



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome we have received since returning from Sabbatical, it has been lovely to catch up with lots of folk on Sundays, at New Wine and those serving on the LifeCentre working parties. I had the most wonderful time of refreshment, an amazing trip with our family to the Far East and beautiful times with God on retreat. I missed you all, but it was an amazing sabbatical and I feel revived and refreshed for what God has for us next. It has been encouraging to hear how well things have gone here whilst I was away and so good to meet new people who have come to know Jesus and joined St Chads whilst we've been away.

We don't usually do Chads News through August, as so many folk are away, but there are a few things we'd love to share with you, so we're doing this bonus edition to keep you up to date.

The first is to share with you how encouraging it was to have so many of us together at NewWine Festival this summer. It was a brilliant week and glorious to see God working in one anothers' lives. If you had FOMO this summer and would like to join us next year, then chat to us, together we love to make it possible for as many as we can from St Chads to be a part of it. The NewWine teaching is also on new-wine.online, an online platform with lots of talks from the summer festivals and other events. You can subscribe to that if you want to follow lots of the content, we also have a church account for small groups to use.

The second thing to mention is that the Goddard family are responding to God's call for a new season and ministry in their lives and leaving us in September. On Sunday 6th Sept, we will be praying for them, commissioning them and thanking them for the many ways that they have served at St Chads. As Andrew has been church warden for a number of years, we want to do that with both congregations, so on that

day we will have pastries after the 9.15am service and at 10.30am we will take a few moments to commission them and also to have a 'vestry meeting' to elect our new church warden to replace Andrew. We will formally publicise the vestry meeting in due course and if you are interested in being nominated to become church warden do chat to me, Katie or our current wardens Andrew Goddard and Jan Ford.

We have had a great start to our "Meals with Jesus" service series in August and look forward to more of that. It was a real joy to eat together on Sunday and have an extended time of building friendships after the service.

with love,
Richard.



LifeCentre Working Party – Volunteers Needed

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our **first two working parties!** It was so fantastic to see so many people getting stuck in, lending a hand and helping make a real difference. We're really grateful for everyone's time, energy and enthusiasm — and we hope you enjoyed being part of it too.

Our next working party is coming up soon, and we'd love some more help!

Dates:

[Tuesday 18th August](#) or [Wednesday 19th August](#)

Whether you can spare an hour or stay for the whole session, every pair of hands makes a difference. Just click the date you'd like to help on to sign up.

No special skills are needed — just bring yourself and a willingness to get stuck in!

24hrs of Prayer



Launching the autumn with prayer.

7-8th September

Everything we do is fuelled by God's Holy Spirit and thus prayer is core to our life together. We want to launch the new season in September with prayer and so we are having 24hrs of prayer in Sanctuary from 7.30pm on Monday 7th Sept to 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th, and then our Sept prayer evening on Tues 8th.

We will share more details at the start of September, but would love to encourage you to put that in your diary now and pray about how you can join in with that. This links to the 24/7 Prayer movement's Global Week of Prayer. Sanctuary is of course always available for prayer when the LifeCentre is open.

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NewWine Testimonies

It was so encouraging to hear the testimonies on Sunday of all that God was doing at New Wine Festival this summer.

We'd love to hear more! If you have a story or testimony from the festival this year, we'd be really encouraged to hear it.

Please email hello@stchadsromiley.co.uk

A little reminder after church 🎵

Just a friendly reminder that we ask people not to play the instruments after services. This helps us to look after them and keeps things peaceful for those who are staying behind.

Thanks so much for your understanding and for helping us look after our church and its instruments!