

Sunday Services

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (every Sunday except 1st)
1st Sunday: Family Eucharist
Guest Preacher on 24th Catherine Hodges (Youth for Christ worker)
- 11.15am Methodist Worship
- 6pm 3rd Evensong - **Guest Preacher:** Canon Andrew Hutchinson
10th Choral Evensong in **St Mary's Church**
17th Methodist Worship
24th Choral Evensong
- 8pm on 17th Celtic Worship: a service using song, silence and meditation in the Iona and Taizé tradition. Refreshments from 7.30pm.

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

Battle of Britain Service Sunday 17th 11.30am

53rd Regiment 250th Anniversary Service Saturday 9th 11.30am

Harvest Festival 9.30am Family Eucharist on Sunday 1st October

Weekday Services

Morning & Evening Prayer

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



Peals of Bells

Saturday 2nd 4-5pm
Saturday 23rd 9.30-12noon

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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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. Followed by savoury snacks and drinks **Caryl Roscoe.**



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*Open doors, open hearts,
open minds*

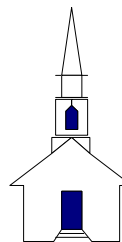
Our Environment

Stewardship of God's Creation is part of our mission as Christians and a moral responsibility. It is a biblical principle. The congregations of St Chad's and St John's Hill are working together to make care of the environment a greater priority in worship, the management of church buildings, and in interaction with the local and global community. By doing this, we hope to become recognised as Eco-congregations.



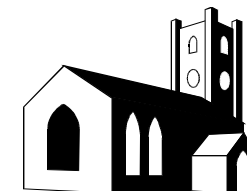
The small but committed St Chad's and St John's Hill Environment Group established itself in June to take forward this aim. Contact Katherine Shepherd or Helen Blowers for more information and if you would like to join the Group.
For more information see: www.ecocongregation.org

Saturday 9th September 10am - 6pm



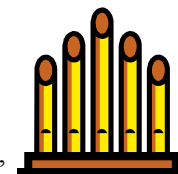
Will be a great day to visit some Shropshire churches, most will be open for the **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride.**

Some will be manned and a few will be serving refreshments—so why not stop to see inside one (or more!) of the churches you only normally view from outside. More details at www.shropshirecyclerride.org.uk



St Alkmund's New Organ and Sam Baker School of Music

Will be inaugurated with a recital by Kevin Bowyer on Saturday 9th at 7.30pm. Kevin Bowker, the organist to the University of Glasgow, is internationally acclaimed as a recitalist and has recorded over 50 CDs including all Bach's organ works. Tickets £10 (£8, under 18 £5) from 281281.



Bill Smallman

Bill's final Sunday as our Director of Music will be on 3rd September, the 9.30 Eucharist will be followed by a presentation to him.

Bill was appointed to the post of Organist and Choirmaster at St. Chad's in the late summer of 1986, after a period, it must be said, of some turbulence in the history of these things. Immediately, however, Bill brought stability and a sense of continuity to the proceedings, and over the years, has worked tirelessly to maintain a tradition of Anglican Choralism in a parish church setting. This has become more difficult in recent times, due perhaps, to changing social habits and the disappearance of that rare species, The Choirboy.

There have been many memorable choral occasions during Bill's time at St. Chad's; the Christmas Carol Service and special services around Easter time have been much appreciated, and it is good that celebration of Saints' Days has often been recognised with a service of Choral Evensong. In addition, there is the Civic side of the job, involving special music for the installation of a new Mayor, for example, as well as Battle of Britain and Remembrance Day Celebrations. Tricky occasions, these, with fanfares etc., called for; Bill's instinct for the timing of these was always unerring

Members of the Choir have no doubt enjoyed the frequent visits to sing Evensong and Choral Eucharist at St. Asaph, Birmingham, Brecon and Lichfield Cathedrals, where theirs and Bill's efforts have been much appreciated.

Also not to be forgotten is Bill's commitments to many country churches in and around the County, most notably in his organisation of a "Country Choirs" musical event and visits into deepest Shropshire on the evening of Ascension Day.

Mention should also be made of his commitment to the upkeep of the St. Chad's Organ, a fine instrument, which, after its restoration in 1985, has been maintained with loving care by Bill, and even improved tonally at his own expense. Indeed, his knowledge of organs and organ-builders in Shropshire and beyond is worthy of an appearance on Mastermind.

So here is an enthusiast, steeped in the music of the Anglican Church, with at least 40 years experience to his credit. He will be greatly missed. I am sure, however, that he will find plenty to do, but in the meantime, we wish him and Thelma a productive and happy retirement.

David Grundy



The Men's Night Shelter

If you would like to find out more, following the article in last month's magazine why not join our Mothers Union on **Tuesday 12th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall** to hear more from **Ian Somerville**.

Robin McKenzie

Most of you will know by now that Robin's last Sunday at St Chad's was August 6th. He was invited by the Revd Christopher Sims to serve a second curacy at Shrewsbury Abbey, starting at the beginning of September. For some time he and I have felt that it would be mutually beneficial for him to move on at the end of three years here, and I am delighted that this post gives him the opportunity to do so without having to move house, and that his children can stay at their current school, while he continues to explore his longer term future.

I am particularly grateful to him for all that we have shared over the past three years, for his thoughtful wisdom in staff meetings, his expertise in adult education and particularly in leading the foundations for ministry course, for his faithful support for the youth group and for Sheerah Lee, for the priority he, Amanda, Annabel and Caroline have given to our ministry to children, for his involvement in worship and for his loyalty, friendship and forbearance. We will continue to keep them all in our prayers at St Chad's and will organise a proper farewell to them when they leave their present house.

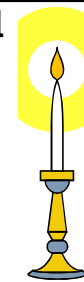
Mark Thomas

Robin writes: 'I look forward to the opportunities I shall have to forward my ministry, particularly with Abbey visitors and pilgrims. I would like to thank the congregation of St Chad's and St Alkmund's for their support and prayers over these past three years and I wish you every blessing for the future.'

Christian Burial and Cremation

We commend to God's keeping the souls of:

Richard Allen
Captain David Boon
John Bryson
John Pickering



Confirmation 2006

Would any adults or young people considering Confirmation please speak to the Vicar.



Prisoner of the Month

Anna Benny, human rights defender, "disappeared" from Goroka, Papua New Guinea, in November 2005. Her family refused to report her missing and the police didn't look for her. According to reliable sources, she went to help her sister-in-law who was being held by villagers on suspicion of practising sorcery. Both Anna and her sister-in-law were reportedly killed. Sorcery-related killings are common in Papua New Guinea. Any kind of death may be blamed on sorcery and then, for every death one or more other people must die. **Our letter appeals to the police to conduct a proper investigation into the death of Anna and her sister-in-law.**