

Sunday Services

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (every Sunday except 1 st) 1 st Sunday: Baptism and Family Eucharist
11.15am	Methodist Worship
6.00pm	Evening Worship
	1 st Parish Eucharist with Healing
	2 nd Evensong
	3 rd Methodist Worship
	4 th Choral Evensong

Children are always welcome. Our Junior Church will be taking a summer holiday in August but there will be a crèche available during the 9.30 service.

Special Services

Thursday 10 th 2.45pm	Far East Prisoners of War Service
Sunday 3 rd September	Bill Smallman's last Sunday as our Director of Music 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6pm Evensong (followed by a presentation to Bill)

Weekday Services

Morning & Evening Prayer

Said daily at 8am & 5pm (Thursday 8am — Silent Prayer)

Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am **Friday** 8.20am

St Alkmund's

Tuesday 1.05pm Short Eucharist (25 mins)
Thursday 10.30am BCP Communion

The Church is open 8am - 5pm

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Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride

takes place on Saturday 9th September. This is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience enabling you to visit a number of local churches and chapels between 10am and 6pm. You may take part as walkers or as cyclists, making your own route from a list of open churches. Further information and sponsor forms from Peter Holgate or Martin Beardwell



St Chad's Newsletter August 2006

*Open doors, open hearts,
open minds*

Sustaining ourselves

During the course of the year I see a number of my fellow Clergy for what is called ministerial review - as a colleague helping my brother and sister Clergy to review the way they are working and looking after themselves. It is a responsibility I enjoy and take very seriously, and I am grateful that accountability, appraisal and sustenance are very much on the current agenda in our national Church. I have in front of me an official Anglican document which for the first time, as far as I know, spells out what a working week for a parish priest should be: 5.5 days, which it calculates as one day off plus the evening of the day before that, and a maximum expectation of a working week of 50 hours.

But there is a deeper question of what sustains all of us in performing the roles and responsibilities we each have. My role as Vicar of St Chad's and St Alkmund's is if you like the top, the surface, and what sustains me in fulfilling that role, deep down, is all that helps me flourish as a **human being**. The more we flourish as human beings, the better we all fulfil the different tasks and responsibilities we are given. And holidays are particularly times when we should be paying attention to all that aids our human flourishing.

So I would want to include under this heading **home and family life**, and **friendship** (as opposed to acquaintances - those people I smile at in the street. One of the more foolish things that was said at my theological college was that you shouldn't have particular friendships among the congregation for fear of favouritism). **Physical health and fitness** - paying attention to what we eat and what exercise we take. **The arts** - music, literature, painting (what are you reading on holiday?) and **creativity** (how are you being creative and making the world a more beautiful and rich place?). **Spiritual health** - you would expect me to add this, but yes a living relationship with God our Father as expressed through regular prayer and worship is a key element of our human flourishing; review that this August. **Education** - it doesn't stop when we leave college; practise life-long learning! **Citizenship** - how are you contributing to the community and to society. **Wonder** - practise seeing the world around you with fresh eyes, the eyes of a child, and renew the wow factor in yourself and your commitment to conserve the earth's

precious resources.

You can probably add to that list. Remember above all that "The glory of God is a human being fully alive" (Irenaeus), and therefore that the more we come alive as human beings, the more we give glory to God. Have a wonderful and refreshing August.

Mark Thomas

Family News

Birthday Congratulations: We send our very best wishes to

Rose Davies 90 on 28th July
Hazel Beardsall 90 on 11th August
Ronnie Bowlby 80 on 16th August

Holy Baptism:

We welcome **Thomas Eady** into the family of God's church by baptism

Christian Burial and Cremation: We commend to God's keeping the souls of:

Sheila Browner
Hugh Cooper
Winifred Ayling

Shrewsbury Flower Show 11th & 12th August

Music

Wednesday 9th 7.30pm

Charity concert by The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Tickets £6 (children £3) from 281281

Friday 11th

12 noon Organ Recital (David Leeke)
3pm Organ Recital (Tim Mills)
5pm Choral Evensong sung by Quindici

Saturday 12th

12 noon Organ Recital (William Smallman)
3pm Concert of Choral Music sung by Quindici with Tim Mills (organ)
5pm Choral Evensong sung by Quindici

Sunday 13th

9.30am Choral Eucharist sung by Quindici with Tim Mills (organ)



Light Refreshments

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

9am - 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday.



The Future of the Men's Night Shelter

You may have read in the local Press, or heard on the radio, that the Shelter is to close for refurbishment, and that it will also lose its annual government grant of nearly £100,000. This was not entirely unexpected, as we had been warned some months ago that we did not meet the criteria that "Supporting People in Shropshire" are obliged to apply to those they fund.

The Trustees have had to face some difficult decisions. The costs of running the present Shelter, and of staying within the burgeoning and suffocating blanket of relevant legislation, have increased inexorably. Refurbishment would be important for its own sake, and it also might enable the Shelter to run with fewer staff and, therefore, more economically, but we needed to be certain that what was being proposed was financially viable in the longer term, expertly managed, and acceptable in terms of the necessary separation of responsibilities between a Charity and Government. Unfortunately, we did not get that level of confidence.

The position is now that the Shelter will close at the end of August and the staff will be laid off. We simply cannot afford to keep them on if there is no significant income. The Trustees are very sad about this, for the Shelter has been a valued and very worthwhile contribution to the community in Shrewsbury for 30 years, and we are conscious of the debt we owe to some wonderfully loyal and hard-working staff.

The priority now is to ensure that the potentially difficult and stressful process of closure goes as smoothly as possible. Thereafter we shall turn our attention to the ways in which the Charity might meet its formal charitable objectives in future, and we will of course involve our membership in that debate. It is possible that a future project might be in cooperation with the Borough Council, but that is far from certain.

The Shelter has been sustained over the years by the prayers, and the practical and financial contributions of a great many individuals and groups. Members of St Chad's congregation have been particularly generous, and without that support the project would have folded years ago.

Ian Somerville (treasurer)