

Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist (every Sunday except 1st)
1st Sunday: Family Eucharist and Harvest Festival (see front page)

First Sunday worship

From October the 9.30am Service on the first Sunday of each month will be Family Communion using a nave altar and aiming to last no more than 45 minutes. The 6pm Service on that Sunday will usually be Eucharist with the ministry of healing.

Guest Preacher on 8th Catherine Hodges (Youth for Christ worker)

11.15am Methodist Worship

6pm 1st Eucharist with ministry of healing
8th Evensong
15th Methodist Worship
22nd Choral Evensong
29th Methodist Holy Communion

Children are always welcome. Our Junior Church takes place during the 9.30am Eucharist and a crèche is available.

Special Services in October

High School Harvest Festival 10.30am Tuesday 3rd October.
Freemasons Service 3pm Sunday 8th October

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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*Open doors, open hearts,
open minds*

The Water of life

One rainy afternoon recently I ran into church for shelter and for evening prayer, which was led by Jonathon Kouri, in training for the priesthood at Oxford and at St Chad's on placement. In his prayers he thanked God for the rain and for the nourishment it provides, and for all that nourishes our lives. The preceding days had been very dry, and it was appropriate imagery, encouraging us not to take water for granted, and emphasizing the vital importance of the church's role in providing spiritual nourishment in the dry, anxious world in which we live. More than anything else, St Chad's stands open each day to be a well from which anyone may come to drink, and this spiritual nourishment comes primarily through the encounters that this building makes possible: encounters with God through human fellowship, in bread and wine, through the words of scripture and in the prayerful silence that centuries of daily prayer, drawing on God's grace, has helped create.

This year our theme for Harvest (which we celebrate on Sunday October 1st) is water, and Shrewsbury High School will have the same theme for their Harvest Service at St Chad's on Tuesday morning October 3rd. We are collecting money for Aquaboxes, containing special filters for the purification of polluted water, which will be sent via the Rotary Club to areas of need. We will be using this prayer from Christian Aid:

"O God, pour out on us the water of life
that we may quench our thirst and draw strength from you.
Help us to stand alongside those who struggle daily for clean water
so that all may be refreshed and renewed by your love."

Mark Thomas

If you would like to help with a donation to help purchase an aquabox (£50 for a standard box) or to help fill one, please bring your gift to the office on a weekday morning if you are unable to join us for our harvest service. Suitable gifts include:

Bucket	New toothbrushes, toothpaste	Packs of cotton wool
Tablets of soap	Small strong torch & batteries	Pencils and paper
Kitchen rolls	6 candles & safety matches	Safety pins

For more ideas for gifts and further information please see www.aquabox.org

Susan Heath-Downey ARCO,GRSM,LRAM,ARCM

We are looking forward to welcoming Susan as our new Director of Music on 1st November. I asked her to write something for the magazine (Ed)

I would like to introduce myself:

On Thursday 3rd August, I came to Shrewsbury for the first time to prepare some music on the lovely organ in St Chad's for an interview/audition, and to meet Mark Thomas with his panel of Interviewers for the job of Director of Music. What a beautiful church in such an interesting town! Though from Devizes, Wiltshire, I came up to London when I was 17, to study at the Royal Academy of Music, and have enjoyed London life ever since; so now the time has come at last for me to experience the countryside again!

After leaving the RAM, I worked as Assistant to Producer for Argo Records, helping on many wonderful recordings, including with St John's College Choir, Cambridge, Magdalen College Choir, the Academy of St Martins-in-the-Fields, The Philip Jones Brass Ensemble etc. Then I turned to 'free-lancing' as a pianist/harpsichordist/organist, with church jobs including at St Bartholomew-the-Great, The German Church (Knightsbridge), and for the last 7 years at the beautiful Wren church of St Magnus the Martyr by London Bridge, in the City. Before the arrival of my 2 (now teenage) children, I was fortunate to give many recitals abroad in Europe and Australia, and recently again in Norway and Germany. I have turned my hand to concert/orchestral management – directing my 16th London Organ Day in 2007 – journalism, teaching and most importantly in the last 10 years, Choir Directing, which I thoroughly enjoy! I directed professional singers in the City, children's choirs at 2 former churches and the Blackheath Conservatoire, and now have fun conducting the Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Choral Society and the Southwark Pensioners' Choir.

As a dedicated church musician I hope very much for a fruitful time at St Chad's and I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Pat Rantisi has set up a small charity to help needy Palestinian families. She plans to travel to Palestine/Israel in December. Any donations please to be left at the church office; cheques to be made out to **PALHELP FUND**. Thank you very much for your support.

Pat Rantisi



Heather Game 'Life on the Wicked Stage'

All welcome to this free talk
Wednesday 18th
8pm
Church Hall

Savour Our Savouries!

"Say One For Me" and "Telephone Chain Link" Open Evening on **Tuesday, 3rd October** in the Meeting Room at **7.15pm**. Come along and find out what they do and why they do it. This will be followed by savoury snacks and drinks (not savoury), when you can ask questions or just savour the savouries and enjoy the fellowship.

Caryl Roscoe

Growing in Faith

The Vicar will be leading a six week course on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at 25 The Crescent starting on November 1st for anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith and growing in their relationship with God. It will be based on the Emmaus nurture material and is open to any readers of this newsletter. Do ask for more details and sign the list in the church if you'd like to come.

St Chad's Christian Forum

The first meeting of the autumn season will be on Thursday 19th **'One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church' - the Catholic idea of Christianity** Meetings are held in the Meeting Room in St Chad's. They start at 7.30pm and end not later than 9. Our meetings are open, and members of all churches (and of none) are welcome.

Family News

Holy Baptism

We welcome Grace Olivia Ann Hilditch-Brown into the family of God's church by baptism.

Christian Marriage

We pray for God's blessing on Catherine Bodoano and Matthew Jones.

Christian Burial and Cremation

We commend to God's keeping the soul of Elspeth Hodgson.

All Souls

On Sunday
November 5th
we will hold
our annual
commemoration
of the departed
and Requiem

Eucharist at 6pm. Please
add the names of anyone
you would like us to pray
for to the list in church.



Prisoner of the Month

Ethiopian journalist Serkalem Fasil was pregnant when arrested in November 2005. She is having to care for her prematurely born and severely underweight son in inhumane conditions – her cell is infested with rats, cockroaches and fleas. Doctors advised that the baby should be put in an incubator, but this was blocked by the authorities. **Our letter appeals to the authorities to ensure that Serkalem and her baby receive adequate care and appropriate living conditions, pending the outcome of her trial.**