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May 2011

Sun	1	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion John 20:11-31 "Resurrection evidence II" Evening Prayer at Oulton Psalm 24 "The psalm of ascension"
Mon	2	2:00pm	Trains in the (Pete and Liz's) Garden (see page 19)
Tue	3	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Middle School Governors meeting Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	4	6:30pm	Breathe (years 6-8)
Thu	5	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	6		
Sat	7	8:30am 10:00am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Northern Men's Convention, Manchester
Sun	8	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer-speaker Richard Weston - Intonate John 21:1-25 "Jesus' mission and ours" Communion at Oulton Psalm 25 "Waiting and watching"
Mon	9		
Tue	10	9:30am 10:00am 1:10pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Alleynes assembly Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	11	1:10pm 6:30pm	Alleynes assembly Breath (years 6-8)
Thu	12	1:10pm 1:20pm	Alleynes assembly Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	13	1:10pm	Alleynes assembly
Sat	14	10:00am	Jack's Plant Sale, 32 Redwood Avenue
Sun	15	9:15am 2:30pm 6:00pm	Communion Romans 1:1-7 "Good news from above" Service - Autumn House Evening Prayer at Oulton Psalms 26 and 27 "The Lord's House"

May 2011

Mon	16		
Tue	17	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 1:10pm 3:45pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, Doxey Church (speaker Adam Storkey) Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Alleynes assembly Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13) Deanery Synod - Hilderstone
Wed	18	6:30pm	Breathe (years 6-8)
Thu	19	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	20		
Sat	21		
Sun	22	9:15am 10:30am 6:00pm	Family Service: Romans 1:16-17 "It is good news for all" Fairtrade stall Evening Prayer at Oulton Psalm 28 "An anthem of deliverance"
Mon	23	All day	Mission Action Plan review
Tue	24	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	25	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe (years 6-8) Standing Committee
Thu	26	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	27		
Sat	28	8:00pm	Staffordshire Performing Arts - "The Enlightenment"
Sun	29	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Romans 3:1-20 "None is right with God" Evening Prayer at Oulton Psalm 29 "The power of his voice"
Mon	30		
Tue	31	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am

The importance of the AV

May is a significant month for the AV. If you're reaching to stifle a yawn please read on, as I'm side stepping the referendum on the electoral process on 5th May. Instead I want to draw attention to the 400th Anniversary of the Authorised (King James) Version of the Holy Bible on Monday 2nd May 2011. The importance of this Bible translation is that it redefined the English language. Some modern day expressions owe their existence to this Bible translation. Think of such phrases as 'a drop in the bucket', 'a lamb to the slaughter' and 'a fly in the ointment.' These phrases owe their existence to the Authorised Version.

The background is fascinating. The bishops had banned the English Bible in 1408. The genius of the translation was due to its deliberately memorable phrases which were designed for public reading. It was also a significant marker in the development of the English language. The AV was one in a succession of English versions of the Bible published as a result of a new emphasis on a return to sources. There had been an upturn of interest in researching the original manuscripts (mainly in Hebrew and Greek), to produce an accurate English translation rather than one from the inaccurate Latin Vulgate. When William Tyndale saw at first hand the ignorance of the clergy he declared: "If God spare my life, ere many years pass I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the Scriptures than thou dost!" His lifelong aim was to enable ordinary people to read and understand the Holy Bible. The invention of the printing press made it possible for large numbers to be made.

Modern versions have built upon this Bible version, updating its language and knowledge to bring an understanding of the Word of God to an everyday audience. Drawbacks to the AV concern its accuracy and its obsolete language. In the last 400 years much earlier manuscripts have been found which are closer in time to the original texts. Historians work by the principle that the earlier the text, the nearer it is to the original. In terms of language the meaning of words changes e.g 'charity' is nowadays associated with shops raising money to provide humanitarian aid.

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In the AV the word charity concerns the all-encompassing, compassionate love that God has for us, and that we should have for one another even when it is at personal cost. So, a reliable Holy Bible such as the New International Version (as we use in our churches) has just been republished to improve its accuracy, or the English Standard Version (deliberately closer word for word to the original manuscripts) enable us to read in the language of the day.

Why worry about the translation? The risen Jesus said that the entire Bible spoke about Him (see Luke 24v27). So we will naturally want the very best translation to learn as much about Him as possible. The Holy Bible is the main way that God's grace comes to us as: *'All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (II Tim 3v16-17).

I hope that this is a book you turn to frequently and that it will inspire you to pray and strengthen you to serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul Kingman

Sermon series in May

Mornings at Christ Church and Oulton: *Romans – the way of Jesus Christ.* What we call Romans has proven to be a life changer in many people's lives. Think of Augustine who was a great intellect and his life was turned around when he read it. Think of Luther the devoted monk who had no assurance about how to be at peace with God and his life was transformed when he read Romans. So, hang on to your seats as we look at this letter to the church in Rome. It's good news!

Moddershall & evenings: we continue the series in *Psalms 20-30* which is food for the soul and an inspiration to revive your prayer life.

Paul Kingman

Goodbye but not Goodbye from Ben

Greetings in our Lord and Savior,

I had a fantastic time with all of you in the Midlands. It was an experience that will last me a lifetime. When I come back I hope to bring Sarah with me.

One thing that I will forever remember about my time in the Midlands is sharing in the Lord's Supper with you. There is something special and even mystical about our bond in Christ. What I have shared with you, we share with believers around the globe. As I went home to Kansas I told the believers at Rock Creek Bible Church about my time in the Midlands and they were encouraged to hear of your faith; I pray that you also will be encouraged to hear that they too are holding fast to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

As I said earlier, "When I come back I hope to bring Sarah with me." Yet, even if I don't come back I am confident that we will all meet again when our Lord comes back. Then at the marriage supper of the Lamb we will have communion together again, only this time there will be no more farewells or good byes.

Until then I am afraid we must say good bye, I will remember you as you remember me.

Benjamin Hardee

(Benjamin was an intern from Bonn Ecumenical University who was with us from Sat 5th Feb-Thurs 17 March 2011)

Things we say!!!

We often use important or pertinent phrases in a rather offhand manner, either not understanding their real meaning or their spiritual importance. We have a chalkboard in the kitchen on which we write 'to do' things, and as you can imagine it's rarely empty!! But the other day I was able to 'wipe the slate clean' and as I did it and uttered those words it struck me that I'd said something very important, but in a fairly glib manner.....and it stopped me in my tracks. It was so easy to do and so easy to say and yet, in my 'chalkboard' life my slate has been wiped clean, all the 'wrong' things I've ever done or said, gone, forgotten, just as easily as I waved the cloth over the chalkboard. But of course there was a price to pay. Jesus paid that price, for me, by giving up His life on the cross. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" Hebrews, ch8 vs12.

Phil Tunstall

Cold in The Gambia?

It's true – there were about 5 nights where I huddled under a doubled-over blanket wearing a cardigan (that I'd packed away ready for my return to UK) over the top of my nighty! At times it was quite windy but the rest of the time was hot with temperatures up to 36.

I thoroughly enjoyed having Anya and Danielle with me. They fitted in brilliantly and both want to go back.

As well as experiencing working with My Sister's company, the girls visited compounds, the women's allotments, 2 secondary schools, the capital city of Banjul and travelled on both public transport and donkey cart.

A highlight for me was going into Pirang Basic Cycle School and teaching art to Grade 9, tho' the ages ranged from 13 to about 17. I can't wait to go again. Here is Danielle's report of that visit:

“The school had no colours, games, toys or materials to stimulate young minds – but at playtimes, the children still had fun, playing football with an old plastic container, and chanting and dancing.

Classrooms have a blackboard and rough wooden desks. The only resources were textbooks for children to share; there was a library, but no books; and there was no art equipment, so our gifts of paper, paint, brushes and pencils were very welcome. We had a fun lesson and they produced some great work. All school children have to pay fees and sadly many children do not have the opportunity to go or only sporadically.”

Art lessons, as well as science, take place on the blackboard – the pupils just copy stuff into their notebooks, so although they had learnt the theory of mixing colours, they had never done it and it was fun watching their faces as they actually saw red and yellow mixed together and produce orange! There was not an art room until the 2 teachers built one themselves out of reclaimed wood and corrugated iron.

Danielle again: “ We visited a youth-led church in Kitty (Balanta tribe) This was an eye-opening experience! The church had about 12 people (more with children) and they all worshipped and made a joyful sound using voices, drums and traditional rhythm.”

We've brought back some lovely new things that the women have made, which hopefully you will get a chance to see and also hopefully buy! Thank you for all your prayers and support, *Pam*

Jesus Christ the Comeback King

Ian Botham, Man Utd, the Saddlers or Jesus Christ? Who made the greatest comeback?

In the Headingley Test Match of 1981, stripped of the captaincy and in some disgrace, Botham bats with amazing belief and confidence to score 149 Not Out and scupper the Aussies after England looked dead and buried.

In 1999, Man Utd, 1-0 down after 90 minutes, come back to score two goals against Bayern Munich in injury time and win the Champions League Final.

At the beginning of this year most Walsall fans thought it a dead cert that the Saddlers would be plying their trade in League Two next season; but at the time of writing it looks as if *the Great Escape* is on.

Jesus of Nazareth, 33 AD, crucified on the Friday and buried in a tomb; but then seen up and about on Sunday, walking, talking and eating. Which is the greatest comeback?

Actually, it was Roger's phonecall that reminded me of the miracle of Easter. Six years ago, Roger and I were watching the Champions league Final on TV – Liverpool versus AC Milan. We watched the first half only and saw Liverpool being completely over run by the Italian team. At half time they were 3 – 0 down. Some Liverpool supporters left the ground. It looked like game over, so we switched off and went into the kitchen for supper.

Two thousand years ago there was a similar reaction on that first Good Friday. Jesus was crucified. For the disciples, the one, whom they had spent three years following, had failed. The one, whom they thought would change the world, was killed. As far as they were concerned it was all over. The dream was ended. So they went back home; heads down; defeated.

But of course it wasn't the end. Some times you just need a bit of faith.

In that Champions League Final, Liverpool came back from 3-0 down to win on penalties after extra time. When Roger and I turned the TV back on we couldn't believe it! It was an extraordinary victory: one of the greatest comebacks of all time. But not *the* greatest.

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Jesus Christ the Comeback King *(cont)*

That was made by Jesus of Nazareth. During Holy Week and Easter we remember how Jesus was arrested, sentenced to death and crucified. On the cross, the aliveness of Jesus Christ went down under the deadness that is our sickness and sin. Surrendering himself to death, he drew it into himself and absorbed it. Our sin was absorbed in Christ's forgiveness. Jesus has opened up a way for us. He transformed death into life on Easter Day. Dead on Friday; alive on Sunday. He burst out of the tomb to make the biggest comeback of all time.

So whatever your situation; however bad it may seem; do not give in. There is hope. That is the message of Easter – love is stronger than hate, good will defeat evil and life will overcome death. The Comeback King's promises are for everyone. He came back to bring us home.

Mark Rylands, (Bishop of Shrewsbury)

Stone Women's Institute

Stone WI has already enjoyed 3 meetings this year. The first was a visit by Taylor, a guide dog, who brought his owners to tell us how Taylor supports them and also about the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

In February we had a talk from Stone in Bloom Committee members who will already be assessing this year's route and advising on improvements before the judges embark on a long day of judging later in the year.

April's meeting outlined 17th and 18th century ladies' wills.

Ladies, if you had a best or even an everyday petticoat it would appear in your will! In the 17th/18th century ladies only had their personal possessions to leave, everything else belonged to their husband!

In August a trip is planned to Lichfield taking in the Staffordshire Hoard in the Cathedral.

This is how we started the year with more monthly meetings to come. The group now has 40 members and looks forward to welcoming others. So, if you would like to come and give the group a try the meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2pm. *Jeanette*



Our Lent Course for 2011

'Get more like Jesus while watching TV'

2 well known modern day verses :-

In this life you've got to look out for yourself, 'cos no one else is going to do it for you.'

– and –

You can't change this world ; you can only learn how to survive in it.'

2 great television characters' quotes of the modern era, and one would guess that over 50% of the population would be able to name them. The first is Dirty Den from Eastenders, and the second in Gene Hunt from Life on Mars.

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WOW !

This is my first lent course and it will not be my last. Despite being part of the church family for 15 years I had always previously managed to avoid the Lent courses with my excuse being a too hectic work/family lifestyle. I now cannot imagine how I would ever miss another one of these excellent courses again.

I elected to join in with the Thursday morning Vicarage group and was pleased to be in a group of 9 or 10 including a couple from Oulton. The chocolate biscuits were very well received.

The course has challenged our viewing habits, with the intention that we are ALERT, BIBLICAL, and CRITICAL in what we watch. We started by considering when we watch TV whether we use it :-

to actively seek to draw closer to God

or

to be more effective in talking about the Gospel to friends

or

for mindless entertainment / relaxing

or

to fantasise about better houses, bodies, exotic holidays etc.

Well after our first group group discussion it was noted that at times we did all 4 !

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11 'Get more like Jesus while watching TV' (cont)

One of the fun elements was gaining an insight into what we watch, and especially Paul and Sue.

Frankly I never thought that I would be sitting with some of these friends and be collectively engrossed in the Simpsons.

Our final session is Thursday 7th April and I am looking forward to concluding my learning points so that I can '*become more like Jesus while watching TV*'.

The verse that has been a constant in each session is :-

Therefore, I urge you brothers (and sisters), in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

My main learning point will be to try to live as the above verse advises ; and also to be seen as doing so, with the wish to encourage others along their journey. I would be greatly surprised if the 5% of the population would recognise the above scripture, and this contrasts amazingly with the majority of the population who would know Dirty Den and Gene Hunt. This is our test, in our television dominated world to try to at least increase increase biblical knowledge to that of similar levels of Dirty Den and Gene Hunt.

Enjoy your television watching.

Kevin

Jack's Plant Sale

Jack's Plant Sale will take place this year on Saturday 14th May at 32 Redwood Avenue, starting at 10am. Spring has arrived and with it a wide variety of bedding plants for baskets and borders. The greenhouse door will close at 4pm!

All proceeds will go to Jigsaw Ministries who work among street children in Manila.

Can you help with door to door collection for Christian Aid, either in our parish or in your own area?

Christian Aid funds long term development work, responds to emergencies and challenges the unjust systems that make and keep people poor.

Christian Aid works through more than 600 partners in more than 50 countries helping people of all faiths and none to find their own lasting solutions to poverty.

Christian Aid doesn't give money to governments; they work directly with organizations on the ground.

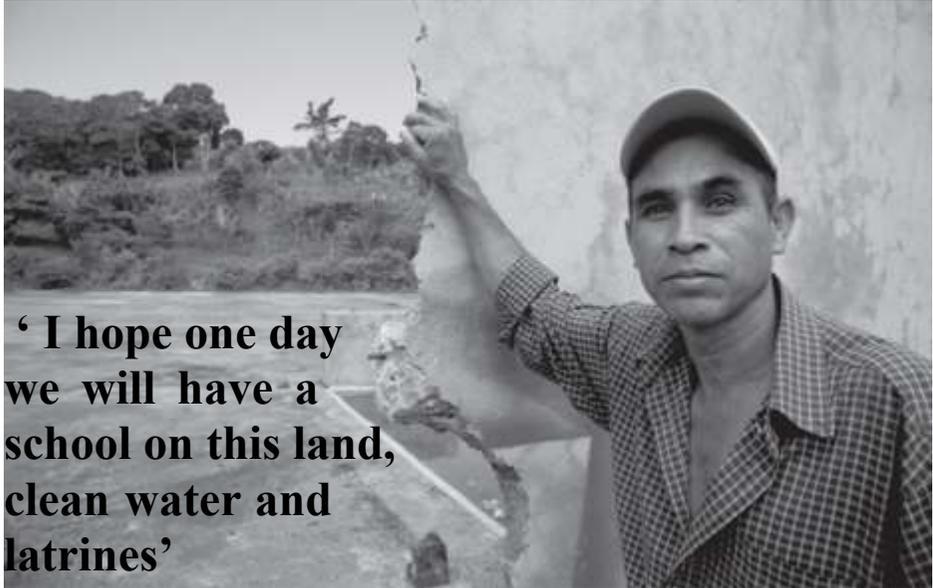
If you can help with envelope delivery and collection or would like to know more please speak to Phil Tunstall. T 817028

The Lord's Prayer from Nicaragua

Our Father, who is in this our land,
may your name be blessed
in our incessant search for justice and peace.
May your Kingdom come
for those who have for centuries awaited a life of dignity.
May your will be done on earth and in heaven
and in the church of Central America,
a church on the side of the poor.
Give us today our daily bread to build a new society.
Forgive us our trespasses,
do not let us fall into the temptation
of believing ourselves already new men and women.
And deliver us from the evil of forgetting that our lives
and the life of this country
are in your hands. Amen.

(Christian Aid)

For the people of Jinotega, Nicaragua, coffee isn't just a caffeine kick – it's a means of transforming the lives of entire communities. By getting involved in Christian Aid Week, you can help to make this transformation possible.



Eladio stands on the site where his community hopes one day to build a school

Five years ago, Eladio Simeón Pineda's community was a group of poor farm labourers. Then Christian Aid partner Soppexcca (pronounced so-pecks-ka) offered them credit to establish themselves as coffee farmers and supported them to work together as a cooperative. Eladio and the other members of the La Paz del Tuma cooperative now hope that together they will transform their own community.

Even though the coffee farmers of La Paz del Tuma have only been working with Soppexcca for a short time, their lives are already changing for the better. The credit which Soppexcca gave to Eladio and the other farmers has been vital in getting them started. The cooperative has a community fund that will be used to achieve the dreams which Eladio and his fellow farmers once thought were out of their reach.

‘I hope one day we will have a school on this land, clean water and latrines,’ says Eladio.

Eladio knows that transformation is possible. He is driven by the example of a nearby community, where Gustavo Adolfo Talavera and the members of the Los Alpes cooperative have been supported by Soppexcca for 12 years. In that time, they have successfully worked to establish a school and a health centre for their community.

The hopes of the people of La Paz del Tuma are hopes held for the whole community. Eladio works every day towards his dream of a purpose-built school, clean water and latrines for all the farming families of La Paz del Tuma.

Soppexcca’s support for coffee cooperatives like La Paz del Tuma and Los Alpes allows communities to see a bigger picture, full of possibilities for the future.

You can be part of the story of transformation which is unfolding right now in Nicaragua.

By getting involved in Christian Aid Week in your own community, you can help to turn the hopes of communities all around the world into realities. You can be part of a movement which is transforming lives.

To find out how, visit www.caweek.org or talk to your local Christian Aid Week coordinator.

To give to Christian Aid Week, visit www.caweek.org or call 08080 006 006.

HELP PEOPLE IN POVERTY OUT OF POVERTY

- **£14** could buy enough coffee seeds to plant a 0.7 hectare plot of coffee and start one farmer on the path out of poverty.
- **£2,170** could pay for a processing plant, allowing farmers to process the coffee they have grown and then sell it for a better price.

We've all come to the underwater world, the underwater world, the underwater world...

Each action packed day began with an opening prayer to commit the club to Our Heavenly Father.

As soon as children arrived, they got going on the production and decoration of each group's large cardboard box. Each face represented the theme of each day of the club. The end products were to be displayed in the Church at the special Holiday Club service on Sunday.

Our favourite characters – Bob and Fizz – introduced each day and engaged with the children. Each day they showed the contents of the treasure chest – special fishy pictures/keepsakes from home and fishy facts or jokes - which Bob and Fizz read out.

Later on, everyone went through to the church to learn some new uplifting worship songs, which were jam packed with actions to remember! – God Rules OK, Underwater World, and some old favourites like Super Saviour! (One of Hannah's favourites)

Each day we had an interesting talk about Jonah and his journey with God and the big fish; including: God's in Control; God Rescues; God Forgives; and God wants all people to know him.

The children had a chance to create some great things to illustrate Jonah's journey such as a fish that vomits Jonah (!), a boat on a choppy sea, and a heart mobile with the words of the Holiday Club memory verse – "The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to become angry and full of constant love". – Psalms 145 v.8 (which the children all did very well in remembering early on!)

There was a guest appearance from Captain Bird's Eye who delivered a fun quiz about Jonah's story – the children loved him.

A great big fishy thank you for the enthusiasm and energy of all the children that attended; and also for all the planning, organising and hard work by Sue and all the Holiday Club team!

We all had a whale of a time!!!!!! – Pardon the pun!

Louise Kelly

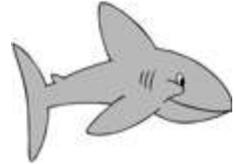
Man Overboard Holiday Club

Man Overboard was a children's Holiday Club that happened from Tuesday, 12th March – Friday, 15th March, 2011. What I really enjoyed about it was the worksheets, the drama, the decorating of the boxes, and the craft. I have also got a few quotes from some of the children who went to the Holiday Club:

Shifty Sharks:

“I enjoyed the craft on the boxes because it's fun, and you learn more about the story while doing it.”

Clare, 12.



Jiving Jellyfish:

“I enjoyed Captain Bird's Eye performing because he was funny and helped me learn more about the story.” Verity, 9.

“I enjoyed the Games because they were fun and active.”

Alex, 10



Wacky Whales:

“I enjoyed the Singing because you get to learn lots more new songs.” Dominique, 9.



Crafty Crabs:

“I enjoyed the craft because it's fun.” John, 8.



Crazy Clownfish:

“We all liked the Craft and Games”



Sparkling Seahorses:

“I enjoyed the worksheets.”

Hannah K, 5.

“I enjoyed watching the DVD.” Hannah V-B, 5.

“I enjoyed everything!” Oliver S, 5.

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I would also like to thank all of the people involved in making all this happen, all the leaders, the reception, the people in the kitchen, the people who took care of the little ones in the crèche, and the people who did the drama. Here are the names of these people: Diana Tunstall, Debbie Hazelhurst, Carole Stone, Pam Roberts, Emma Sanders, Tom Woodhead, Sue Kingman, Kieran McKnight, Louise Kelly, John Butterworth, Jacqueline Abrahams, Phillip Stone, Paul Kingman, Janet Slater, Dorothy Wilson, Irene Gassor, Cecilia Wilding, Tim Saxton, Angela Burton, Margaret Hutchinson, Shelagh Sanders, Jeanette Rowlands, Janet Thorne, Lynne Collier, Ann Butler, Sheila Hawley, Tricia Foulkes, Monica Darlington, David Beauchamp, Phil Tunstall, Sally Vaughan, and Diane Shemilt.

And, I would love to give a special thanks to first, Sue Kingman, who took charge of the whole event, to Tom Woodhead, for making the logo, furthermore, Kieran McKnight and Paul Kingman, who did the talks throughout the club.

I hope that you all have a good Easter, and you remember what the true meaning of Easter is, about Jesus dying on the cross for us, to save us from our sins.

Written By: *Eloise Kingman*, aged 11.

Easter Praise

What a joy it was to attend the Christ Church First School Easter Service. The choir was excellent, as always, and the drama well acted. I was taken back 30 years when my own children were at the school, there were just as many teatowels in evidence then too!!! The choir performed some lovely songs, including, Jesus Almighty Saviour, a new one to me and the beautifully moving, Broken For Me. Can't wait 'til next year!!

Phil Tunstall

The PCC met on Monday 14 March 2011 and the following matters were reported on, discussed and/or decided.

- Work continues to investigate options to upgrade the heating system in the church. We are also looking into secondary glazing for the leaded windows in church in a further attempt to keep the heat within the church.
- A monthly service has been initiated at Autumn House. The service is a brief hymns, prayers and talk arrangement at 2.30pm. Volunteers to take part and to chat would be great. It tends to be on the third Sunday of the month.
- Women and the Episcopacy, this subject was discussed as requested by the Diocese of all PCC's. We voted on the issue; *“this Synod calls upon the House of Bishops to bring forward amendments to the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure to ensure those that are unable on theological grounds to accept the ministry of women bishops are able to receive Episcopal oversight from a bishop with authority (i.e. ordinary jurisdiction) conferred by the Measure rather than by delegation from a Diocesan Bishop.* After some discussion the vote resulted in the majority voting for the motion, with a few against and no abstentions.
- Improvements within the church centre continue to be made; unwanted children's furniture has been cleared out and a hand held small vacuum cleaner has been purchased to deal with minor issues, e.g. dropped broken biscuits.
- It was agreed to re-licence all the Readers en bloc

The next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 25 May 2011 at 7.30pm.

ROADS FOR PRAYER

1st May

Albert Street
Alexandra Street
Arthur Street
Berkeley Street

8th May

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Court



15th May

Kent Grove
Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent

22nd May

Mount Road
Mount Street
Old Road
Stonefield Court

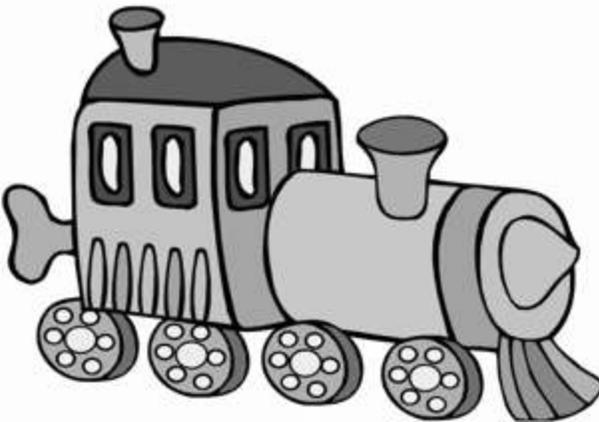
29th May

Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane

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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1st May	Flower Guild
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Tuesday Housegroup

The Tuesday Housegroup, which meets on some Tuesdays at 2 The Glen, has been thinking about “Contentment - Healing the hunger of our hearts”, “Living in the real world - 1 Peter” and “God’s big plan for Christ’s new people - Ephesians”. After Easter we will be studying “Living to please God - 1 Thessalonians” and “Faithful to the end - 2 Timothy”. You’d be welcome to come along and join in. *Dave Bell*

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 (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

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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.

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