

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



Open hearts, open minds, open doors



Lent

The Thrid Sunday of Lent

St Chad's & St Alkmund's Services

The Third Sunday of Lent 12th March, 2023

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

President Fr Stan Swift

10 a.m. United Benefice Service Holy Eucharist at St Chad's Church with St Alkmund's

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Wood in the Phrygian Mode

Sicut cervus Palestrina

Hymns: 333, 376, 74, 379

Voluntary: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656 *Bach*

6 p.m. Choral Evensong at St Chad's Church

Officiant Canon Robert Parsons

Responses: *Statham* **Hymns: 434, 449**

Psalm 40

Watson in E

Geistliches Lied *Brahms*

Voluntary: Fantasia in B minor, BWV 563 *Bach*

7.50 a.m. Online Prayer

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88230540962?pwd=ZHZ6RU9NdmppbjhFS0xFYmZXZUx3UT09>

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

Receiving Communion at Home: Please advise the Church Office: 01743 365 478 or email info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com and we will arrange a time for you.

Lent 2023

St Chad's Church, Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

'Faith Hope and Destruction: Lent with the minor Prophets'
What hope is there in a world that appears to have taken leave of God and to be bent on self destruction? This was the world the Jewish prophets lived in and the message that came through them to God's people is as important now as it was then...28th February Hosea—loving those that betray us

14th March Jonah— God loves everyone, but I am His favourite

21st March Habbakuk-From fear to faith

St. Alkmumd's Church

Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. March 2023

With refreshments from 6 p.m.

A series of four talks will explore the theme '**A Faith that works**'. Four speakers will talk about their experience of different working experiences and how God supported them in their vocation. Being a Christian affects all areas of our life, seven days a week, often in the most challenging of circumstances.

March 16th Padre Jason Clarke Army Chaplain

**March 23rd Rev Henry Corbett Minister in inner city Liverpool
and warden of Shrewsbury House, Everton**

March 30th Andy and Louise Houghton Working in the NHS

Each talk commences at 6.30pm at St Alkmund's and will last a maximum of one hour. The session will involve a mixture of talk, discussion and questions.

St Chad's Lent Special Collection 2023

In support of USPG to the Church in Tanzania's work with pregnant mothers to protect new born babies from life-long HIV and combat the stigma of Aids. You can also see how USPG with the Diocese of Europe is supporting Ukrainian refugees see www.uspg.org.uk, see especially Natalia's Story from Helsinki. Please use the envelopes and the prayer diaries.

Please use the USPG envelope for your donation, thank you.

Notices

Book launch 'The Long Field' by Pamela Petro, St Chad's Church Hall Sunday 12th March, 3 p.m. *'This is a beautifully written, un-put-downable book about language, love, and being alive, here, now.'* (Gillian Clarke, former National Poet of Wales & Playwriter). **To book a place:** Pengwern Books, Fish Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1UR, 01743 232236. Refreshments provided. Free Event with a collection for Shrewsbury Festival of Literature 2023. *In the event of weather conditions worsening please check with Susan via 0771 8660688.*

St Alkmund's 1 p.m., Tuesday, 14th March: Young Musicians of Shrewsbury School with music for strings, harp, clarinet and saxophones.

St Chad's Concert in the Round, 17th March, 12.30p.m.: We welcome pupils from Packwood Haugh School this Friday. Their visits have recently become annual, and we look forward to a nice mix of instrumental solos and performances by their choirs. Free admission and lunch after as usual.

Wednesday Group Meeting 15th March 7.30pm: Film: "Fisherman's Friend II: One and All" the sequel. At Kath Moore's 26 Swiss Farm Rd, 01743 350738

Parish Magazine submissions: We are hoping to produce the next issue of the Parish Magazine in the next couple of months. All contributions of whatever nature (within reason and subject to the editors' discretion !) are invited and will be received with gratitude, and should please be submitted by e-mail as a pdf attachment to either Peter Flint (St Chad's), John Clark (St Alkmund's) or to the Church Office info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com.

Shropshire Hope Prayer Breakfast, Saturday April 22nd: Keynote speaker this year is Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, at Christ Church, Glebe Rd, Bayston Hill, SY3 0PZ. Arrive 8.20a.m., event starts at 9 a.m. Email: info@shropshirehope.co.uk to register. More info at www.shropshirehope.co.uk. This is a free event or for those who wish, donations on the morning to help cover costs. Rev Chris Densham.

Shrewsbury Community Choir at St Chad's performing Haydn's Creation, in English, Saturday 11th March, 7.30 p.m. TicketSource until noon on the day of the concert and on the door £17 (£8 under 25s).

St Chad's welcome back the Phoenix Singer on Saturday 18th March, 7.30 p.m: Allegri Miserere . An evening of stunning music. <https://www.phoenixsingersshrewsbury.co.uk/concerts/>

Prayer List

For those who are unwell and their family: Roger and Helena, Brenda and Robin, Jacqui Barden, Jeff, Nathan, Bob, Garth.

For recently baptised: Alice

For those who have died: Callum Powell

For the families of those that have died: the Powell family.

Year's Mind: Edward Hubble, David Bromilow, Donald Shepherd, Mary LeQuesne, Percy Thrower.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Collect Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Exodus 17. 1-7 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4.5-42 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, 19th March

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Chad's Church
President	Rev'd Chris Walker	
10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St Alkmund's Church
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6 p.m.	Choral Evensong	St Chad's Church
Officiant	Fr Stan Swift	

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The Friends of St Chad's – 100 Club – 2023/2024

We are appealing for your support and generosity in joining The Friends of St Chad's Shrewsbury's 100 Club. We hope you will encourage family, friends and neighbours to join too. The cost is only £12 per year = £1 per membership per month. The more members, the more your Church ultimately benefits; over 50% of membership income supports the maintenance and upkeep of your Church. Each membership number has at least 48 chances of winning a prize. Application Forms with full details are available in the Inner Vestibule. Or, speak to either Ian Somerville or Nick Paterson. Email: 100club@thefriendsofstchadsshrewsbury.uk

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