

ST CHAD'S SHREWSBURY

Open doors, open hearts, open minds



CHURCH AND PARISH MISSION AUDIT

Listening to Your Views

St Chad's Church is determined to be a 'seven day a week church, daily serving the community through its worship of God and fulfilling its breadth of mission as the Civic Church'.

St Chad's acknowledges that it should reflect this determination in its worship, work and practice in order to engage productively with the community it serves. That community has inevitably become more diverse and this makes new demands of St Chad's as it seeks to meet the challenges of contemporary life and to identify where new and innovative action is needed.

As the Civic Church, St Chad's will play an influential role in the social, cultural and business life of the Shrewsbury.

❖ **Why the need for an Audit?**

We have little hard evidence as to where, early in the 21st century, the role and the energies of the Church should be directed.

The audit is designed to measure the current impact and influence of the Church and to identify accurately what initiatives and developments would be of value in determining the wider mission of St Chad's.

❖ **The Key Elements of the Audit.**

There is a need to test the mission, vision and practical role of St Chad's within the church itself and throughout the community it serves.

The key actions are to LISTEN and to RESPOND.

In seeking out the views of the congregation, residents and the civic and business community it is envisaged that the Church will be better placed to serve the community and to put into practice its mission and future action with clarity and purpose.

The audit and the plans which stem from it will demonstrate its desire to be outward looking and sensitive to the needs of all groups, but especially those who are hard to reach and those who may not recognise the wider role that the Church can play in the life of Shrewsbury.