

# Chads News



**SUMMER SPECIAL**

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## Welcome to the Drain family

*It's felt like a long wait from when I first met Will, but the day has nearly arrived for his ordination and for Will, Rachel, Beth, Daniel and their gorgeous new puppy Ronnie to move to Romiley and join us. We are all so excited about this.*



Will grew up in Hyde and both he and Rachel have been part of Holy Trinity Stalybridge for most of their lives. Over the past 3 years Will has been doing his ordination training through St. Mellitus College, which mixes training with a placement, so he has been working for Holy Trinity. Rachel is a midwife, and works at Tameside hospital. Beth will be moving up to high school in September, and joining the Romiley bus load at Blue Coat (where Will & Rachel were both students) and Dan has already had half a term at Romiley Primary school and has settled there really well. Ronnie is a 14week old golden retriever puppy and I recommend following Will on Instagram, just to enjoy photos of him!

Will's ordination is later than usual owing to the mystery plays filling Chester Cathedral, so over the past few weeks he's spent a bit of time with us at the Life Centre, joining in staff meetings and Connection hub leaders' meetings. We have already started planning for the autumn and in particular planning Alpha courses to start in October, which Will is going to lead. So as well as praying for the Drain family as they prepare to join us, please get praying for Alpha and thinking of who you are going to invite. Will writes...

"We are so excited about joining you all at St Chad's in a couple of weeks. We have felt so welcomed by everyone and really have appreciated your thoughts and prayers. St Chad's is a wonderful church family and we feel truly blessed that we will be a part of it. We are really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all!"

Will's ordination is at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so I will be there to support him, along with +Graham and some others. Many of you will remember Paul Pritchard who we sent off to train for ordination at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford 2 years ago. Paul will be ordained alongside Will at Chester, he and Ann and their children are moving back to Cheshire and Paul will be serving his curacy at Christ Church Barnton.



## Prayer at St Chad's

- Please pray for Will Drain and Paul Pritchard who have their Ordinations on the 22nd July.
- Pray for those who may be lonely and isolated this summer, that they would find a community and know God is with them.
- Pray for those who have converted from Islam to Christianity, in Ethiopia. Who are ostracised and often denied family rights. Ask the Lord to comfort and sustain them today.
- Fusion is this month's Mission Partner: Let's pray for them as they prepare to support the new university students in finding a new local church to call home.
- Let's pray for Will Drain and his family as they make the move into Romiley, begin life here and Will starts his new role as Curate.
- Pray for those who have children at home during summer, that there would be no financial or relational stress.
- Pray for those who work in Healthcare, that through them, those they care for would see and experience God's love for themselves!

## Changes to services and groups during the summer

Please note on **Sunday 5th August** there will be **only one service at 9.15am**, as many church families and service leaders are away at New Wine.

### Wednesday Holy Communion

Weds communion will have a summer break, the last one of the summer will be 18th July and then not meeting until the start of September.

**Prampushers** Last one 12th July and re-opens on 12th & 13th September.

Teddy Bears' Picnic Vicarage garden on Thursday 19th July.

**Just for Dads** Last one 18th July and re-opens on 12th September.

### Last Kids and Youth Clubs

SchoolsOUT & TBN 16th July

BreakOUT 17th, WiP 18th and

HangOUT! 19<sup>th</sup>. Mini/Kids Church 22<sup>nd</sup>

**First Week Back: w/c Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Mini/Kids/Youth Church 9<sup>th</sup>

SchoolsOUT 10th/ BreakOUT 11<sup>th</sup>

Youth Band 12th/HangOUT! 13<sup>th</sup>

**Oasis** finishes on 23rd July with their Summer Special and starts again on 3rd September.

## The Church Office

The church office will be closed for 2 weeks 8th-22nd August owing to New Wine and staff holidays. There will be an emergency number on the answerphone. The office will then be open Wed-Fri for the rest of August.

**The Lifecentre closes** at 4pm on Thursday 26th July and will re-open on Tuesday 4th September.

## A Praying Life by Paul Miller

I have read many helpful books on how to pray, but this one is a winner. It holds your attention and lays bare some of the commonest weaknesses in our attitudes to prayer. Many of the author's illustrations are about prayer for his six children, one of them autistic, honestly sharing his many mistakes. He reflects wisely on when prayers seem not to be answered; he encourages us to be real and forthright with God when things are not working out as we expected. I am giving each of our four kids and their spouses a copy.

Graham Dow

*Available from the Life Centre from Wednesday next week*

## Daytime Refreshments in Church over the summer

To give people some connection point during August (whilst the Lifecentre is closed) the church foyer will be open Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm for refreshments starting Monday 30th July with the last one being Thursday 23rd August.

## September Hub dates

Monday Hub 10th 9.30 am (G)

Tuesday Hub 11th 7.45pm (L)

Wednesday Hub 12th 7.45pm (L)

Weekend Hub 15th 5pm

**Prayer for persecuted Christians in Church on August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. Come and pray for the persecuted church the world over.**

## Christian Book Swap

There will be another Christian book swap in the church lounge this summer. Just bring faith books to the church lounge any Sunday between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> August. No audio or video cassettes though thanks.

## Bassenfell Nov 9th-11th 2018

This weekend away at Bassenfell Manor, a Christian residential centre in the Lake District, promises to be a fantastic time and bookings are now open!

Please refer to the separate one-page information sheet sent out with notices or available from the back of church for more info/how to book. Talk to Rachel Stephens or Jill Hookway for more info!