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March 2011

Tue	1	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	2	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe years 6-8 Standing Committee
Thu	3	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	4		
Sat	5	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	6	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. John 17:1-19 "Jesus prays for his disciples" God's Big Plan- course by Ben Hardee
Mon	7		
Tue	8	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13 Stephen Bell visit + pancakes
Wed	9	10:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion - St John's Oulton Breathe years 6-8 Lent Course - Week 1
Thu	10	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	11		
Sat	12		
Sun	13	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer John 17:20-26 "Jesus prays for the church" God's Big Plan- course by Ben Hardee
Mon	14	7:30pm	PCC meeting
Tue	1 5	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13

Wed	16	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe years 6-8 Lent Course - Week 2
Thu	17	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	18		
Sat	19	9:30am	Diocesan Synod meeting - Longton
Sun	20	9:15am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Communion John 18:1-11 "Jesus' arrest and trial" Holiday Club Preparation Evening Prayer at Christ Church Luke 6:37-42 "Correct judgement"
Mon	21		
Tue	22	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	23	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe years 6-8 Lent Course - Week 3
Thu	24	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	25	10:30am	Christian Aid Lunch with Ruth Wilson in CC Centre
Sat	26		
Sun	27	9:15am 6:00pm	Family service John 18:12-27 "Jesus' religious trial" Communion at Christ Church Luke 6:1-11 "Understanding the law"
Mon	28		
Tue	29	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	30	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe years 6-8 Lent Course - Week 4
Thu	31	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly

The more options the better. Right? Well, not really. When it comes to religion there are all sorts of options and many pitfalls. As to the Christian church we live in an age of multiple church movements. How can we distinguish between what is true from what is false? We have to assess spiritual experience. History shows that orthodox statements of faith or creeds alone have not been enough to avoid a shipwrecking of faith. What people say and teach is to be coupled with how they go about the practise: *‘Watch out for false prophets...A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them’* (Mt 7v15-20). We are to be wise about what we believe (doctrine), but also to look at what we do (praxis) as the fruit of this teaching.

The writings of Jonathan Edwards* (1703-58) help us to be discerning over new movements or teachings by applying seven key principles:

1. *Non-signs*: strange experiences do not necessarily mean it is of God - in fact, they don't tell us one way or the other!
2. *Spiritual origin*: the devil can counterfeit spiritual experience, but there are certain things that the devil can't or won't do e.g. God alone will convict us of sin.
3. *New sense*: the work of the Spirit of Christ gives us the eyes to 'see' and ears to 'hear' spiritual truths of scripture.
4. *Esteeming truth*: a greater esteem for the Holy Bible, so that we are attracted to its teaching rather than repelled by what we read.
5. *Humble love*: a love for others is the greatest commandment (Mt 22v37-40) and is characterised by self-sacrifice.
6. *Discernment, not judgment*: we may look to see if someone is truly following Christ, but Jesus alone can distinguish between the sheep and the goats.
7. *Passion, not passivity*: we are not to be gullible about a new movement which is not authentically Christian, but then again we can forever hang around on the sidelines and never commit ourselves to joining movements that are doing Christ's work!

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So, where does the rubber hit the road? For Christian movements it is not the style, the gifts or the numbers that are key, but the character of those involved. Lent presents a time of review and change: engaging more deeply with the Bible's teachings, to ask the Lord to scrutinise our lives and direct us to become more like him and engage in his work with enthusiasm.

Paul Kingman

* A useful introduction to Jonathan Edwards writings is: '*The God Centred Life*' by Josh Moody (2006, IVP pp176).

Lent Course: *Get more like Jesus* while watching TV

Television – what do you make of it? Is it: a vital part of modern life, a factor in our modern decline, or simply chewing gum for the eyes?

The effect that television has on us depends as much on what happens in our heads as what happens on-screen. Whether or not we like it (and plenty of us like it a lot) TV is here to stay. But can watching your favourite programmes help you to become more like Jesus? *Get More Like Jesus While Watching TV* helps you to look at television in the light of Romans 12, and explores what it means to become more like Jesus in a high tech, media-saturated world.

Please order your copy of the course book *Get More Like Jesus While Watching TV* through the benefice office at a bulk order price of £5.75 by Monday 28th February so as to read the relevant chapter ahead of the course sessions.
Paul Kingman.

Sermon series in March

Mornings at Christ Church and Oulton: we look at the end chapters of John's Gospel (John 17-21) which record Jesus' ministry as our great High Priest who alone enables us to have fellowship with God.

Moddershall and evenings: we continue our series looking at Jesus' public ministry in Luke 3-6.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

You are cordially invited to come to the women's world day of prayer at St. John's United Reformed Church on Friday 4th March 2011 at 2.00p.m.

The Speaker is Revd. Noreen Russell.

Artwork is by Walton Priory Middle School and there will be a Fair Trade stall and Refreshments will be served after the service.

KEELE BACH CHOIR

With the Northern Chamber Orchestra
Artistic Director and Conductor
MATTHEW WILLIS

Handel

Messiah

Soloists:

Helena Dix
Louise Poole
Sam Furness
Grant Doyle

Saturday 19th March 2011, 7:30pm
VICTORIA HALL HANLEY
Ticket prices: £15/ 12/ 10/ 5

To reserve tickets call: 0871 297 5454

Christ Church First School Newsletter

It has been a busy start to the Spring Term at school. We are delighted to be writing the school newsletter again and we hope you will enjoy reading about what has been going on in school so far this term.

This term Reception have been finding out about fish. The fishmonger came in and brought in some fish that had been caught and they learnt how fast fish can swim, that fish do not have ears and they breathe through gills.

Year 1 have been doing subtractions and are learning how to make fives and tens. In science they are learning about hearing and have started phonics again.

Year 2 have been concentrating on the great fire of London and how it started, they discovered that only 6 people died. They have been doing wax fireworks pictures. Annie said that in comprehension she wanted to improve the size of her writing and how she answered the questions in full sentences. In R.E. they have been doing about houses from Jesus' time.

In science Year 3 have been learning about magnets and have been making their own games with them. They have also been doing about traditional tales in literacy and in P.E they are doing gymnastic routines.

Choir has now changed to Friday in school time and Molly said that she likes Mrs Brian because she helps us learn some beautiful songs and some quick jazzy music. In worships on Friday we sing the song that we are learning at the moment it is 'Follow your dream' We have started our hand bell group again and we are enjoying learning lots of new tunes. Joshua suggested we did silent night! *(more on next page)*

Christ Church First School Newsletter (cont)

Year 3 & 4 went to Hanley Museum, everyone said they loved it and wanted to go again. When they were there they did an archaeological dig session, pot sticking, making helmets and year 3 got a visit by a roman soldier. They learnt all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and did a bit about the Romans.

This year our Chinese new year was amazing. In year 4 we made paper bunnies and we played little games with them in our groups. We also did some Hong Bow (little red packets); Hi Chin (greetings cards) and Chinese lanterns and we all did lots of colouring. The Chinese dragon was magnificent with its long steamers and colourful face and body. All I could say was wow.

This term year 4 have been very busy preparing for hand bells, choir and of course the museum trip and Chinese New Year. In history we have been doing about the Vikings and the Anglo Saxons and in literacy we have just finished doing about the ice palace. It was great.

Well that's all from us for this term we looking forward to updating you next time.

From Christ Church First School. By Gemma and Mia Year 4

Stone Choral Society

Sat. 2nd April, 7:30pm in Christ Church

Stone Choral Society presents:


Mozart Requiem

Mozart Kyrie

Schubert Mass in G

Tickets £10 (£8 concs., children free) from Wikijum,
Peter Plant Jewellers or ring 01785 817754

MARCH 2011 Please remove this section from the magazine and use it with your daily "quiet time" or prayer time. Urgent requests for prayer will be posted up on the Overseas Mission notice board in the Centre. Please keep an eye on it and pray accordingly.



Tues **TEAR FUND**

1st This week is Tearfund Global Poverty Prayer Week - **One Voice**. Please pray that the church will unite in praying for an end to global poverty. Please choose a developing country and ask the Lord to intercede on its behalf.

Wed Please pray for a peaceful outcome to the situation in **Egypt**; that political leaders can bring about change and show wisdom and restraint. Please pray that partners who have been working with refugees will be able to resume their work soon. Continue to remember the Christian population who are facing persecution.

Thu after the worst floods in living memory in **Pakistan**, please continue to pray for Pakistanis still facing hunger and hardship. Give thanks that partners in southern Sindh province have been able to supply good quality sunflower seeds which have enabled families to replant crops and earn money again. Please pray for the success of long term projects to rehabilitate lives

Fri Give thanks that the **Sudan** referendum held in January was relatively peaceful, free and fair and that the result has been accepted, to date, without violence. Please continue to pray for Sudan in the time leading up to 9th July when the country will become two nations. Pray also that outstanding issues can be resolved e.g. the demarcation of the border.

Sat Partner Sagoal in **Nepal** has been training the local church to get involved in social as well as spiritual projects. Taalchowk is on the tourist route in the western Himalayas but it had a problem with rubbish until a church based self-help group organised a clean up. Give thanks that churches in Nepal are doing new activities, in their mainly Hindu communities, which are making people see them in a new light.

Sun **RALPH and DAGMAR BARON Vienna**

6th Preparation for and participation in joint mission meetings. Pray that we will learn from each other and be led in ways to partner more closely in the places we minister and in the places we mobilise.

- Mon 7th** Dagmar has 11 days away in Europe with some quite challenging issues to discuss with National office Directors and Chairmen in the Netherlands. Please pray for relationships full of grace that will help us to find the way forward on some issues.
- Tue 8th** The Digital Media Source project is itself moving forward well and so far on schedule. In March we will be testing it with actual program producers and need to produce training material and train up people to use the system. Please pray that Ralph will learn the best way to get things done in TWR
- Wed 9th** We are still hoping to sell our house in Bromley, London to the church there but it is difficult as they need to sell their other property. Sarah and Keiran are living there at the moment. Pray for them to find the right place to live at the right time.
- Thu 10th** REBECCA - Pakistan
I have been very busy teaching through the winter. We have had many students, particularly because many of them are free from school and college during their winter break.
- Fri 11th** We are giving thanks that we have recruited several new teachers for the school, which reopens at the beginning of March.
- Sat 12th** Please pray for our students that we would continue to build good relationships with them.
- Sun 13th** Please pray for the many women who come to our classes at the new bazaar.
- Mon 14th** TIM and KATE LEE, Jigsaw Ministries
Pray for what our future would be after the two year agreed period of support from CMS (ending June 2011)
- Tue 15th** Jigsaw continues to grow day after day and the centres provide community and love week after week, month after month, year after year – it is this ‘being there’ which is one of the most important factors in bringing about change. Please pray that this may continue
- Wed 16th** Jigsaw’s vision is also to grow and develop Jigsaw centres across Manila so that any of the thousands of street children who are in need of a place to be loved and a community to belong to may have the opportunity to find one. This is a huge and exciting vision which we are partners together in.

- Thu
17th** Please pray for the many, many, street children in Manila. Jigsaw Ministries has reached hundreds of children and tried to show God's love to them, but there is so much left to do.
- Fri
18th** God made it very clear to us that Jigsaw should be a Filipino tree, worked in, run, led and developed locally. Please pray for all the workers, themselves very poor people.
- Sat
19th** OWEN and TRACY HUMPHREYS returned to the UK on 23rd Jan. Back to their own house in Accrington. It was completely empty...after 2 weeks of borrowing and second hand shops it now feels comfortable- unlike the weather! Steffan is also living with us. Please pray that our lives would be evidence of Christ's resurrection.
- Sun
20th** Please pray for New jobs for Tracy and Owen in another international school. Or wherever! And a job for Steffan on his gap year.
- Mon
21st** Please pray for Ben and his final few months of his degree and exams, and for Jonny still in Hebron without his family
- Tue
22nd** Please pray for a fruitful time back with family friends and church.
- Wed
23rd** STEPHEN and TABITA BELL - Zagreb
Stephen will be visiting the UK during March- please pray for safe journeys and successful visits to several churches.
- Thu
24th** Please pray for the church leaders in training in Dubrava (Davor, Daniel, Ruben, Branko and Robert). The plan is that they will take over the running of the church in Dubrava so that Stephen and Tabita can move to a new churchplant in the Zagreb area.

**Fri
25th**

Stephen plans to visit the Ukraine in April/May, he hopes to recruit church workers to come to Zagreb . Please pray that this visit will work out well.

**Sat
26th**

Please pray for the youth work in the Dubrava church; this involves all the Bell family as well as many others. The concerts given by “Muzikids” have brought many people to visit the church.

**Sun
27th**

JONATHAN and ROBINAH BEESIGOMWE, Botswana
The planning for Faith Based Organizations is picking up, and the strategic plan with Ministry of Health may be launched in May. The teachers trained to teach “why wait?” have started though some are still waiting for materials from Ministry of

**Mon
28th**

The wife of Jonathan’s brother died recently and this has brought great sorrow. Please pray for the family.

**Tue
29th**

Due to lack of funds, Hannah and Joel have had to leave the University of Namibia , despite doing well in exams. Jonathan asks us to pray that he will be able to find cheaper courses for Hannah and Joel that will lead to good qualifications.

**Wed
30th**

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP
Pray for the pilots and engineers who make the flights possible. Please pray also that church workers and doctors will be able to fly to distant parts of the world, taking God’s word with them.

**Thu
31st**

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY
In times of financial and political uncertainty, pray that God’s world will still travel throughout the world, and will find hearers wherever it goes.

Church Stone invites you to

MAN OVERBOARD!

a Holiday Club for children in Reception to Year 6

Games, songs, Bible stories, craft, drama, refreshments

**Christ Church Centre, Stone
12th - 15th April 2011**

1.30 - 3.30 pm

Holiday Club Service: Sunday 17th April 9.15 am

For booking forms contact the Church Office on
01785 811990

The PCC met on Wednesday 19 January 2011 and the following matters were reported on, discussed and/or decided.

- Investigations are proceeding into the replacement or renovation of the large noticeboard that overlooks Christchurch Way. The style is likely to be similar to one that has been seen at a church in Eyam.
- Work to prepare the 2010 financial accounts is well underway and it is expected that draft final accounts will be available in February. We have received a letter from the Diocese with regards to financial issues. After some discussion it was agreed that we currently follow the majority of the suggestions but some changes could be introduced. Ideas include publishing a summary of the Diocese accounts and the church accounts in the magazine.
- The timing of Cornerstone, the Sunday group for 15 to 18 year olds has moved to 6.30pm. This group of young people are planning a mission trip to Romania.
- We have recently experienced some costly maintenance issues with the two boilers in church. We are to approach the Archdeacon for advice on how to take forward the replacement of the heating system.
- Further discussions have taken place on centre access and disability issues. It is now not felt that some of the improvements we were considering would meet the criteria of grant that we were to apply for. This includes the upgrading of the pathway that goes across the rear church yard to Bromfield Court and the creation of some additional hard standing parking at the end of the church centre. We would still like to investigate having the foyer doors powered to assist with opening, for those in wheelchairs and with pushchairs and for people who find the doors too heavy to manoeuvre.

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 14 March 2011 at 7.30pm.

FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight – February 28th – March 15th

Christ Church was registered by the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church in 2005. At the moment 44% of churches in Lichfield Diocese are Fairtrade registered and whilst the diocese is aiming for 50%, Lichfield Deanery has passed a resolution to achieve 100% by November 2011. As a Fairtrade church we undertake to:

Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility

Move forward on using other Fairtrade products e.g. sugar, biscuits

Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year e.g. our monthly sales

Our February Sale is on the 27th and there will also be a sale at the Parents and Toddlers Group on February 28th at the start of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Ruth will be holding an event at Oulton on March 7th. This year's theme is 'Big Buzz' - to help bee producers in Africa and Latin America increase sales of fairtrade honey. (Only 12% of the honey sold in the UK is home produced.)

What is Fairtrade?

It aims to transform the lives of poor producers in the developing world by enabling them to use their skills and resources to trade their way out of poverty by:

Creating opportunities for poor producers

Ensuring trading practices are fair – in payment and prices

Ensuring children are not being exploited

Ensuring there is no discrimination

Ensuring safe working conditions

What is the Fairtrade Premium?

This is the amount paid in addition to the Fairtrade price for investment in social, environmental or economic development projects. How the premium is spent is decided democratically by producers within the farmers' organisation or workers on a plantation. It may be used on education, healthcare or farm improvements; to increase yield or improve processing facilities.

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Here are some examples of how the Fairtrade premium has been used: Joyce Chirbouro and her family from Malawi now have access to electricity for the first time thanks to the Fairtrade premium on sales of sugar. Tea plucker Adriano Kalili from Kerala, India has been able to build a 3 bedroom house for his family thanks to the fair wage he receives. The Fairtrade premium has helped to provide the roof. South African farmer Llewlyn Adams has access to community equipment with the Fairtrade premium on his raisins.

Traidcraft, the company who supply our goods, was launched in 1979. It has achieved significant growth in recent years and is the UK's leading Fairtrade company. It also runs Traidcraft Exchange – the only development charity specialising in making trade work for the poor. Traidcraft Exchange helped Jabiri Nasaro in Tanzania to increase the number of his beehives from 38 to 160 so he can now afford to educate his children. It also helped farmers in Elsteenskull, S Africa to become the world's first supplier of fairtrade raisins and has now helped MiFruta in Chile to become the second. Ruth donates any profit made on sales during the year to Traidcraft Exchange.

Fairtrade is continuing to grow rapidly worldwide; there has been a 40% growth in E Europe and S Africa since 2005. There are 750 Fairtrade towns worldwide including Rome, San Francisco and London and closer to home Stafford. They undertake to use fairtrade products in municipal purchasing, schools and retail outlets and promote via local media.

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade – look out for new and improved products in the Spring catalogue - out now!

Sheila Hawley

*Happy moments, praise God
 Difficult moments, seek God
 Quiet moments, worship God
 Painful moments, trust God
 Every moment, thank God*

A series of public lectures to accompany an exhibition of manuscript and early printed Bibles at Lichfield Cathedral

Thursdays at 1pm in the Cathedral Nave

10 March *The Poetry of the King James' Version*

Michael Symmons Roberts, award winning poet and novelist

17 March *The Prose of the King James' Version and its literary influence*

Dr Roger Pooley, lecturer, Keele University

24 March *William Tyndale and the Genius of the 'King James' version*

Brian Moynahan, author of the Tyndale biography, 'Book of Fire'

31 March, *The Making of the King James' Bible, 1604-1611*

Professor Gordon Campbell, University of Leicester

7 April *Bible Translation and the Legacy of the King James' Version*

Dr Paula Gooder, freelance theologian and author

In the Chapter House from 9th March (Ash Wednesday) to 15th April (just before Passion Sunday), there will be a world-class exhibition of manuscript and early printed Bibles from Lichfield Cathedral's own historic library, telling the story of the printing of the Bible in English. Visitors will be invited to walk the 200 year journey from Wycliffe to King James 1. The exhibition will include~

A Wycliffe New Testament manuscript from about 1410

A 1539 first edition Henry VIII 'Great Bible'

A 1540 'Great Bible' ~ including Cranmer's famous Preface

A sixteenth century Geneva Bible

A 1611 first edition 'He' Bible

A 1611 first edition 'Judas' Bible

The exhibition, mounted in collaboration with the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service, will feature interpretative materials produced by Sheffield University Biblical Studies Department as well as specially produced materials emphasising the work of local people in the translation of the Authorised Version of the Bible

For further details contact Jo Burkinshaw,

Education and Outreach Officer at Lichfield Cathedral

on 01543 306240 or at jo.burkinshaw@lichfield-cathedral.org

An Evening with Phil and Arthur

Saturday 5th March at 7pm in the Centre
Something for Everyone
Sale of plants and pots of spring bulbs
Have a guess at some games – 50p a go
with great prizes to be won

Be part of a team in a lighthearted team
quiz

Refreshments

Proceeds to the Church general fund

Tickets £2 from Phil or Arthur, or from Irene and Kate in the office

Visit by Stephen Bell, March 8th Christ Church Centre, 7:30pm-8:30pm

Stephen Bell will be visiting us on Tuesday March 8th. Come and have a chat with him about the work in Zagreb, Croatia.

There will also be pancakes!

Stephen and Tabita Bell work with ECM (European Christian Mission) in Zagreb, and are currently part of the leadership of the church in Dubrava. They hope to move soon to start a churchplant in another suburb of Zagreb.

ROADS FOR PRAYER

6th March

Airdale Grove
Airdale Road
Airdale Spinney
Cross Street
Lotus Court

20th March

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square

13th March

Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross
York Street

27th March

Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge
Anderton Way/View



Trains for Jigsaw Kids

Monday 2nd May, 2pm - 5pm



Jigsaw Ministries does great work in Manila, helping street children. They provide meals, schooling and where possible, shelter.

Come and ride on a train and support this work financially.

Speak to Pete or Liz Mason for further details.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

17th Jan Sheila Margaret Flower Age 75

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	AM		PM
6th Mar	D. Davies C. Wilding	V. Ledward J. Rowlands	P. Tunstall
13th Mar	G. Holden D. Pickles	B. Hutchinson M. Hutchinson	D. Shemilt
20th Mar	D. Wilson A. West	T. MacFarlane K. Thompson	P. Tunstall
27th Mar	P. Hipkiss D. Davies	J. Rowlands J. Abrahams	D. Shemilt

FLOWER ROTA

6th Mar	Flower Guild
13th Mar	Flower Guild
20th Mar	Lent
27th Mar	Lent

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Deanery Synod Reps Mrs S Hallam, Mr D. Rowlands, Mr R. Brandon
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Envelopes, Gift Aid Richard Latos

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

Dave Bell, c/o Christ Church Parish Office, Christ Church Way,
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Christ Church welcomes you!

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 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). 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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