



Dear Church Family,

Having recently returned from a beautiful trip to Italy, I've been reflecting on the many blessings of the time away. There was the sunshine, the rolling Tuscan hills, the incredible food, and the joy of spending time with family and friends as we celebrated a lovely couple on their wedding day. The setting was stunning, and the marriage service was beautiful.

Yet, what has stayed with me most are the conversations and connections I shared with people, some whom I have known for many years and others whom I had only just met. It reminded me of the beauty and significance of our interactions with one another and the value of those moments of connection.

Among the groom's party were several young men I had once childminded as toddlers. To see them now as adults, many married and some with young children of their own, made my heart sing. Having the opportunity to talk with them about faith, life, and their journeys reminded me of the words in 1 Corinthians 15:58:

"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

We may never fully know the impact of the time we invest in people's lives. Whether it is sharing the good news of Jesus, praying faithfully for someone, or simply walking alongside them for a season, much of the fruit may remain unseen by us. Yet we trust that God is always at work.

It can be easy to become discouraged when we cannot see what God is doing or understand how He is working. But I felt reminded that we are in this for the long game. Every connection, every conversation, and every act of kindness can be used by God for His glory.

So, if you are wondering who to pray for this week, perhaps pray for those you have lost touch with. Pray for those who have chosen a different path, or for those who might be considered prodigals. Perhaps God is inviting us to press in and trust that He is working, even when we cannot yet see the fruit.

As beautiful as the Tuscan sunshine was, the eternal impact of engaging with people and sharing Jesus is the work we are called to do. And we can be confident of this: our labour in the Lord is never in vain.

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:**

**Weds 10th June** – 1:30pm, church

**Weds 24th June** – 7:30pm, LifeCentre

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



# 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

## How it works:

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!**



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 **Friday 12th June at 7.30pm** in church - we'd love to see you there.



## Volunteer Evening - 7.30pm Weds 17th June

We'd love to invite all of our amazing volunteers to a special evening together as a small way of saying thank you for everything you do. Your time, energy, faithfulness, and servant-hearted support make such a difference in the life of our church, and we're so grateful for each of you.

The evening will be a chance to relax, enjoy good food and company, and celebrate all that God is doing through our church family together.

Please sign up at the back of church or email [alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk](mailto:alys@stchadsromiley.co.uk).



We're gathering again for lunch in homes on **Sunday 12th July**. Like last time, some will host and some will be guests. Everyone is invited to bring something, even if it's just themselves!

We're also hosting a separate Welcome Lunch on the same day for those new to Chads.

You can sign up to be a host or a guest using the link below or you can get in touch with Alys in the church office on 430 4652 (Mon-Weds). Sign-up closes the week before.

<https://stchadsromiley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/yvd8r7ph>