



Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM last Sunday. It was a wonderful and encouraging time as we looked back with gratitude for all God has done and looked ahead with hope and expectation for all that is to come.

During our time together, we continued exploring the book of Revelation, which has been both exciting and challenging for us as a church. Over recent weeks, we have been reflecting on the seven churches in Revelation and the encouragements and challenges Jesus gave to each of them. Last Sunday gave us an opportunity to celebrate the many people who faithfully serve at St Chad's, while also recognising the challenges we face as we seek to become all that God is calling us to be — always keeping Jesus at the centre of everything we do.

Another church that is especially close to our hearts is St Barnabas Church Hattersley. Sam recently came to preach at both morning services, and over the past couple of months Dave and Richard have also visited Hattersley to share communion and preach. We are building the Kingdom, not a St Chad's castle, and so we are always looking for ways to bless and support what God is doing in other places. Hattersley is a particularly exciting place for the Kingdom of God at this time.

St Barnabas is one of our mission partners, and we seek to support them through prayer, financial giving, practical help, and pastoral care for both our friends there and the leadership team, encouraging them in the work they are doing. It is always better when we work together, and the Lord delights in unity. Please do take a moment to read the prayer points below from St Barnabas.

In the Bible, Barnabas — originally called Joseph — was a Levite from Cyprus who became known as the “Son of Encouragement” because of his generosity and the vital role he played in the early Church. He was described as a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and he helped nurture and strengthen the growing church. We believe this reflects something of what St Barnabas is doing in Hattersley today as a fledgling church plant. As mission partners, we continue to pray for and support them as they reach out to a community that has faced many struggles in the past, but where they are now beginning to see God's favour at work.

We are cheering them on!

Blessings,
Katie

Worship Night

We're excited to invite you to our second Worship Night this Friday...

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.

Join us this Friday at **7.30pm** in church - we'd love to see you there.



Prayer Events

It's been such a joy to see our monthly prayer gatherings 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 Gatherings:

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.**

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.



Clothes Swap

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming **Ladies' Clothes Swap Event** — a fun, sustainable, and social evening where you can bring along clothes you no longer wear and swap them for something new-to-you!

Whether you're clearing out your wardrobe, looking for a style refresh, or simply fancy a lovely evening with great company, this is the perfect opportunity.

- Bring clean, good-quality clothes, shoes, bags, or accessories
- Browse and swap for items you'll love
- Enjoy refreshments, chats, and a relaxed atmosphere
- Support sustainable fashion and reduce waste

Location: LifeCentre Date: Thursday 11th June Time: 7-9pm

Simply bring a few pre-loved items in excellent condition and exchange them during the event. Anything left over will be donated to charity.

Feel free to invite friends — the more the merrier!



Mission of the Month

St Barnabus , Hatterlsey

Our Mission Partner this month is **St Barnabus in Hatterlsey**. St Barnabus is a Christian community based in Hattersley, passionate about loving its neighbours, serving the local area, and helping people encounter Jesus.

- Please pray for the team as they prepare to launch a new community grocery. This transition involves changes with current food providers, and they ask for a smooth process marked by kindness, grace, and understanding on all sides. They are grateful for the contribution of existing providers and hope to see them continue to flourish elsewhere.
- Please pray for the staff team. They have been working extremely hard through a challenging season and have also faced spiritual attack. Pray for God's protection over them, along with encouragement, strength, and peace for each member of the team.
- Please pray for increased opportunities to connect with people in Hattersley. The team's heart is for the whole community to hear about and encounter Jesus, and they are asking for prayer for deeper relationships, open doors for conversation, and growing community connections.



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