

Sunday Services

- 8am** Holy Communion
- 9.30am** Parish Eucharist (every Sunday except 1st)
1st Sunday: Family Eucharist (aiming to last no more than 45 mins)
- 10am** Eucharist at **St Alkmund's**
- 11.15am** Methodist Worship
Except Sundays 8th & 15th - details of the joint service on 8th below
- 6pm** 1st 2nd & 4th Sundays Evensong
3rd & 5th Sundays Methodist Worship
- 7.30pm 3rd Sunday** Prayer and Healing Service
Coffee/tea will be available from 7pm. Everyone welcome, do come and experience Christ's love and healing to each one of us.
- 8pm 5th Sunday** Celtic Worship
A service of song, silence and meditation
Refreshments before the service, from 7.30pm

Children are always welcome. Our Junior Church is taking a summer holiday until 14th September, but our crèche will continue throughout the summer at the 9.30am Eucharist.

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

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St Chad's Newsletter Summer 2008

Open doors, open hearts, open minds

Music and St Chad's

Last Friday, searching for inspiration for Sunday's sermon, I wandered up to church at lunchtime and along with 120 others listened to a scratch group of thirteen instrumentalists play Mozart. It was a lovely hour, and wonderful to see so many others taking time off work to enjoy it, part of the weekly "music in the round" series arranged on Fridays by Richard Walker. On the same day, before 5pm evening prayer, I watched and admired the four members of "Red Priest" rehearsing their Bach concert. One of the stewards provided by the Borough Council told me how much the musical reputation of St Chad's was growing.

I remember being walked around the church some eight years ago by Bishop David Hallatt, on a preview visit after he had contacted me about this post. The High School were rehearsing and I thought immediately what a fantastic place for music it was. Its acoustic and shape, so challenging at times for the spoken word, are admired by all visiting musicians. I have always felt that particularly at St Chad's a healthy musical life was key to a healthy church life, and that we must set our sights really high in terms of our contribution to the cultural and spiritual life of the West Midlands through the music that is offered in the building.

So it has been really rewarding and exciting to see developments in the last twelve months, and I am particularly grateful to David Leeke for the enthusiasm, energy and professionalism he brings to the post of director of music, and in Richard Walker, Kathryn Burningham, and Chris and Penny Walker, he has a strong team to assist him. Under the leadership of Bill Smallman and others before him, St Chad's has always been known for the strength of its choral tradition, and it is really good to see this reviving both on Sunday mornings and evenings. We are certainly not the finished article yet, but the signs are good! You will be able to assess things for yourselves during the **Flower Show** at evening prayer on Friday and Saturday August 15th and 16th at 5pm, and during worship at 9.30am on Sunday, which will be led by the choir.

Looking to the future, it is good to be able to announce that from September the 6pm Service on the first and fourth Sundays in the month will be Choral Evensong (the second Sunday 6pm Service is also Evensong). And with Kathryn's appointment at Shrewsbury School from September we can also look forward to a developing relationship between St Chad's and our near neighbours.

“There's sure no passion in the human soul, but finds its food in music.”
(George Lillo 1693 - 1739) **Mark Thomas**

Music in the Round **Fridays 12.40 - 1.20pm**

Our lunchtime concerts are followed by a light lunch in the meeting room during which the audience can meet the performers:



- 1st Nicholas King (organ) (St John's Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead)
- 8th Jazz by the Jamie Brownfield Jazztet
- 15th see Flower Show details
- 22nd Louise Salmond-Smith (recorder and keyboard)
- 29th Roy Woodhams (organ) (Vicar of Fleet, Hampshire)



The next concert will be on October 3rd

Admission is free, but there is a collection for the Church Music Fund at the end, and lunches are available for an additional donation.



Shrewsbury Flower Show **Music**



Wednesday 13th

7.30pm The Band of the Royal Corps of Signals in concert

Friday 15th

12.40pm Organ Recital - David Leeke

5pm Choral Evensong sung by St Chad's choir

Saturday 16th

5pm Choral Evensong sung by St Chad's choir

7pm Concert presented by St Chad's choir: 'The English Anthem' conducted by David Leeke with Richard Walker

Sunday 13th

9.30am Choral Eucharist - annual service for the Friends of St Chad's



Light Refreshments

As in previous years, a delicious selection will be available in the **Parish Hall**

9am - 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

Art Exhibition

Outside St Chad's, an exhibition of paintings created by Shrewsbury Prisoners and organised by Fiona Hibberd



Welcome (back)!...

is what you would hear any time that you came to St Chad's, but we know that it is not always easy to take the first step to come (back) to church. Therefore, we would like to invite you more specifically to come (back) to join us for our **Harvest Service on Sunday 28th September at 9.30am.**

Some of my clearest memories of attending church as a child involve the sights and smells of harvest festival (not to mention: 'We plough the fields and scatter..') and if you would like to bring children with you we shall be delighted to welcome them into our junior church activities. Do come and join us as we seek meaning, purpose and answers to life's deepest questions in our weekly Sunday worship.