



St Chad's Newsletter Easter 2009

*Open doors, open hearts,
open minds*

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

8am

9.30am

11.15am

6pm

5th April

Holy Communion

Family Eucharist with Palm ceremonies and the dramatic reading of the Passion narrative.

Methodist Service

Choral Evensong



Mon

7.30pm

Holy Communion with address

Tues

7.30pm

Meditation: "The Way of the Cross" – 14 meditations for organ by Marcel Dupré played by Richard Walker.

Weds

11.00am

Holy Communion

7.30pm

Holy Communion with address

**Maundy
Thursday**

7.30pm

Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altars.



Good Friday

10am

Walk of Witness from The Abbey

12.00noon

Children's Activities in the Parish Hall led by The Revd Chris Walker (for about 1 hour)

12.00noon

The Words of the Cross

2.00pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday

5.00pm

Choral Evensong

Holy Saturday

8.00pm

Easter Vigil (in St Alkmund's) led by The Revd Richard Hayes

Easter Day

8am

Holy Communion with hymns

9.30am

Easter Parish Eucharist

11.15am

Methodist Easter Service and

Holy Communion

6pm

Choral Evensong



Anxious - that's how Bishop Alan described our society in a farewell address recently. There is profound anxiety about the recession and its effects, about the increasing evidence of rapid climate change, about conflict and suffering in many parts of the world, about the future for our children. Inevitably the first instinctive reaction is to look for someone to blame - probably a banker - anything but admitting that we are all responsible to some degree for the unsustainable manner of life of the rich world of which we are part, and the increasing and shameful gap between rich and poor countries. So there is a real opportunity for that anxiety to point us to a better, healthier and more sustainable life-style.

In Holy Week Christians re-live the experience of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, so that it becomes more than just an interesting and significant history lesson, but rather something that changes us as we live it. This year take the opportunity of bringing all you are to the Cross. We come in penitence because the gospel of Jesus Christ does make costly demands of us, and there is a difference between our ordinary human inclinations and the ethics of a life committed to Christ; we do fall short and we need to bring our failings both as individuals and as a society before the Cross during Holy Week and especially on Good Friday. Our anxiety provides an opportunity to recognise that we cannot live as we should in our own strength - we need the love and power of God that flows from the side of Christ into our everyday human living.

Each of us will face that challenge in different ways. David Cameron and his wife faced it in caring for Ivan. His death was profoundly moving for all of us not just for his parents. They would not have chosen to care for such a severely disabled child, but the experience of doing so has made a huge and positive difference to their lives: facing that particular cross has made them more human. So the challenges we each meet in our daily lives, and that we as a society face now, we can bring honestly and penitently to the Cross during Holy Week, and thereby discover the God-given grace to lead a new and better life the other side of Easter day.

Mark Thomas

"Fallujah, Iraq - Counter-insurgency at its best, or worst?"
 A lecture by
Major General Andrew Farquhar CBE (late Green Howards)
 former GOC 5 Division
 7.00 for 7.30 pm **Friday 8th May**
 New Hall, Shrewsbury High School, 32 Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1TN

Tickets: £10 per head to include a complimentary glass of wine during the pre-lecture reception at 7.00 pm.

All proceeds are to support the work of the Friends of St Chad's in the restoration and preservation of this unique church.

Sunday Services		
8am	Holy Communion	
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (every Sunday except 1 st) 1st Sunday: Family Eucharist (aiming to last 45 minutes)	
10am	Eucharist at St Alkmund's	
11.15am	Methodist Service	
6pm	1 st 2 nd & 4 th Sundays	Evensong
	3 rd & 5 th Sundays	Methodist Service
7.30pm	3 rd Sunday	Prayer and Healing Service
Children are always welcome. Our Junior Church takes place during the 9.30am Eucharist and a crèche is available.		
Weekday Services		
Morning & Evening Prayer Said daily at 8am & 5pm (Thursday 8am - Silent Prayer)		
Holy Communion	Wednesday 11am	Friday 8.20am
St Alkmund's	Tuesday 1.05pm	Short Eucharist (25 mins)
	Thursday 10.30am	BCP Communion
Special Services		
For details of special services and any changes to standard service times please see our website: www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com or contact the church office. For Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals or other individual enquiries, please contact the Vicar via the church office.		
The Church is open 8am - 5pm		
Vicar	Revd Mark Thomas	343761
Assistant Priest	Revd Chris Walker	241568
Methodist Minister	Revd Derrick Lander	355326
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