



Dear Church Family,

"Thank you" is such a simple phrase, yet it carries enormous power.

On Wednesday evening, we will gather to thank our volunteers, a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge all that it takes to give your time and gifts within our church family. The LifeCentre and Cherry Tree Project will also be celebrating and thanking their volunteers at different times.

At the end of this term children will be thanking their teachers, families and others who have supported them throughout the year. On Sunday we will thank fathers and men in our church for being who God has called them to be, it seems that, wherever we look, there are opportunities to pause and say those two important words: thank you.

My husband often tells me that I am very good at saying "thank you" but that I could do with working on my "please"!

That got me thinking: where and when does Jesus say thank you? As followers of Christ, we are always seeking to learn from his example.

Throughout the Bible, Jesus is often described as giving thanks, even if the exact words vary between translations.

One clear example is found before Jesus raises Lazarus:

"Father, I thank you that you have heard me." (John 11:41)

The Gospels also tell us that Jesus gave thanks before meals and significant moments:

- Before feeding the five thousand (Matthew 14:19; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16; John 6:11)
- Before feeding the four thousand (Matthew 15:36; Mark 8:6)

· At the Last Supper (Luke 22:17–19)

In the original Greek text of the New Testament, the word often used is eucharisteō, meaning "to give thanks" or "to express gratitude". Our English word "Eucharist" comes from this same root.

What struck me most was that the thanks often came before the action.

Jesus gave thanks before the miracle. Before the meal was shared. Before the answer was seen.

Perhaps there is something for us to learn here. Maybe gratitude is not only something we offer after someone has done something for us. Perhaps we can thank people in advance, for their willingness, their generosity and their faithfulness.

I still need to reflect more on that. But one thing is certain: I am deeply thankful for each one of you, for all that you do, for the gifts you share, and for the privilege of walking this journey of faith together as disciples of Jesus.

Thank you.

Blessings,  
Katie



### **Mission of the Month - Lex & Alan Hamilton**

Lex and Alan and their 3 boys are living and working in South East Asia. Lex works with children and coordinates special needs provision for the region.

#### **Please pray for:**

- for their time in the UK to be restful but also productive.
- for their funding needs
- for preparations for their new roles

The family will be in church this Sunday as well.



The **LifeCentre** continues to be a place where people can relax, connect, and find support in the heart of our community. Through the café, support services, meeting spaces, prayer room, and the many conversations and friendships that happen each day, we seek to offer a warm welcome and practical care to everyone who walks through our doors.

**Please pray for:**

- Everyone who enters the building to experience God's love.
- Volunteers to feel valued, grow in friendship, and encounter Jesus.
- The staff team to have unity, wisdom, and a heart for those they serve.
- The summer working party and preparations for the next season.
- God's guidance and wisdom for future plans.
- New trustees with the right gifts and heart to serve.

**LifeCentre Working Party – Volunteers Needed**

We're holding working parties on 4 & 5 August and 18 & 19 August, from 9.00am - 4.30pm. We'll need help with gardening, painting, cleaning & sorting.

If you'd like to help care for and improve the building, please sign up at the back of church or call 430 1130.

# Gather & Share

SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**Gather & Share returns on Sunday 12th July. Some will host, some will be guests, and everyone is welcome!**

We're also holding a separate **Welcome Lunch**, on the same day at the LieCentre, for those new to Chads.

To sign up as a host or guest, use the link below or contact Alys in the church office on 430 4652 (Mon–Wed). Sign-up closes Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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



'JUST FOR DADS' SPECIAL

Bouncy Castle Sausage Butty

Treats Games and Play

*Father's Day Fun*

For Dads/Grandads/Male carers & their little ones (under 10yrs)  
9.30-11.30am - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June  
@ Guywood Centre, Romiley

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**MUMS NIGHT** *Bingo*

**18TH JULY**  
**7:30- 9:00PM**  
**GUYWOOD CENTRE**

Awesome Prizes from local businesses  
Glass of fizz on entry

Bring a friend or come along & make a new one

Get your ticket & all the info via QR code



Church family members are warmly invited to attend the funeral of Alan Bancroft, which will take place in church on **Friday 3rd July at 1.00pm**, as we gather to give thanks for his life and support his family.