

Chads News



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Living Free and Praying for Breakthrough

Last Sunday I shared with both congregations a new venture we're taking on Sunday mornings as a church: We're going to have two sermon series running in parallel.

On the weeks when I am not preaching, our other wonderful preachers are going to teach through Philippians, an inspirational book, written by Paul from death row. Facing death or release, Paul writes Philippians with a raw honesty as he faces up to what really matters. As always he writes with a focus on Jesus, and his thinking rooted in the good news of what Jesus has done. When I read Philippians I find a particular clarity about eternal questions and priorities, so we're calling this series 'Praying for Breakthrough'.

On the Sundays when I preach, I'm going to teach through the Living Free course material, in bite-sized chunks, as the Sunday sermon. 'Living Free' is a course of Biblical teaching, which I have taught a number of times over the past 14 years, as it has been very formative in my own life and I've seen these Biblical truths wonderfully set people free. In the past I've taught it as a series of midweek evenings or in a short-course format. For the first time I am going to take those Biblical truths and teach them step by step as a sermon series. I know a number of those who have done the course previously are excited to hear these truths again and know the power of God's truth bringing them even more fully alive.

If you're new to Living Free, you might be wondering what it's about. There are many ways of describing it. Although I called it a course at the top of this front page, somehow 'a course' doesn't really seem an adequate description.

I often think of things in terms of food. This course (like many courses) could seem to be a buffet, but it's not! It's not a random collection of food items, but a carefully thought through plate of food, to be consumed step by step, each mouthful designed to complement and build on the other parts. Or you could describe it as a tapestry, each thread a distinct colour, but woven together to give a clearer view of God.

The key ingredients are: Our identity as children of God, God's purpose and design for each of us, the reality of evil and how to overcome it, the joy of living in right relationship with God, the impact sin has on us and how to live free from it, and learning to hear God speak more clearly. In each of these areas, there are some simple yet profoundly powerful choices we make, particularly around turning to God and choosing his truth.

If you missed last Sunday's introduction, you can download it from our (newly redesigned) website. I know that God is going to do wonderful things in each and every one of our lives as we grab hold of his truth and let him work on our hearts. I am really looking forward to the adventure together.

Love, Richard

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Prayer at St Chad's

- Take some time to read through Psalm 23 and thank God for the truth of who He is and all that means for us as His beloved children.
- As the weather gets colder and darker, let's pray that our community discovers the truth that our God is THE light of this world!
- Pray for those who work in church ministry, that they will find blessing and peace as they plan for the Christmas season.
- Pray for India. Violence against Christians is escalating and Christians from Hindu backgrounds are targeted by campaigns to reconvert people to Hinduism. Pray they will have courage to stand firm in their faith in Jesus.
- 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me.' Matthew 25:40 This month pray for 'Christians Against Poverty' and all the amazing work they do.

External prayer events

Thursday 15th November 7.30am

Annual Stockport Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

7.30am Breakfast, Programme 8-9am
Fred Perry House, Edward Street
Stockport SK1 3RU

Please book in advance via:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockport-mayoral-prayer-breakfast-tickets-48285437042

Thurs 22nd November 7.30pm

Greater Manchester Prayer Gathering - Christians from Churches & The Message Trust from all over our city, for our city - At Audacious Church.

Friday 23rd November 7.30pm

St Mary's Cheadle

Chester Diocese Evangelical Fellowship, hosting Release International - Archbishop Ben Kwashi from Nigeria will be leading an evening of prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Cleaning church

Our beautiful team of cleaners is down to 2 owing to illness. Please if you can spare just 1 hour on a Tuesday morning—even just for the next few weeks—talk to Jill or Jan or contact the office on 0161 430 4652

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamps for a charity that supports the Persecuted Church worldwide. Please drop them into the box at the back of church.

Weekend Hub Sun 21st Oct, 5pm

Talk to Kirstie or Richard for more info if you've not been before. Everyone else—check out WhatsApp!

Children's Society Box Opening

Wednesday 24th October, 10-12

20 Roundcroft Romiley

Please bring your boxes to be opened—or bring them to church.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Monday Nov 5th, 2pm, Sanctuary

Come and pray for the persecuted church the world over.

Later Life Issues

Monday October 29th, 9.30-11.15am

Guywood Centre

Join us to look at how we address the issue of "Trust vs Worry" whilst in the later stages of life.

Molly Dow will provide input at the start which will then be discussed in smaller groups. Just come along!

Hear and Now

**Drop-in Listening Service
Stockport Christian Counselling in partnership with the Lifecentre**

A new drop-in listening service for those times when we need to talk in confidence to an impartial listener. Tuesdays 2pm-4pm (Term Time only) 1st & 3rd Tuesday at the Lifecentre. No appointment necessary.



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NEW WEBSITE
www.stchadsromiley.co.uk

Free Family Film Night
The Incredibles 2
Venue: St Chads Church, Church Lane
Hot dogs & drinks for ALL!! **31/10/18** | Doors: 5.30pm
Film: 5.45-8pm

All under 18s **must** be accompanied by an adult