting on who we are as a church here in Romiley. Alongside this, our recent focus on the letters to the churches in Revelation 2–3 has been a helpful reminder. In those passages, we see both encouragement and challenge - Jesus speaks truthfully, but He also calls out what is good. It's a pattern worth holding onto, to receive encouragement, and to be people who actively encourage one another.

During this Monday's 9am prayer gathering, we spent time in 1 Peter 2:5, where we are described as "living stones." It's a powerful image. The church is not a building, but a people, each one of us, brought together and being built into something spiritual and alive. You can see this in so many areas of church life: in worship, our children's teams, LifeCentre, Oasis, and beyond. Whether you've been part of St Chad's for 80 years or this is your very first week, you have a place here. You have a purpose.

C.S. Lewis, in *The Four Loves*, wrote after the loss of his friend Charles Williams: "In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out... by myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets." It's a beautiful reminder that we need one another. Each of us reflects something unique of God's image, and together we reveal more of His fullness than we ever could alone.

As living stones, with Jesus as our cornerstone, we are being built together by God. This means our differences are not obstacles, they are gifts. Our stories, our personalities, our journeys of faith all contribute to the richness of what God is doing among us. When we take time to encourage one another, to listen, to celebrate each other, we begin to see more clearly the beauty of Jesus reflected in this community.

So, in this season as we approach the APCM and our Vision Morning, may we be both encouraged and encouragers. Let's look expectantly for what Jesus is leading us into next, trusting that He is continuing to shape and build His church, through each and every one of us.

Blessings,

Katie



It's been such a joy to see our monthly **Prayer Events** at St Chads grow and become a real rhythm in the life of our church family. We pray because we long to see more people become more like Jesus, learning to rely on God's power rather than our own strength.

These times together are increasingly rich and meaningful as we seek God's presence, listen to Him, and pray as one church family. We'd love to encourage everyone at St Chads to make these gatherings a central part of church life where possible.

Upcoming Prayer Events:

Tuesday 19th May – 7:30pm, LifeCentre

Wednesday 20th May – 1:30pm, Church

**Everyone is warmly invited - we'd love to see you there
as we seek God together.**



Vision Sunday & APCM - Sunday 10th May 2026

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Vision Sunday in just a few weeks' time!

We'll begin at 10:00am with a relaxed church family breakfast, followed by worship and communion at 10:30am as we gather together as one church family.

Kids Church will head over to the Lify for fun and games after communion. If your child is in Mini Church, there will be an unsupervised space with toys available in the church lounge if they get a bit wriggly.

Everyone is welcome - we'd love you to join us!

Worship Night

We're excited to invite you to our second Worship Night on Friday 15th May.

As we continue this new rhythm in the life of our church, these evenings are all about creating space to gather, fix our eyes on Jesus, and spend unhurried time in His presence. We'll have extended worship through song, moments of silence, listening to God, and responding to wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

Our first Worship Night was a deeply precious time, and we're expectant for all that God will do as we gather again.

Join us on Friday 15th March at 7.30 in church - we'd love to see you there.



PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday 31st May we will be gathering slightly differently as a church family...

There will be just one service in church at 9:15am on Sunday 31st May. Our usual 11:00am service will not be held in the building - instead, we'll gather at the park for a picnic, games, and a time of fellowship together as a church family. We'd love for you to join us!

Please do join us at Romiley Park at 11am if you're able - it will be a great opportunity to spend relaxed time together outdoors.

Bring your picnics, rugs and games and of course... please pray for sunshine!

Save the Date

Our **Annual Volunteer Night** is happening on **Wednesday 17th June.**

More details coming soon, but if you're part of one of our amazing teams, be sure to get it in your diary - we can't wait to celebrate with you!



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