



# Christ Church and People

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Details of our services are given on pages 2 and 3.

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(see inside back page for details)

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# October 2010

Fri	1		
Sat	2	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast (9:00 am)
Sun	3	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. John 5:1-18 "Jesus' work" Evening Prayer at Christ Church Revelation 17 "The Prostitute"
Mon	4		
Tue	5	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:10pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School Assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30pm Seekers Club Alleynes Year 9 assembly Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	6	1:10pm 6:30pm	Alleynes Year 11 assembly Breathe years 6-8
Thu	7	1:10pm 1:20pm	Alleynes Year 10 assembly Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	8		
Sat	9	7:30pm	Origins and Lemons - Riding Lights Theatre Company
Sun	10	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer - Barons' visit John 5:19-29 "Jesus' claims" Communion at Christ Church Revelation 18:1-13 "The downfall of evil"
Mon	11		
Tue	12	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School Assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30pm Seekers Club Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	13	6:30 pm	Breathe years 6-8
Thu	14	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Oulton Missionary Fellowship - Stephen Bell visiting
Fri	15		
Sat	16		

# October 2010

Sun	17	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. John 5:30-47 "Jesus' authority" Evening Prayer at Christ Church Revelation 19:1-10 "The wedding"
Mon	18		
Tue	19	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School Assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30pm Seekers Club Fraternal Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	20	6:30pm	Breathe years 6-8
Thu	21	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	22		
Sat	23		
Sun	24	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service. John 6:1-21 "Jesus' power" Communion at Christ Church Revelation 19:11-21 "The King"
Mon	25		
Tue	26	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29		
Sat	30		
Sun	31	9:15am 4:30pm	Morning Prayer. John 6:25-40 "Jesus and the seeker" Light Party, Christ Church - for school years 3-5 (Guideline)

## Is God just the Fifth emergency service?

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It was all going so much better by the Monday. Then it happened. “The car that had never let us down before” (= TCTHNLUBD), exhaled a deep sigh. I thought it was a burst tyre until I realised that all power had been lost as I steered into a passing place. TCTHNLUBD was unresponsive. The ignition could not restart the engine. But all was not lost. Even though we were in TCTHNLUBD that had clearly ground to a halt we were members of the fourth emergency service (aka the Automobile Association). Our sticker on the window of TCTHNLUBD boasted a decade or more of membership. They were only a phone call away. Or so it seemed.

The thing about mobile phones is that they are really useful in an emergency such as the breakdown of TCTHNLUBD. But, they have to be within range of the mast to connect to the network. Two adults with two phones on two different networks were unable to contact anyone. Two children stayed with grandma while I went in search of a signal. From inside TCTHNLUBD the B-road seemed fairly quiet. Outside TCTHNLUBD the B-road was really very dangerous. I sent an arrow prayer to God: far easier than contacting the AA under the circumstances.

I later arrived at the gateway of a smallholding. There still wasn't a mobile phone signal. Having walked to the top of their steep drive there was still no mobile phone signal. I swallowed my pride and rang the doorbell. The owner was very helpful: she sympathised about TCTHNLUBD. She also understood about the mobile networks: they'd changed to the only provider that worked in the area. We successfully contacted the fourth emergency service. An hour later we and TCTHNLUBD were rescued. At the end of the week we and TCTHNLUBD were relayed home.

Why tell you this? I want to draw a simple spiritual lesson based on a Bible verse: *‘For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins’* (Colossians 1v13-14).

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## **Is God just the Fifth emergency service? (cont)**

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Membership of the body of Christ matters, for knowing Jesus Christ as our rescuer is significant for eternity. Our earthly bodies are imperfect and as good as dead just like TCTHNLUDB that abruptly gave up on us. We can only become members of Christ's body (of disciples), by putting our faith in what he has done for us on the cross. This restores us to God and makes us life members of his people. Only Jesus is able to "rescue" us from sin, death and judgment. He alone is able to "relay" us to our heavenly home. We are incapable of doing this ourselves. We have to trust entirely in what he had done for us.

The Lord Jesus is not the fifth emergency service. He is the only one! You may diligently join the 4<sup>th</sup> emergency service each year. But have you taken seriously your need to become a member of Christ's body? We welcome all who long to know Jesus.

*Paul Kingman*

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Returning for another sparkling tour

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# **ORIGINS & LEMONS**

## **Squeezing the juice out of Genesis ...especially the first bit!**

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\*\*\*\*"Brill"

\*\*\*\*"Powerful underlying message"

# LIGHT PARTY

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Games, fun, crafts, Bible talk, party tea

A safe environment for children in  
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4.30-6.30 p.m.

Sun 31st Oct 2010

[No fancy dress, thank you]



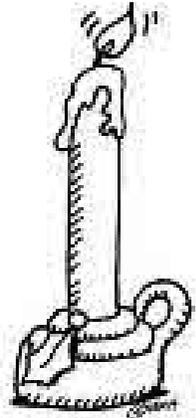
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Stone ST15 8ZB.

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## **Warrior Hands can't build God's Temple**

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Near the beginning of Joseph Conrad's famous novel, 'Heart of Darkness', the narrator reminds his listeners that Britain too has been 'one of the dark places of the earth' and he goes on to cite as evidence the atrocities committed during the Roman conquest.

He might equally have mentioned the religious persecutions of the 16th and 17th centuries which cast a terrifying shadow over this country. I was reflecting on these recently while on retreat in the idyllic setting of Llantarnam Abbey in Gwent. Now inhabited by the Sisters of St Joseph, Llantarnam is a haven of prayerful tranquillity and a place of ecumenical hospitality. Relations with the local Church of Wales congregation at St. Michael's are very good, only recently members attended a quiet day at the Abbey.

But just a few life times ago it was all so different. In the late 17th century legislation against Catholicism was very severe and any Catholic priest in active ministry did so at risk of his life. So it was that Fr David Lewis, having carried out a clandestine ministry in the area for 30 years, was finally captured (just outside the Abbey grounds), interrogated and then executed for his faith. While I was at Llantarnam a Mass was being advertised to commemorate the 331st anniversary of the martyr's death. I was only sorry it did not coincide with my visit.

I did however attend the Wednesday Eucharist at the pre-Reformation church of St Michael, and the Old Testament lesson was from 1 Chronicles where God informs King David that because he is a warrior he is disqualified from building the great Temple he has envisioned. That privilege must pass to the un-bloodied hands of his son, Solomon. That reading must have been heard in that very church at just the time when blood was being shed by religious 'warriors', convinced that their interpretation of Christian faith and practice was exclusively right.

Conviction of rightness inspires warrior behaviour. Tony Blair was unquestionably convinced of the rightness of going to war in Iraq on account of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction and the need to effect regime change. But there were no weapons of mass destruction and the price of regime change has been the destruction of a country, and millions left either dead, maimed, orphaned or widowed.

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## **8 Warrior Hands can't build God's Temple** *(cont)*

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The new regime shares some features with the old. Amnesty International has drawn attention to the widespread use of torture in Iraq and both judicial and extra judicial killings. It is illegal to be a member of a trade union, just as it was under Saddam.

History has a habit of judging the motives for warrior behaviour unkindly. That is as it should be from the perspective of Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount and from the thrust of the Judaeo-Christian tradition. A 'just' war or conflict should be almost a contradiction in Christian terms. WWII being, for many of us, a compelling reason for the 'almost'.

Llantarnam offered a window on the past which was sobering, but also reason for celebration and instruction. This month Pope Benedict visits our country as an honoured guest and revered spiritual leader. He will pray with the Archbishop of Canterbury. The very real differences in order and practice between our churches will be subordinate to the greater unity in faith. We have come a long way in these three hundred years.

Current issues within the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion inevitably inspire warrior behaviour on the part of those, on all sides of the arguments, convinced of their rightness. In these coming months and years we will have to remind ourselves, time and again, of the need to question convictions which we may believe to be absolute and be open to understanding others' points of view. For, as David had to be reminded, it is not warrior hands that are fit for building God's temple.

*Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton*

## History or His story?

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Are the people whom you meet on your journey through life just coincidental meetings, or have some of them been arranged by God? Is the history of your life really His story?

Journalist John Butterworth asks the question as he tells the amazing story of the dedicated people who helped Captain Berti Dosti on his journey to become Pastor Berti Dosti, despite living in Albania, which claimed to be the world's first atheistic state and which had closed its borders to the rest of the world for 47 years.

Berti was a signals and radios expert in the Albanian army of the Stalinist dictator, Enver Hoxha, who said in the later part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that he had abolished God, or so he thought.

Captain Dosti was ordered to scan the airwaves to get an early warning if America, Russia or Britain, the three countries they feared most, were about to invade. However, he didn't find an enemy, but he found a Christian radio programme from Monte Carlo.

At great risk to himself and his family, he became a secret listener. Now he is the pastor of a thriving church in Lushnje and principal of a school teaching 500 Albanians English.

The story is told in *God's Secret Listener*, which Lion Hudson is publishing this month (October) in the UK and in 2011 in America.

As well as Berti the book is also about:

- Sali Rahmani, who spent more than 20 years broadcasting a Christian radio message into Albania, not knowing if anyone was listening. He was interrogated and accused of being a CIA spy by the Yugoslav police.
- Stephen Bell, who gave up a job in banking in Manchester to spend five years at Prishtina University in Kosovo to learn Albanian and be ready for when God would open up that country. The only way he could keep his student visa was to keep failing his exams. He was one of the first missionaries into Albania and he said it was like seeing the Book of Acts coming to life 2,000 years later.
- Gani Smolica, who gave up a lecturing job at Pristina University to go to help the new church in Albania in the 1990s.

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## History or His story? *(cont)*

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- Ganz Raud, an Estonian who founded the European Christian Mission in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. ECM prepared the radio messages and paid Trans World Radio to beam the tapes into Albania.
- Paul Freed, an American, who at great cost started Trans World Radio, which beamed the gospel into closed countries such as Albania.

The story is told against the backdrop of the changes in Albania as it has moved from an isolated Stalinist dictatorship to a Western democracy, a member of NATO and wanting to join the European Union.

The book has a foreword by author and Christian speaker Stephen Gaukroger, and recommendations by Bishop Alan, former Bishop of Shrewsbury; Bishop Gordon, former Bishop of Stafford and Rico Tice, Associate Minister at All Souls Church, London, who spoke at a joint service for Christ Church and St John's, Oulton, earlier this year

Berti Dosti will be visiting Christ Church, Stone, and St John's, Oulton, on Sunday, November 21.

● If anyone would like John Butterworth to give a talk about Albania or to buy an autographed copy of *God's Secret Listener* for £7.99, post free, contact him at [john@jbutterworth.plus.com](mailto:john@jbutterworth.plus.com), phone 01785 817465 or mobile 07955 262633, or contact Lion Publishing or the nearest Christian bookshop.

*John*

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## Books of the Old Testament

Well done to Dorothy, Kath, Kevin, Sandra, Louise and others who solved the word search in last month's magazine. There were 35 Old Testament books there, Ezra was the one book omitted. Samuel, Kings and Chronicles were there just once, and the Song of Solomon was there as "Song of Songs", which is the name used in some older translations of the bible.

I can't think of any more ways to hide the books of the bible on a single page (or in single paragraph as we had last year), but if I find any more, I'll let you know!

## Vision Brass Ensemble

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Vision Brass Ensemble was formed in 2001. It was initially a “one off” venture as a group of Salvationist musicians responded to an invite from the Salvation Army in the South West of England. Since then the group has been firmly established as it accepted invitations to perform in various other parts of the UK, carrying out approximately 6-10 engagements each year.

The group has travelled extensively and has thoroughly enjoyed this avenue of service, performing a mix of army, sacred and secular music in concerts, festivals, open-air concerts, “cabaret-style” evenings and even playing at the opening of the new International Headquarters of the Salvation Army. People often remark that Vision Brass seems to be equally at home playing to an “Army” audience or to non-Christians. As a group, Vision Brass aims to provide the finest in Brass music as well as entertaining and interacting with their audience. But above all, they aim for their concerts to be a worship experience.

Our vision is to spread God’s message through a unique blend of music and worship.

*David Beauchamp*

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### AGE IS A QUALITY OF MIND

Age is a quality of mind.  
 If you have left your dreams behind  
 If hope is cold,  
 If you no longer look ahead,  
 If your ambitions fires are dead,  
 Then you are old.  
 But if from life you take the best,  
 And if in life you keep the zest,  
 If love you hold,  
 No matter how the years go by,  
 No matter how birthdays fly,  
 You are not old.

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-make you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed."      Romans 12:2

*Dilys*

Authors Heinz Stade and Thomas A. Seidel, published by Wartburg Verlag, ISBN 9783861602408.

Germany played a crucial role in the Reformation and Martin Luther had a pivotal place. This book is partly a travel book to the many places in Germany (and also Rome) where Luther visited, preached in, wrote letters from and was educated. The book is also a Cultural History of Germany, especially the Thuringia area, and a spiritual guide to an important time in Christianity.

It is hard to overestimate the influence of Luther in the Reformation - there is a lovely example on page 17 where Luther was preaching in a Franciscan Church in Zeitz. The church was so full, fire ladders were brought out so the local people could at least watch what was happening in the church as Luther preached on "The Great Might and Power of the Wind of God".

Sadly some places have suffered damage over the years, especially by bombing in World War II but much restoration has been undertaken and museums abound.

English readers will be amused by the title "Diet of Worms" but this was a hugely important event in the wedge driven between Protestantism and Catholicism.

There are many excellent photographs in the book and the time line is very helpful. Future editions for the English reader might benefit from a more detailed map but this book is an extremely useful guide for visitors and historians alike.

Readers might also be interested in Martin Luther's Breviary, also produced by the International Martin Luther Stiftung.

Finally, as our students go off to university they might remember that Martin Luther began every day with prayer following the proverb "If you pray well, you'll study well".

## Barons' Update

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Last week we spent 6 days in and around Vienna, Austria visiting 2 ministries (TWR and TCMI) where I might be able to work. It was a very good time getting to understand the different organisations and the opportunities they have. Both are very impressive projects, TCMI provide leadership training to about 750 christians in eastern European and central Asian and countries and TWR-Europe facilitate broadcasting of Christian programmes to Europe, North Africa, Middle East and Central Asia. At the moment nothing has been ruled in or out as both organisations need to consider their options. TCMI has 3 candidates for the one IT job and TWR has 3 jobs for the 1 candidate! We hope to hear more by the end of next week and would value your prayers that we would all know the way ahead.

On the "home front" we have put our house in Bromley on the market with a view to using the money to help our daughters and their husbands enter the housing market in Brighton. We have yet to see much interest in what is clearly a buyers' market. Please pray for the one buyer we need!

In the meantime we are preparing to visit as many of our friends and supporters as we can over the next 7 weeks or so. In October we will be visiting Scotland as Dagmar has some Interserve meetings there related to her new role, as well as visiting 2 of our supporting churches on the way there and back.

Simon has just left to visit friends and for a church leadership training camp away in the Lakes before starting back at university. Sarah is just about to restart her studies and Helen is very busy trying to cope with all the reports to do with the flood-relief programme she is working on in Pakistan.

*Ralph and Dagmar*

I'm standing at the airport  
 looking at a monitor  
 waiting to know where to check in,  
 worrying because the space  
 for the check-in desk number  
 is still blank by my flight,  
 when flights before and after  
 mine all had their numbers.  
 where was mine??

I remained standing there  
 and the doubts crept in –  
 Had I made a dreadful mistake,  
 planning to travel round the  
 Continent alone visiting friends  
 when I sometimes  
 was not steady on my feet  
 and had had two falls  
 very recently?  
 Should I be making my way  
 back home again?

Then a member of staff walked by  
 Could you help me?  
 Where should I check in  
 for Frankfurt?

Why was nothing indicated on the monitor?  
 Somehow we were expected to know  
 that we should check ourselves in  
 on a computer hidden just  
 around a nearby corner!  
 I felt rebuked, but followed  
 her round, and there were the  
 Lufthansa check in desks.

I confessed my technophobia,  
 and one of the women on the  
 check-in came out and helped me.  
 I got talking with her as she  
 checked in my luggage.  
 I told her of my problems regarding  
 escalators (I can't manage them  
 and luggage and had had  
 a previous fall on one) and the problems  
 getting on and off trains with  
 luggage.

She suggested that I should go  
 to the OCS desk  
 where help is provided for  
 disabled people.  
 She even 'phoned up and told  
 them about me.  
 I wasn't sure that I warranted  
 special help but I went to the desk  
 nevertheless  
 and my problems were over!!

I was invited to sit down  
 and after a while, a woman appeared with a  
 wheel-chair  
 and took me through to departures,  
 through pass-port check  
 and security  
 and then, in due course,  
 to my departure gate.

I waited with all the other passengers  
 and then was taken first onto  
 the plane.  
 One of the cabin crew looked  
 after me, telling me to stay  
 on the plane at Frankfurt  
 when others got off  
 until I was fetched

Then, into another wheelchair  
 I climbed and we went  
 out on the tarmac  
 where there were two buses,  
 one packed with the other  
 passengers which moved off  
 as we approached.

The other for me, the sole passenger!!

Once in the terminal, I was wheeled  
 around in my chair  
 through passport control,  
 luggage reclaim and so on  
 and ended up waiting in  
 a café place  
 as my train was not yet due.  
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## Special Care *(cont)*

In due course, I was handed  
over to railway staff  
who kept an eye on me  
and took me down to my train  
when it came.

They warned the staff on the  
station where I had to change trains,  
so when I got to Wurzburg  
there was a man in a buggy  
waiting to help me change platforms  
whizzing me through underground corri-  
dors and emerging  
where I needed to be

Someone else helped me and my  
luggage onto the next train and the ticket  
man helped me off at my  
destination where my friends were  
waiting on the platform to meet me.

What a relief!!

I felt God looking after me on  
that journey – His special love and care  
for His child. Thank you Lord!  
Forgive my doubts and fears.

*Cecilia*

## Bible Maths!

1. Churches (in Revelation) multiplied by (stars that bowed down to Joseph in a dream)
2. (Day of creation on which God made whales) multiplied by (number of waterpots at marriage in Cana)
3. (Number of cows in Pharaoh's dream) divided by (seals in Revelation)
4. (Number killed by tower of Siloam falling on them) plus (number of lepers Jesus met on the way to Galilee)
5. (Number of loaves at the feeding of 4000) multiplied by (number of loaves at the feeding of 5000)
6. (Number who carried the paralytic man and lowered him through a roof) plus (baskets of left overs after the feeding of 5000)
7. (Number of the beast / of man) divided by (number of spies hidden by Rahab)

You might need a calculator and a concordance here!

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# FROM THE REGISTERS

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## BAPTISMS

15th August Freddie Baxter  
 22nd August Joshua McKenzie  
 29th August James William Plant

## FUNERALS

3rd August Boyce Edward Billington Age 79  
 12th August Michael Alfred Nevitt Age 72

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	AM	PM
3rd Oct	K. Thompson T. MacFarlane D. Wilson J. Rowlands	D. Shemilt
10th Oct	D. Davies B. Hutchinson V. Ledward M. Hutchinson	P. Tunstall
17th Oct	C. Wilding A. West G. Holden D. Pickles	D. Shemilt
24th Oct	P. Hipkiss J. Abrahams K. Thompson T. MacFarlane	P. Tunstall
31st Oct	J. Rowlands M. Hutchinson D. Wilson B. Hutchinson	

## FLOWER ROTA

3rd Oct	Mrs A. West	24th Oct	Mrs D. Pickles
10th Oct	Mrs E. Leese	31st Oct	Mrs L. Boston
17th Oct	Mrs D. Wlson		

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

**3rd October**  
 Stonefield Square  
 Victor Street  
 Victoria Street  
 Whitebridge Lane

**24th October**  
 Northesk Street  
 Radford Close  
 Radford Street  
 Station Road

**10th October**  
 Alma Street  
 Bromfield Court  
 Dominic Court  
 Granville Terrace

**31st October**  
 The Avenue  
 Trent Road  
 Tunley Street  
 Trinity Drive

**17th October**  
 Longton Road  
 Margaret Street  
 Newcastle Road  
 Newcastle Street



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## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

**Climbers 3-7 years** Sandra Morray.....286093  
**Explorers 7-11 years** Estella Woodhead.....761659  
**Pathfinders 11-14 years** Enid Bell.....815775  
**Banner Group** Jeanette Rowlands.....816713  
**Church Missionary Boxes** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Flower Guild** Marylyn Hillman.....815936  
**Men's Fellowship** Mike Thompson.....813712  
**Missions Secretary** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Prayer Group** Jeanette Rowlands.....816713  
**Parents & Toddlers** Sandra Morray.....286093  
 (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)  
**3rd Stone Brownies** Janet Smith.....815939  
 (Mo 6:00-7:30pm, First School)

**Young People's Activities** take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

*Climbers* 3-7 years      *Explorers* 7-11 years      *Pathfinders* 11-14 years

The following activities take place every week week in the Centre during term time.

*Monday Toddlers*      9.30 am

## THE MAGAZINE TEAM

**Mission News& Prayer Diary**      Cecilia Wilding      817987

**Please send material for the magazine to**

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 Staffs ST15 8ZB or by email to christchurch\_mag@yahoo.co.uk

# Christ Church welcomes you!

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Whether you are new to the Stone area or have been living here for some time you are welcome to come to this church. The church is made up of adults and children who want to know more about the living God, who has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and continues to speak to us through His Spirit-inspired word, the Holy Bible (which can be read online at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and we recommend a modern translation e.g. the New International Version or English Standard Version).

We are a Christian church, because at the heart of what we believe is the fact that to know God personally we must put our trust in Jesus' death for our forgiveness so that we can be reconciled to God. We are part of the Anglican church, the basis of its Trinitarian belief is summarised in the Book of Common Prayer with its 39 articles, though we unite in Christ irrespective of denomination. We are an Evangelical church, as we see that the Bible is God's word for us and so is to inspire all that we do. This church was established with the help of the renowned Charles Simeon.

Our church meetings help us to grow in our understanding of what the Bible tells us about God, and this is something that we encourage others to investigate especially through our *Christianity Explored* course (see details on the national website [www.christianityexplored.com](http://www.christianityexplored.com)). If you would like details of when the next local course is starting then please contact the church office.

We have children's and youth activities running during the Sunday meetings and also during the week, such as our Tuesday evening youth club. Adults may be further involved through small groups which meet for Bible study and prayer, a midweek communion service and a monthly prayer meeting.

Our community involvement includes links with the local schools: Christ Church First, Oulton First, Christ Church Middle and Alleyne's High.

We also have links with the Church in India, The Philippines, Croatia, Botswana and Pakistan.

This magazine and the church website concern Christ Church in Stone, but we are linked with the churches in Oulton and Moddershall (see separate magazine and website).

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