

# Christ Church and People

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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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# July 2011

Fri	1		
Sat	2	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	3	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Romans 6:1-14 "God's gift of new life" Evening Prayer at Oulton Luke 11:14-28 "How to receive Jesus' blessing"
Mon	4		
Tue	5	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	6	6:30pm	Breathe (years 6-8)
Thu	7	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Men's Curry Night - Crown of India (book places)
Fri	8		
Sat	9	2:00pm	Wedding - Peter Goodman and Deborah Norvall
Sun	10	9:15am 4:00pm	Morning Prayer Romans 6:15-23 "No longer slaves to sin" Welcome service for Andy Cranston and family Bring and share tea
Mon	11		
Tue	12	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	13	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe (years 6-8) PCC meeting
Thu	14	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	15		

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Sat	16		
Sun	17	9:15am 2:30pm 4:00pm	Communion. 1 Kings 12 "A foolish choice" Service at Autumn House Fete service at Oulton Village Hall
Mon	18		
Tue	19	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:45pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Christ Church First School leavers' service in church Lighthouse (years 3-5) Christ Church Youth Club (years 9-13)
Wed	20	12:00am 6:30pm	Clergy chapter Breathe (years 6-8)
Thu	21	1:20pm 7:00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Christ Church First School Concert - St. Dominic's School
Fri	22	11:00am	Christ Church Middle School leavers service in church
Sat	23		
Sun	24	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service. 1 Kings 13 "God's word prevails" Communion at Oulton Luke 12:1-12 "Think before you speak"
Mon	25		
Tue	26	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29		
Sat	30		
Sun	31	9:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer 1 Kings 14:1-20 "The start of the end" Evening Prayer at Moddershall Luke 12:13-34 "The worry of wealth"

## Ordained for what?

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This month marks the start of a new ministry for Andy Cranston and his wife Lydia with their daughters Joanna and Phoebe. Andy's formal theological training has been completed, but his 'title post' of 3-4 years as an Assistant Curate now starts. But what is ordination for? Christian ministry is to be based on Jesus' ministry.

**A ministry of dedicated service:** Jesus *'came not to be served but to serve.'* In Jesus' unique case this meant that he came to *'give his life as a ransom for many'* (Mk 10v45). The laying down of Jesus' life as a sacrifice for sin made possible our reconciliation to God. The ordained minister is to serve people for this specific end goal: in order to reconcile them to God. This ranges from the ongoing pastoral care of Christ's flock, to doing the work of an evangelist by calling unbelievers to return to God through Christ.

**A ministry of mutual service:** Christian ministry is never about me, but about the wellbeing of the body of Christ (his people, the church): *'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good'* (I Cor 12v7).

**A ministry of Word and Spirit:** the Christian minister is to avoid the temptation of peddling their own opinions or influencing by their force of character or intellect. Instead, there is to be a humble dependence on God's word as the rule of faith: *'our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction'* (I Thess 1v5). Again, Paul writes: *'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). The faith laid down by the Apostles is to be guarded, cherished, taught and lived out.

**A ministry based on prayer:** Jesus reminded his disciples: *'apart from me you can do nothing'* (John 15v5). As the early church expanded and developed its ministry so there were some things that were non-negotiable: *'we will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word'* (Acts 6v4). Our prayer lives reveal how much we depend on the Lord.

We are holding a welcome service and tea for the Cranstons on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 4 p.m. in Christ Church. Our hope is that Andy and his family flourish in this benefice of churches and at the end of their time with us they will be ready to step into another part of God's field of mission.

*Paul Kingman*



## Looking forward to joining you

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Lydia and I are both looking forward to joining you in July and are excited, if a little apprehensive about venturing into what will be unknown territory for us both. I grew up in Oxford while Lydia is from Chorleywood near Watford. We met at Exeter University and after getting married spent four years in Calne, Wiltshire, before moving to Cambridge and Ridley Hall where I've been training for ordination for the last three years. Since we've been married much of our time has been spent with youngsters of one age or another, having been secondary school teachers (French and German for Lydia and DT for Andy), leaders on Pathfinder camps and youth group leaders. Now that we have Joanna (3 ½) and Phoebe (21 months) however, most of our time currently is with a younger age-group! Having said that, this year I have very much enjoyed helping run a monthly 'Lunch plus' group at church for more senior people which has involved putting together a program of speakers to deliver stimulating after lunch talks to a group of about 25, many of whom are not regulars at Church.



We are both privileged to have been brought up in loving Christian homes and have particularly found our time at university and mission trips to Tanzania and Kenya (Lydia) and Italy (Andy) to have been significant stages of growth in our walk with Jesus. The last five or so years have also been significant in that I have been to a number of funerals; three of which involved people all under the age of 37. Attending these as well as doing an extended focus in this area at Ridley, has been a constant reminder of the wonderful hope that Christians have of death not being the end and of the amazing privilege of being with Jesus forever. It has also been a healthy reminder of the brevity of life and the need to keep things in perspective while making the most of each day that God graciously give us. As a new chapter begins for us, we're looking forward to being able to do that with you and hope it won't take us too long to get to know you!

*Andy*

## **Alcohol is a gift – but it should be used responsibly**

When a Bishop speaks out some will welcome the comments and others will say the Bishop does not have experience or else lacks understanding – and therefore should stay quiet!

Well, I have plenty of experience of seeing the effects of the excessive consumption of alcohol (and several times in my youth felt such effects myself) but I certainly do not understand the attitude of successive governments to a problem that blights our society and colours the view that the rest of the world has of our nation.

Hospital managers, the police and fire services have all told me in recent months of the way alcohol related issues are soaking up ever decreasing resources. When training as a Street Pastor I discovered that 80 per cent of all domestic violence is alcohol related and that 60 per cent of all admissions at A&E on Friday and Saturday evenings are also because of alcohol.

There are reports that young people in their mid-twenties are now suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and a major new study published by the British Medical Journal concluded that one in ten cancers in men could be traced back to alcohol consumption and one in thirty three cases in women. This is nothing compared with the pain caused for families of people living with alcohol problems and for those who have the problems themselves.

One definition of ‘sin’ is anything that comes between us and God and makes us less than the person God created us to be. Alcohol abuse is one of the major ‘sins’ of our time – and it is one that governments do very little to prevent. Instead it is left to amazing organisations like Alcoholics Anonymous or in the inspirational O’Connor Gateway Charitable Trust (of which I am proud to be a trustee) to tackle the effects of this drug abuse.

Clearly the binge drinking that goes on in every town and city in this country most nights of the week is not the fault of the pub and nightclub owners. The extension of the licensing laws means that they can stay open later but in reality many now do not even arrive until 11.00pm. Prior to this they drink in their own homes, consuming alcohol which they have purchased very cheaply in their local supermarket or corner shop.

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Alcoholic drinks often cost less than non-alcoholic drinks when bought in this way. The Government has introduced minimum pricing but the level it has been set is derisory. I wonder if anyone really does know the true ‘cost’ of alcohol compared with the income it generates through taxation?

The first warm Saturday of this spring I joined a number from Staffordshire in the French town of Arras prior to rededicating the Memorial to the 46th Division in Bellinglise. The Square in Arras is full of bars which are open all day. Tables crowded with people of all ages (including families and the elderly) drinking, laughing and enjoying the sunshine. Yet no anti-social behaviour. No one was drunk.

People took their time over their drinks – a beer would last an hour. Partly this was because the cost was more expensive but I suspect mainly because of the way people have been educated to use alcohol rather than allowing alcohol to abuse them.

I am not advocating a temperance revival – Jesus drank wine and I see alcohol as a gift to enjoy. But I am calling for a more responsible use of this gift.

When I hear of older people afraid to go out at night because of drunken rampages; when I have to tread carefully in the street to avoid the pools of vomit; when I am told by young people going away from home for the first time that every single event of Freshers’ Week at their university is focused on pub crawls; when I see ‘reality’ shows on the TV that glorify drunken and degrading obscenity as the ‘Brits’ (both male and female) go on holiday in Europe, and when I join the Nite Church or Street Pastors and see beautiful but vulnerable young people become more depressed or aggressive as the night wears on, then I think that Church and Society together need to speak out.

There has been a seismic shift in attitudes towards smoking – we need the same in our approach to alcohol.

*Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford*

## Sermon series in July

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**Mornings at Christ Church and Oulton: *I & II Kings – a torn kingdom.*** The books of Kings are as you'd expect a log of the exploits of monarchs of Israel. The 400 year period between David's handing on of a rich and extensive kingdom to the time of its final destruction is summarised through selected highlights. Here we see a mixture of folly and wisdom. The flashes of glory are merely hints at the longer term plan of God through the perfect messiah-king.

**Moddershall & evenings:** our series in *Luke 10-12 Jesus' identity, mission and call* continues as we get to grips with what genuine discipleship involves.

*Paul Kingman*

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### Stone WI

At the June meeting we welcomed Chris Copp from the Shugborough and County Museum who gave a talk on the development of hats from the mid 1850's to the present day; mention being made of the hats worn at the recent Royal Wedding.

Did you know that in the 1870's around 20/30 million birds per year in England alone were slaughtered for their feathers to adorn the elaborate hats worn at that time? This led to the forming of the RSPB. Just one of many interesting facts.

The museum is always interested in acquiring 'working' hats – police helmets, guards hats, nurses caps etc. As they are everyday working hats, probably much worn, not many survive in reasonable condition. If you have one in the back of your cupboard the museum would be pleased to hear from you.

Our July meeting takes us on a summer evening mystery trip with meal – I wonder where we will go?

In August our talk is on small antiques and we have the opportunity to take our small 'treasures' for valuation. You would be most welcome to join us – 3 August at 2.00pm in the Centre.

*Jeanette Rowlands*



9 Visitors' Centre, HMP Stafford  
HALOW (Birmingham)

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Hello everyone,

Many of you will know that HALOW is a Christian based charity that offers help and support to prisoners' families. The families of prisoners go through quite a stressful experience when faced with the imprisonment of one of their family. Not only do the family have to contend with various prisons but also with all the rules and regulations that go with it. Plus they often end up with problems themselves such as loss of income, housing issues, debt and children's issues, never mind the stigma that goes with having a prisoner in the family.

Our work is to try and help with these problems, reduce the stress and help to maintain family ties which are so fragile at this time.

Our belief is that if we can make the visits experience less stressful, the prisoner will not get stressed about his family and they will have a good visit. In this way we help the prisoner cope with his sentence.

For my colleagues and I the work is interesting, challenging, demanding and very rewarding.

We also get involved in Family Days where we organise less rigid visit experiences. Prisoners can have a relaxing time with their children. The purpose of these is for prisoners to spend quality time with their children and strengthen those fragile family ties. By strengthening family ties and building family relationships we help to reduce re-offending. At the end of the day this is what it is all about.

However we cannot do this all by ourselves. We need volunteers to enable us to reach more families.

Volunteers do very valuable work..... just being able to listen and give a family some time is so important. Our volunteers Meet and Greet, work in the tea Bar, work at the desk, and help with administration. But they all have the opportunity to listen.

Our motto is **"No concern is ever too small to be heard"**

If you would like to know more about volunteering please find my contact details.

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*Valerie*

# A John Young Foundation Quiet Day

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## Led by Sally Vaughan at Sandon Hall

Little did we know as we drove along the sweeping drive of Sandon Hall we would be pheasant racing! A very sporty pheasant decided he would run alongside the car and race with us along the driveway. He gave us a splendid view of his magnificent plumage and a lot of merriment as we drove to the front door of Sandon Hall.

30 ladies gathered to 'Look and See' and be inspired by the beauty of God's creation and Sally as she led us through the day. After a short service her first talk began with an old Jewish proverb that on the Day of Judgement God will simply say 'Did you enjoy my world?' Isaiah 6v3 tells us that the earth is 'Full of His glory'. We heard from Psalms 96, 98 and 146 telling of the glory and wonders of God and singing His praise. With these things in mind Sally encouraged us to explore our 5 senses during the course of the day and to take an 'Awareness Walk'. This would give a wonderful opportunity to 'Look and See'. You might like to try this yourself sometime; perhaps using it as your quiet time - take a walk – I'm sure Sally would give you a leaflet. Take a magnifying glass and look at 'just' a humble daisy for instance.

Then off we went for an hour of quiet contemplation in the beautiful gardens and grounds of Sandon Hall – free to roam at will. After coffee Talk Two led us through the glory of trees – their stability, rootedness, the rings of age – thinking of the passage of time in our own life and events surrounding it. Questioning 'Did I have a choice where I've been planted?' 'Did I choose to become a Christian and which church should I attend?' 'Would I flourish if I was constantly transplanted?' Roots give us the stability and nourishment we need to find. Another quiet hour to contemplate then lunch and chatter as the 5 of us from Christ Church enjoyed each other's company on the terrace.

Our day soon came to an end with a communion service led by Roger and Sally. Our pheasant wasn't there to speed us along our way but we're quite sure we spotted him in the distance.

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## Personal thoughts:

After lunch, having soaked up the grounds during the morning and taken numerous photos (some did drawings) I did the awareness walk and was drawn back to a large fallen tree that I had come across during my first walk in the morning. All that could be seen was the huge base of root, soil and stones. The ‘hole’ where it had grown was now overgrown and surrounded by wild vegetation and rhododendrons so now the rest of the tree was no longer visible. I did attempt to climb through the undergrowth but it was so overgrown I couldn’t get near enough. So, looking at what would have been the most hidden part of the tree I reflected on Sally’s talk – where am I rooted? I should first be rooted in Christ, then there’s the family, where I live, work, my Church community. The roots of our life shape us to be the people we are and the journey we have made which has brought us to this moment in time.

Thank you Sally for a wonderful day.

*Jeanette Rowlands*

*Dilys Davies* What more could anyone want but to spend a day being gently led into quietness, urged to open our eyes, ears, to touch and smell, to experience God through His creation.

*Pam Pott* A day of words in the right place – from Sally.

Of space to be with God – in the beauty of the Sandon gardens.

Of silence – how good to be free from words and hear from God in the deep places within.                      A gift

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## Ascension Day in York

We set off on our 2011 boating trip in late April and headed down the Trent and Mersey Canal onto the river Trent. This joins the river Ouse and if you head upstream you find yourselves in York and can moor near the Museum Gardens close to the centre, which is of course still the Minster.

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## **Christ Church Middle School News**

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On Saturday 7th May, 36 pupils from Christ Church Middle School took part in the West Midlands Orienteering Championships. The event was held at Park Hall Country Park at Weston Coyney. It was a very wet morning, but despite this all pupils completed the courses and did extremely well. Theo Gough and Aaron Thomas from Year 6 achieved a bronze medal on their course which was excellent. Overall scores were added together and Christ Church Middle School became the West Midlands Champions for the 4th consecutive year!

The pupils who took part would like to say a big thank you to PTOC for organising the event and to all the volunteers who helped on the day in dreadful conditions. Without these volunteers events such as this could not run so smoothly. Thank you.

*Mrs H B Marsden, Head of Health and Physical Education  
Christ Church Middle School*

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### **Ascension Day in York** *(cont)*

When Terry and I got there in early June I was delighted to find that we were just in time for Ascension Day and a Solemn Eucharist instead of Evensong. The Minster's usual choristers were missing but their place was taken by a small group of voices from Rugby, Sine Nomine. They sang unaccompanied by the great organ but the congregation had the pleasure of joining in some wonderful old hymns, Hail the Day that sees Him Rise and The Head that once was Crowned with Thorns. An elderly clergyman behind me had a fine voice and he and I really let rip!!

The sermon was preached by Dr Jonathan Draper, a theologian, and his message was that contrary to the US Christians who had thought the Rapture would take them to Heaven at the end of May, Christ Himself said that it is not for us to know the times or periods that the Father has set. The rest of Dr Draper's sermon would be made known unto us on Sunday, when he would again be preaching. We felt this was most unsatisfactory, as we were leaving York on Saturday.

Generally though, this service was a lovely experience and as we left the Minster a white-robed gentleman stepped aside from the solemn procession of clerics and wished us a Happy Ascension Day.

*Monica Darlington*

## Youth Work Report

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### **Cornerstone**

Cornerstone is a group that is aimed at young people in high school. Cornerstone exists to equip the young people of faith with an understanding of scripture and the tools to study the Bible for themselves. It is also for those who are interested in exploring the Christian message. Cornerstone runs on a Sunday evening from 6:30-8, in Cornerstone we have time to reflect on the past week, spend time in prayer and each week there is a bible study and discussion. Currently we are doing a series on prayer reflecting on the importance of prayer in the Christians life. Cornerstone is attended by 5 regular young people and various others who pop in from time to time.

### **Lighthouse**

Lighthouse is a group that runs on a Tuesday after school until 5pm. This group is aimed at those in years 3-5 and this group meets in the centre. We have around 15 children attend this group each week. This club offers games, activities, craft and all sorts of other fun. However we also always spend time singing some biblically centred children's songs and there is also a talk from the bible each week. This term we have spent time giving an overview of the book of Genesis and Exodus and how that points to Jesus. Our hope in Lighthouse is that as the children come along and have fun each week that they would hear and believe the message of Jesus and accept it for themselves.

### **Youth Club**

The youth club runs on a Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm, it is aimed at all in the high school bracket. Each week the attendance varies from 20-30 young people (most of whom are not from Christian backgrounds). The structure of the youth group is very relaxed, it operates as a drop in with pool, table tennis and a tuck shop. Many of the young people are happy just to sit around with a coffee and chat. Each week there is a short bible talk which is aimed to cause the young people to stop and think. Many good conversations have been had with the young people this year. One youngster in particular has attended cornerstone a few times and seems to be exploring the claims of Jesus

### **Breathe**

Each Wednesday we run a group for 11-13 year olds. Breathe is somewhat of a mixture of Lighthouse and the Youth Club. *(cont over page)*

Each week we have time to play pool, table tennis and the like, however there are always some structured games. Each week there is also a bible talk. This group has really engaged with the bible talks and they ask many questions, some of the kids express interest each week to pray for the group which is always encouraging. We feel that this group in particular is very important, often when the kids head to the high school the church can lose track of them. So we are investing a lot into this group and hope and pray that many of these youngsters who don't know Jesus would come to know him.

### Seekers

The seekers club at the middle school is very well attended (20-30). This term we have been looking at the important meals and feasts in the bible and we have explored how many of them point to Jesus. The young people are very enthusiastic about this group and seem to really enjoy themselves. Sadly there are only one or two boys who regularly attend. We hope to run an after school club for those in year 8 next term using the Christianity Explored (youth edition) material.

### Thanks

I would like to thank the many leaders who give up their time each week and are so dedicated to help with the youth and children's work of the church. I would also like to thank the many people who pray for work also.

*Kieran McKnight*

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## *(extracts from)* **The Humphreys' News**

Dear Friends, As you know we left Hebron and India at the end of January. Since then we have been in the UK. We moved back into our unfurnished house and we saw God provide for all our physical needs. I think for both of us it has been a challenging time on many levels. We have accepted jobs in Qatar (both working in the same school in Doha) but at present we see it as a short term position, having been taken on for 2 years. Tracy especially wonders if this is God's plan "A" or whether circumstances and Owen have conspired to send her on a detour to desert places! We leave Interserve officially on July 24th, when we complete our 6 months furlough in the UK. This means we will not need financial support after then.

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# ROADS FOR PRAYER

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**3rd July**

Airdale Grove  
Airdale Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street  
Lotus Court

**10th July**

Nicholls Lane  
Old Road  
Old Road Close  
Oulton Cross  
York Street

**17th July**

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Anderton View/Way

**24th July**

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Queens Square

**31st July**

Bentley Close  
Rendel Close  
Brindley Close  
Rudyard Close

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## Humphreys' News *(cont)*

We are EXTREMELY GRATEFUL for all of you who have given money to keep us on the field. Without being boastful, we do believe that we did a good job at Hebron over the last 8+ years, and many Christian Worker families and the students themselves, have expressed their gratitude to us over this time. Without the financial support we would not have been there at all. We are also VERY grateful to ALL who have prayed for us. The money got us there physically but your prayers kept us there and enabled us to be useful and a blessing despite our imperfections and weaknesses. TOGETHER we have helped advance the Kingdom of God. We do hope that you will adopt financially other "waifs and strays" like ourselves to send and keep them in the Harvest Fields of the world.

Although we do not need financial support, as we will work in an International School on a livable wage, we would value your continued prayer support as we endeavour to be salt and light in a Muslim society, in which it is illegal to witness verbally to Muslims. We will not be part of a mission fellowship but we will be ordinary believers trying to live out our Christian faith and trying to make friends with any who the Lord is calling, who come our way.....without getting deported!

*Owen and Tracy*

# FROM THE REGISTERS

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## FUNERALS

28th April	Denis Turner	Age 85
4th May	Clifford George Renshaw	Age 84

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTÆ

AM

3rd July	V. Ledward	J. Abrahams
	D. Pickles	T. MacFarlane
10th July	D. Wilson	G. Holden
	C. Wilding	J. Rowlands
17th July	D. Davies	T. MacFarlane
	A. West	K. Thompson
24th July	P. Hipkiss	T. MacFarlane
	D. Pickles	V. Ledward
31st July	D. Wilson	J. Abrahams
	G. Holden	J. Rowlands

## FLOWER ROTÆ

3rd July	Mrs J. Rowlands
10th July	Mrs B. Boote
17th July	Miss C. Wilding
24th July	Mrs K. Thompson
31st July	Miss D. Price

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** A prayer circle of individuals (in touch by telephone) is ready to respond to requests for prayer, in confidence, at any time; please ask or ring Ann Butler 818160 or Jeanette Rowlands 816713.

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**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  
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**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

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# 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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