

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 3rd Jan:	8.00pm	Choir Practice in Prayer Room
Mon 6th Jan:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 6th Jan:	1.00pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Mon 6th Jan:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 7th Jan:	10.00am	No Community Sunshine Café
Tues 7th Jan:	7.30pm	Lighthouse Homegroup in Royal Room
Tues 7th Jan:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 8th Jan:	12.00 noon	MCC and Mothers Union
Fri 10th Jan:	8.00pm	No Choir Practice
Mon 13th Jan:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 13th Jan:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 14th Jan:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 14th Jan:	1.15pm	Chair Yoga (every week)
Tues 14th Jan:	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 14th Jan:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 15th Jan:	10.00am	Holy Communion in Royal Room
Wed 15th Jan:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 17th Jan:	12.30pm	Chair –based Tai Chi (every week)
Fri 17th Jan:	8.00pm	No Choir Practice
Mon 20th Jan:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 20th Jan:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 21st Jan:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 21st Jan:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 22nd Jan:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 24th Jan:	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 25th Jan:	10.00am	Craft Morning
Mon 27th Jan:	9.45am	Sparkles
Mon 27th Jan:	6.30pm	Ignite
Tues 28th Jan:	10.00am	Community Sunshine Café
Tues 28th Jan:	7.30pm	Prayer for Revival in Prayer Room
Wed 28th Jan:	12.00 noon	MCC
Fri 31st Jan:	8.00pm	Choir Practice

### Saint Chad's Church Office

The Church Office is open every day except Thursday between 10am and 12 noon, for enquiries of any kind. Pauline Loomes, our Church Administrator, can be contacted by: tel: 020 8597 8076 email: churchoffice@stchads.church



## *Chadderbox January 2025 Newsletter of St. Chad's Church, Chadwell Heath*



Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and blessed new year. It's almost impossible to believe once again another year has gone by and we are entering into a new year. What would you like to see happen during this year within your own life, those of your families and friends but also the world? Can it be any worse or better than

2024, well I guess we will have to wait and see, but we can make some changes ourselves if we really want to. This time of the year can look a bit bleak because all the lights have been taken down and everything looks bare, we've packed Christmas up in a box until Christmas 2025, but I hope you haven't packed Jesus away into that same box because he remains constant in our lives always with us regardless of what situations we may face throughout the year.

Remember our theme at Christmas was all about 'believe in the light', and that is what I hope and pray you will continue to do throughout this coming year. We have some wonderful things happening; moving back into our spiritual home and shortly after that the community café will be up and running, so what does that mean for us as a church? I believe we have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in Chadwell Heath, especially because there will be many new and exciting opportunities if we are willing and able to step up to meet those challenges. Just like any task we set out to do the life of faith will work best if we know what we are aiming to achieve.

We might need to set new priorities in our lives to achieve those things because they will not happen if we are not willing to step up and get involved. It's about building relationships, not just with God through Jesus, but also within our community as we work more with the elderly, breaking isolation and loneliness, children and families, the marginalised or anyone whose facing difficult times, either through financial pressure, illnesses both mental and physical, bereavement or anything else that people struggle with. We have so much to offer and we are all called to serve, to make a stand for Jesus even if it takes us out of our comfort zone, the question is are we prepared to make a difference, are we willing to show God's love in action?



We know that we can put our trust in Jesus who will always walk with us, guiding and strengthening us in all things, because he is a God of hope, courage and joy. Psalm 25 says that God's plan for us is that we should 'be like Jesus; there are no short cuts though, we are either for him or against him.' It's only when we really begin to discover what God wants from us that we will want to demonstrate the character, attitudes and actions of Jesus and when we do, just think for a moment the difference we will make to our community and world. So let's pray that it begins with us and 2025 will be the year we see revival and lives being turned towards God.

May God richly bless you all, Christine.



With very best wishes for a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year from the staff team. Martin, Christine, Pauline, Debbie, Bob, and Paul.



**Children's Groups on Sundays.**

**Luminate**—for Reception to Year 6 children, every Sunday apart from All Age service, in the Youth Room

**Creche**—Pre-reception age group, in the Royal Room

**Ignite**—Year 7-11 children, every Monday during term-time, at 6.30pm in the Youth Room. See Julie/Carol for more details



2024 has been a mixed bag for St. Chad's. Work is continuing in the church, and we had lots of amazing events. Here's just a small assortment of pictures from the year.



Over 600 shoeboxes and a visit from Teams4u.



Christmas Market

Christingle



Knitted candles around town



AND MUCH MORE



Pavilion Brass Band



Work in church and gardens



Craft Mornings



MCC Christmas Lunch



Christmas Eve Communion



Advent



Carol Singing In Eva Hart





## January 2025 services

### Traditional Holy Communion at 9.00 am

This is a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service every Sunday for those who prefer something more traditional and reflective and lasts for 50/60 minutes.

### All Age/Family Church Morning Worship at 10.45 am

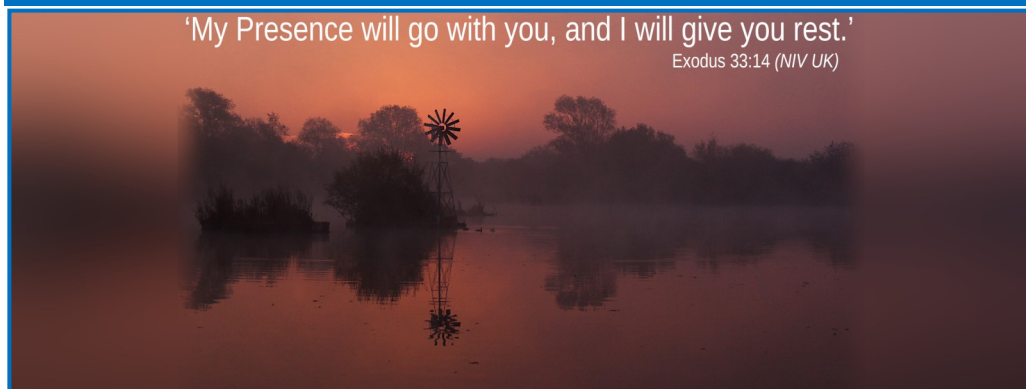
This is a contemporary service, usually with times of worship, prayer and teaching, and lasts for about 80-90 minutes. When it is not All Age Worship (AAW), children leave for Junior Church after we have worshipped as a church family for the first part of the service.

<b>Sunday 5th January</b>	All Age worship
<b>Sunday 12th January</b>	Family Church
<b>Sunday 19th January</b>	Family Church with Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26th January</b>	Family Church

### Mid-week Services (Wednesday 10am)

<b>Wednesday 1st January</b>	No Holy Communion in Royal Room
<b>Wednesday 8th January</b>	No meeting
<b>Wednesday 15th January</b>	Holy Communion in Royal Room
<b>Wednesday 22nd January</b>	No meeting
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b>	No meeting

'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'  
Exodus 33:14 (NIV UK)



Join us for fellowship after our church services and enjoy tea, coffee and good company. You may even want to volunteer to help out with serving refreshments. See Pauline if that is you!.



**Tuesday 14th January** is a day of prayer and fasting. Here are some prayer points:

- Pray for the world—this fallen world is economically, socially, climatically, politically damaged; war-torn, stabbing of our youth, the NHS, Police and Education and for the institutions that are sick and broken.
- Pray for people who are struggling in their faith.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell at this time, awaiting test results and operations.
- Pray that Leaders of all Nations would turn to God for Godly counsel.
- Prayer for refugees, for the unemployed, homeless and lonely
- Pray for Support workers and families caring for people with learning disabilities
- Pray for those who are mourning loved ones
- Pray that God will bless us so that we can be a blessing to others
- Continue to pray for the staff team and all our volunteers.
- Pray for PCC and all the different groups in St Chads
- Pray that God will continue to bless Martin and the whole church family.
- Pray for peace in the world
- Pray for the children that have received our shoeboxes and toys from the toy service.
- For the Church globally
- Scriptures:
- Ephesians 6 and Psalms 23,27,37, 91 and 103



### **MCC—Mature Companion Club**

MCC, our Mature Companions Club now meets every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday at 12.00 noon of each month. All over 60's are invited to come along to share lunch and company. There is no charge for lunch, but donations are welcome. Please bring your friends along too. In the Royal Room in the church hall.



Our local food bank is in greater need than ever. Please prayerfully

consider how you can support your community with donations of non perishable foods, toiletries and baby items, including nappies of all sizes.



This time last year, I wrote about starting the New Year by volunteering to take an active part in church life. We had a few people step forward to help out, and many thanks to them, but we are still short of volunteers. When you are relying on just a few people and are asking them over and over again to do jobs around the church, they become tired and burnt out! It would be wonderful if we could spread the workload to give other people a bit of a break. We are always looking for volunteers to take part in Sunday Services; we

especially need people to read and deliver prayers during services, welcome and to help with refreshments after services. If you are available during the week, there are always volunteer opportunities—MCC, Coffee Shop, building maintenance - and we would welcome you with open arms!! Many of the jobs are simple and not time consuming. As I always say, there are no qualifications needed, just a servant heart! Please do come and see me and we can discuss where you can be helpful and become part of the team that keeps St. Chad's ticking over. I'm looking forward to having that conversation with you! Pauline



Ignite is a Youth Drop-In for 11-17 year olds, every Monday during term time at 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Youth Room, above the Royal Room.

There is games consoles, football, basketball, cooking, challenges and games, with occasional visiting speakers—activities for everyone, boys and girls welcome.

For more information, please contact Martin at [martin@stchads.church](mailto:martin@stchads.church).

ST CHAD'S CHURCH

**Our Sunshine  
Community Café is  
open on Tuesdays,  
in the Royal Room  
of our Church Hall  
10am—2pm.**

All Welcome



**Group for  
under-ones  
& their parents**

Grandparents, carers,  
& expectant parents  
very welcome!

Drop in Mondays  
9:45am – 12pm

St. Chad's Church Hall  
Eric Road  
Chadwell Heath  
RM6 6JH

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Did you know that we hold a Prayer for Revival meeting every Tuesday in the Prayer Room from 7.30—9.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come and join, even if just for part of the time.

**Kids@St Chad's** £3 per child  
**Craft Morning**

**Crafts, Songs,  
Games, Stories  
and  
refreshments  
included!**

**Come and join**



When: Saturday, 25 January 2025  
Where: St Chad's Church Hall, Eric Road, RM6 6JH  
Time: 10am – 11.30am  
How: To book, please contact [Julie.stchads@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.stchads@gmail.com)  
Cost: £3 per child