

The United Benefice of St Chad's and St Mary's with St Alkmund's

Ordinary Time

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Open hearts, open minds, open doors



St Chad's & St Alkmund's Services

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Sunday 31st July

8 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** **St Chad's Church**
President Rev'd Alex Aldous

10 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** **St Alkmund's Church**
President Rev'd Chris Walker

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Mass of St Thomas Thorne

Hymns: 333, 480, 339, 413

Voluntary: Postlude in D minor Stanford

6 p.m. **Said Evening Prayer** **St Chad's Church**

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity, Sunday 7th August

8 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** **St Chad's Church**
President Fr Stan Swift

10 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** **St Alkmund's Church**
President Fr Stan Swift

10 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** **St Chad's Church**
Mass of St. Thomas Thorne

Hymns 334, 493, 339, 391

Voluntary: Prelude in C, BWV 547 Bach

6 p.m. **Said Evening Prayer** **St Chad's Church**

Choral Services resume on Sunday 11th September.

Worship Online: Wednesday 8am: Prayer in the Morning

(This will last about 10 minutes).

Zoom Prayer here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88230540962?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88230540962?pwd=ZHZ6RU9NdmppbjhfS0xFYmZXZUx3UT09)

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Meeting ID: 882 3054 0962 Passcode: 425296

Notices

Rev. Mary Fearnside would like St. Chad's people to know that her beloved husband Keith passed away on Sunday 24th July. A private cremation will take place on Monday 8th August at 2 p.m., followed by a service of thanksgiving for Keith's life in St. Chad's Church at 3 p.m. Please be aware that parking in the church forecourt will be very limited, so that family and friends arriving from the crematorium can park without trouble.

St Chad's Lunch hour concerts 12.30 p.m.: For the first week in the month we have, as usual, an additional organ recital on Tuesday (**August 2nd**) given by Shaun Turnbull, Assistant Organist at Ripon Cathedral. On Friday (**August 5th**) there is a rare performance of Dohnanyi's wonderful Sextet for piano, violin, viola, cello, clarinet and horn. We are fortunate that 6 local players are coming together for this performance - and it's a piece well worth hearing. These concerts are all free of charge, with lunch in the hall after Friday concerts.

St Chad's Lunch hour concert 12th August 12.30 p.m.: A piano duet recital by Gill Styles and Richard Walker, with music ranging from Mozart to Albeniz, and finishing with a splendid Pas Redoublé by Saint-Saëns. Free with lunch after as usual.

St. Alkmund's Church Concert 9th August 1 p.m.: Brian Carrington Singer and songwriter: Please see St Alkmund's Church website for details.

Shrewsbury Flower Show Friday 12th & Saturday 13th August 2022: The Friends of St Chad's will be offering Refreshments in The Church Hall and will be looking for volunteers to help during these two days. If you can help, please complete the appropriate "Sign Up" sheets in the Outer Vestibule. For further information please contact Nick Paterson: Member-sec@thefriendsofstchadsshrewsbury.uk

St Chad's volunteering opportunities in August

The Community Hub is a drop-in centre which has opened in Riverside Shopping Centre. It is project run by Shropshire Supports Refugees and has close links with URC at Coleham Head.

We hope to support the Hub which is providing much needed help to families and individuals as they learn to live in a new and often bewildering environment. There are many opportunities to become involved.

In August food parcels need to be collected from the Food Hub in Harlescott and delivered to the Community Hub. The parcels are ready for collection at 8.45am, are already prepared and only need to be collected and dropped off. Can anyone help with this on Mondays or Wednesdays, even on one occasion?

The Street Pastors are arranging an Afternoon Tea party in the Quarry on the afternoon of 23rd August especially for our new Ukrainian community but of course open to all. It will move into the church and church hall should the weather require it. We need help with this too. We will be keeping the church open until 6.30pm that day. The hall will be used for food preparation and use of the facilities. Please can you consider how you might support this event?

During the Shrewsbury Flower Show our beautiful sacred space will be a visited by many. There will be Choral Evensong on both days, at 5.30pm on Friday 12th August and 4.00pm on Saturday 13th August. Can you help to steward the church then and welcome those who have come to find whatever they need? Do please speak to me in the first instance and I can direct you.

Thank you so much, All best wishes
Sue Kelly, Churchwarden to St Chad's Church
(Tel: 07890 920 376)

Prayer List

For those who are not well & their families: Irene Stonehold

For those who have died: Ben McIntosh, Gordon Woods, Keith Fearnside, Peter Jarvis.

For the families of those that have died: The McIntosh family, The Woods family, the Fearnside family, the Jarvis family.

Year's Mind: Bertie Sharp, Elizabeth Kohler, Margaret Meredith, Mary Sloane, Margaret Pedley, Chelsey Murcell, Donald Wray-Wear, Richard George Raison Cross, Alfred Nickson, Basil Saint.

Our Prayer List is renewed every 6 weeks, if you wish your loved ones names to be added please contact the Church Office. Tel: 01743 365 478.

Readings for The Seventh Sunday of Trinity

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the one do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness. Yet I perceived the same fate befalls all of them. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Colossians 3. 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12. 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post Communion for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for The Eighth Sunday of Trinity

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 15. 1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12. 32-40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Post Communion for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the
eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

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The Nineth Sunday after Trinity, 14th August

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist St Chad's Church

President Rev'd Alex Aldous

10 a.m. Joint Holy Eucharist at St Chad's with St Alkmund's Church

President Rev'd Gavin Williams

6 p.m. Said Evening Prayer St Chad's

Choral Services Resume on Sunday 11th September.

Wednesday

8 a.m. Online Prayer (*see front page for Zoom link*)

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer St Aidan's Chapel (St Chad's Church)

Thursday

10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist St Alkmund's Church

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