

# Christ Church and People

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

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(see inside back page for details)

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# November 2011

Tue	1	9:30am 10:00am 12:30am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	2	7:30pm	Standing Committee
Thu	3	10:00am 1:20pm	Ladies' prayer meeting in the vicarage Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	4		
Sat	5	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	6	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Job 1:1-2:10 "Reverent in suffering" Christianity Explored - begins with a meal
Mon	7	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 Adam Baker - Faith and Hope tour all week
Tue	8	9:30am 10:00am 12:30am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	9	7:30pm	Assembly at Alleynes Deanery Synod at Barlaston
Thu	10	10:00am 1:20pm 6:00pm	Ladies' prayer meeting in the vicarage Christ Church Academy assembly Christ Church Academy Directors' meeting
Fri	11	7:30pm	Youth Concert in church with Adam Baker
Sat	12		
Sun	13	9:15am 10:45am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Job 19 "Wrestling in suffering" Remembrance Day service in Granville Square Service for Bereaved Christianity Explored - begins with a meal
Mon	14	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	15	9:30am 10:00am 12:30am 1:00pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Stone Fraternal Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13

# November 2011

Wed	16	7:30pm	PCC meeting
Thu	17	10:00am 1:20pm 7:00pm	Ladies' prayer meeting in the vicarage Christ Church Academy assembly Switching on Christmas lights
Fri	18		Stephen Bell + team from Croatia visiting
Sat	19	7:30pm	Stone Male Voice Choir at Oulton Church
Sun	20	9:15am 2:30pm 6:00pm	Communion. Job 32-37 "Rebuked in suffering" Autumn House service Evening Prayer at Christ Church Colossians 3:18-4:1 "Family life"
Mon	21	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	22	9:30am 10:00am 12:30am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	23		
Thu	24	10:00am 1:20pm	Ladies' prayer meeting in the vicarage Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	25		
Sat	26		
Sun	27	9:15am 6:00pm	Family service Job 38-41 "Revelation in suffering" Communion Colossians 4:2-18 "Seize the moment"
Mon	28	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	29	9:30am 10:00am 12:30am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
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## The end of Europe as we know it?

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The distinctive nature and heritage of Europe are deeply rooted in the Christian faith. Just think of its architecture, art, music, literature and laws all shaped by Christianity. Yet while religion is widespread in Europe, today few know the God of the Bible and Jesus Christ as Saviour. More people will plan a trip to the shops on Sundays than to make a trip to their local church. In fact, one person has said: ‘Europe will have to fall because it has chosen materialism, although it has kept Christ in reserve as a window dummy’ (Stanley Jones – *Is the Kingdom of God Realism?*).

Biblical truth is being traded off in the shifting sands of government policy. We are abandoning the very foundation on which Europe has stood for centuries. This is the true crisis facing Europe – it is cutting itself loose from an accepted basis against which everything is checked. While there is widespread dismay at the spiralling descent of our economic systems, this is secondary to our spiritual state. We live at a time when all claims are presented as valid: we each have our own ‘truth’. So, Christian faith is a private interest rather than part of public life. Additionally, we’ve been duped into the belief that the media is the message – representation trumps reality and feelings more important than truth claims. The church seems so outdated.

But, there is hope for Europe! Christianity is about a life-changing relationship with the Lord Jesus who specialises in bringing life from death. Eastern Europe is seeing a multiplication of Christian disciples and the widespread planting of churches. France and Belgium have had many churches planted. Jesus Christ dispels the gloom of our uncertain world because he alone can reconcile us to God: ‘Christianity is to know God as your Father’ (Revd Dr Jim Packer). Jesus told the story of a father who had two sons. One went off to pursue freedom and enjoy a life of luxury and immorality. The prodigal son wasted his inheritance and reached an all time low. But: *‘When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’*



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*I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you...But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him' (Luke 15v17-18,20).* This picture of reconciliation with our Heavenly Father is a message of great hope and warmth of commitment. People long to discover these things. As a church it is our role to teach them. As a reader of this article the invitation is for you to come and discover them for yourself. Please join us this autumn as we learn these truth together.

*Paul Kingman*

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## **A service for the bereaved**

Once per year we invite those who have been bereaved to a special service. We especially invite those who have been bereaved in the last year. This year's service is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 p.m. in Christ Church, Stone.

We aim to contact the families who we met as a result of arranging funerals of their relatives or friends. However, the service is open to others who would like to attend, as we recognise that grief is something that we live with for a long while. The aim of this simple service is to give thanks to God for those we mourn over but also to receive strength from God for the future.

If you intend to come then it is helpful to contact the Benefice office with some details so that your loved one can be remembered during the service.

*Paul Kingman*

## What does your faith cost?

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The pre-kick-off huddle is a simple phenomenon – one last chance for the team to galvanise one another and get the adrenaline pumping with some choice words, back-slapping and what can only be described as a group cuddle! With the exception of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, who like to be rather more ‘in the face’ of the opposition, most rugby teams practice this ritual and indeed many other sports teams do too. Indeed having recently watched wolves re-bond after a hunt in the ‘Life of Mammals’ series it seems that humans are not alone in their bonding experiences. There were a number of similarities, though I don’t imagine Rugby players go in for sniffing each other in quite the same way that wolves do!

Well, whether it’s sniffing or cuddling, slapping or screaming, group bonding acts as an encouragement; a spurring on to what lies ahead or a reconnecting after time apart. And in countries where meeting as Christians is to risk one’s freedom and indeed life, a whispered group huddle is the means of encouragement.

At the end of September a number of us went to Stafford to the ‘Open Doors’ Autumn Roadshow “Walking Through Fire.” It was a sobering evening. Our Bibles were confiscated on arrival for being subversive literature. Worship songs were sung in the silence of our hearts so as not to be heard by unfriendly ears and we were encouraged to get into group huddles and whisper words of Scripture to one another to comfort, encourage and spur one another on. This group huddle, we were told, is as close as many get to a Bible study or sermon each week.

In John 16:33 Jesus says to his disciples: *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

Discipleship and trouble go together. We must praise God for the freedom that we have in this country to live out our faith, but this verse is a challenge for us to examine our own discipleship. Our brothers and sisters across the world daily face: redundancy, confiscation of property, beatings, being disowned by family and friends, imprisonment and even death for the sake of the Lord Jesus. But what does our discipleship cost? Our brothers and sisters know what it is to cling to Jesus words “Take heart for I have overcome the world” and to long for heaven. Do we?

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On Nov 6<sup>th</sup> ‘Open Doors’\* start a 7 week campaign of prayer for children of the persecuted church. Children who are in hiding, who have been banned from School, who have had parents imprisoned or killed, all for the sake of Jesus. The Rugby World Cup may be over but the group huddle needn’t be. Why not make an autumn resolution to make prayer with others a priority? After all, there’s nothing like the presence of others to help us stay focused!

\*For more information see [www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org)

*Andy Cranston*

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### Sermons in November

**Mornings at Christ Church and Oulton:** Job – ‘Faith in the dark.’ The book of Job charts the suffering of an individual follower of God. Job experiences great personal tragedy in life and this is discussed with four friends exploring why this has happened. The book explores whether God is fair or even good. Traditional, but trite, answers are shown to be inadequate.

**Moddershall:** Colossians – ‘All you need is Christ!’ Jesus existed before the world was made and is the one who brings God and the human race together. Christians are to grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus our Lord, rather than to focus on religious ritual and regulations. What matters are right relationships and attitudes in the church, family, workplace and world.

*Paul Kingman*

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### Wordcount

The Lord’s Prayer	66 words
Ten Commandments	179 words
US Declaration of Independence	1300 words
EU Regulations on the Sale of Cabbage	26,711 words

### Free Christmas Stickers

How about using some FREE Christmas envelope stickers on the cards and letters you send this Christmas?

**The Bible Society** will provide you with some colourful stickers that illustrate the real Christmas story- simply.

Call 01793 418330 (please quote 79904)

Or visit [Christmasunwrapped.org.uk](http://Christmasunwrapped.org.uk)

Or text “Stickers” followed by name, house number and postcode to 60777 (valid until Dec 2011)

I’ve got mine already, and I recommend them

*Sally Vaughan*

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### Shoeboxes for Christmas

Operation Christmas Child is part of a much larger Christian charity, Samaritan’s Purse, which provides relief and development in many countries. Last year they provided 1.2 million shoeboxes filled with gifts for children. The scale of the operation is incredible, and yet there are still only enough boxes to allow each chosen child to receive just one shoebox throughout their childhood.

It is amazing how much you can fit in a shoebox and the project helped me to focus briefly on something else during difficult days, as well as providing presents for children who had so little.

There is a further challenge this year to fill boxes with gifts relating to the Olympics; perhaps including a tennis ball, or Olympic cards and stickers. Completed boxes can be taken to Shoe Zone Stores or Stead and Simpson in Stafford.

Details on ideas on how to get started and stories about the children who have received the gifts, can be found on

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) There are even knitting patterns for puppets, teddy bears and beanie hats.

Will you consider answering a child’s prayer this Christmas?

*Jan*

# **<sup>9</sup>Presidential Address by the Right Revd Jonathan Gledhill, to the Lichfield Diocesan Synod**

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I have five things for you to be particularly proud of this morning. It could easily have been 25 but we have a crowded agenda this morning.

The first is that we got to the final of the Church Times Cricket Cup again last month. All right, we didn't win the cup as we did last time but it is still something to celebrate, and next year is already in sight for those who prefer cricket to rugby.

The second thing was that I was helping to lead a diocesan conference elsewhere last week and they asked me to speak on Welcoming the Stranger and specifically on Back to Church Sunday, which they knew nothing about. And it made me realise how many good initiatives that we have been part of over recent years. All the Mission Action Plans, Everybody Welcome course, Leading Your Church into Growth, the Fresh Expressions of Church, Messy Church, The weddings project and so on and on and on. I think we can be proud of the way that those have all added to our life.

The third thing is that someone pointed out to me that Lichfield Diocese has more adult baptisms than any other diocese in the country – that was the figures for last year. And what wonderful stories lie behind those requests for adult baptism!

The fourth thing is the opening of St Peter's Academy in Stoke this last month. I thank Colin Hopkins, Archdeacon Godfrey, for Elaine and for all your team. Please pray for this special school in Stoke as it settles down under a new head that it may grow into a beacon school for the city and the diocese and be of encouragement for all.

And the last thing is that I am proud of the way in the Church of England, and this diocese in particular, the way we handle conflict and controversy. And I've been to plenty of meetings as you have been, including meetings of this Synod, where there have been robust debates and very strongly expressed opinions. But I've always been impressed by the respect and the courtesy shown to those of opposing views, even if they've seemed completely heretical to the speaker.

Some, of course, always turn a debate into a bitter feud when they report it. Usually it's no such thing.

People say that the Anglican Communion is tearing itself apart by feuding over certain controversial matters, including the one we are going to look at today. But I say it is not a bad thing to have honest debate over things which are, frankly, difficult. And we shouldn't be ashamed of holding those debates in public.

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I was sitting next to a Roman Catholic lady at a recent meeting when some Vatican decree was being announced; and the lady turned to me and said: “They didn’t consult me about that!” Well, no-one in the Church of England can say that. And washing your dirty linen in public can be the sign of a mature democracy and doing it in public is almost always better than sweeping the problems under the carpet.

Now I mention these things because all those five points are really good news; and good news is counter-cultural at the moment. Most of our news programmes are full of gloom and despair. And you think is life worth living if the news is going to continue saying things like this. Well, we in the Christian churches can’t escape our context. We too have pension funds, lead theft and financial problems in all our parishes and deaneries.

The Diocesan Secretary showed me a piece written by Ruth Gledhill, no relation, that she had written in the Times last week that vicar numbers in the Church of England have slumped and a vicar shortage may leave the Church “little more than a sect.” Dean Trevor Beeson wrote back: “Sir, it is manifestly absurd to suggest that a church which has 29,000 licensed and authorised ministers, to suggest it is in danger of becoming little more than a sect. The Church of England’s problem is not a vicar shortage but the lack of a strategy that would ensure the proper deployment of the considerable resources already under its disposal.”

Last month 33 new clergy and Readers began their training at Shallowford – that is of course in addition to all those being trained in theological colleges all over the country. It may be true that as a diocese we have not invested in children and young families as much as we could have done in recent years – though it’s good to welcome [new diocesan advisor for school’s outreach] Libby [Leach]. But that has had an effect on our finances as we have become a church of grandparents. But, as we will hear later on, our finances are in better shape than many of us feared and we have faced worse crises many times in our history. And we are not afraid of pruning when necessary.

Next month we are going to receive the results of our Plain Speaking exercise and will know what your advice will be as to how many full-time priests you think your deanery can afford and how many we should be praying for.

A second letter replying to the same article by Ruth Gledhill said: “Many young and gifted people moved to the newer churches over the past 20 years as they were deemed too young by the Church to exercise their leadership potential. Growth is taking place in these other churches because young leaders bring a dynamic style that attracts people to the Gospel.” *(continued on next page)*

## **Presidential Address** *(cont)*

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Well, all but one of our ordinands for stipendiary ministry were under 35 last year which shows that we are beginning to learn that lesson.

Of course our financial problems could be solved overnight if our committed members and communicants were to tithe, or even to give five per cent of their income away. We would then be embarrassed at the amount of money we would have to give away.

But it may well be that God wants to release the ministry of all the baptized among us and for us to experience a new way of being church together. Our nation, with the unhappiest children in Europe and money problems that are symptoms of a spiritual malaise, our nation needs the Church and its message of Good News more than ever.

Let's not miss out on this opportunity of serving our nation with the Gospel by building up a flourishing Christian presence in all our communities, and let us do it together with joy.

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### **To all our friends at Christ Church**

- it has now been two months since we left Stone and journeyed up to the frozen wastes of North Yorkshire, therefore we thought we would provide you with an update on how things have gone. We have settled in nicely, thanks to the great help of family and friends, we are renting our current property for 6 months and are currently looking to buy a house in the area where we are, we have found a house we like and have had an offer accepted, so currently going through surveys and all the legal stuff. The house is in a small village called Askham Bryan, where we have attended the church there on a few occasions, a lot different from and smaller than Christ Church but a good band of faithful servants who attend on a regular basis (no music group in sight ... yet!).

Josephine and Jenny are enjoying having us close by and we are able to spend a lot more time with them which was our aim when making the move. We hope you are all well and we miss your friendship and fellowship, we will be thinking of you as you look towards Christmas and enjoying the excellent music that we would normally be a part of (will probably be of a better standard without us!)"

Yours in His love *Nesta & Jeff*

## Advent is Coming .....

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One way of marking the season of Advent is by reading a special book, maybe designed around a special set of Bible readings.

I've recently been given just such a book, which I have already dipped into and which I think looks as it will be well worth reading through, slowly, during Advent.

It's called "*The Meaning is in the Waiting - the Spirit of Advent*", written by *Paula Gooder* (who is always well worth hearing or reading) and it's published by Canterbury Press.

Basically there are four chapters, each split into six sections, with bible readings, with a brief introduction and conclusion. Each chapter is focused around the biblical character most associated with one of the four candles on the Advent wreath.

The book looks at different kinds of waiting:

- \* Abraham and Sarah who waited a lifetime for the fulfilment of God's promise to them:
- \* The prophets who waited for God's intervention, something both longed for and feared;
- \* John the Baptist whose ministry marked the end of the old era and anticipated the new and pointed to things beyond himself;
- \* Mary whose life was shaped by waiting and by events beyond her control.

This book invites us to explore Advent's central theme of waiting - something most of us are not very good at in our modern culture. From a Biblical perspective, it considers such topics as - why we need to wait ... what it feels like to be someone who waits ... what happens when we lose patience or hope ..... and why God might want us to get better at waiting.

And you can ask me after Christmas how my Advent reading went!

*Sally Vaughan*

## Twin your Toilet Now!

### *What is “Toilet Twinning”?*

Well, for £60, you can twin your toilet at home, work, church or school with a latrine in the remote Giharo Commune of Rutana Province, Burundi. International charities Cord and Tearfund have linked up to bring you Toilet Twinning: a unique way to help transform lives in poor communities across the world.

When you twin your toilet, your loo is linked with a latrine Africa. You'll receive a framed certificate of your toilet's twin, containing a photo, the latrine's location and its GPS coordinates so you can look it up on Google Maps.

Tearfund and Cord will use the money raised to help households have their own loo; enjoy better health; go to school and work; and fund other projects to alleviate poverty around the world.

Since the launch of Toilet Twinning in 2009, more than 1,600 latrines have been built in Burundi – providing safe loos for nearly 10,000 people! [Read about Tuyisenge Jean](#), just one of the people who now has somewhere clean and safe to go to the loo.

### *Did you know?*

In Africa, half of young girls who drop out of school do so because they need to collect water – often from many miles away – or because the school hasn't got a basic toilet

### *How does it work?*

When you twin a toilet, you (or the person you are giving it to) will receive a framed photo of a Burundi latrine as a public declaration to all who visit your cloakroom that you think it's out of order that 1 in 3 people in the world don't have access to a decent loo. Your donation will then be used by Cord and Tearfund to help flush away poverty!

**toilettwinning.org**  
flushing away poverty



## Balkan Project

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It is with great joy that we give updates on what The Lord is doing in our midst! As you can see the building project is moving along rapidly and joyously. We started services in August and we celebrate the opening and dedicate the building 30th October. We have completed phase one, namely a meeting room of 140m<sup>2</sup>, with room for 140 and four small Sunday School rooms. Phase two is knocking on our doors rather faster than we had planned!

We have been offered and already given huge glass panels 3.5m high, 1 m wide and 3 inches thick which will be sufficient to fully enclose the yard you see below, as well as the surrounding walls and more. The material would have cost £65,000 new, but we have had them delivered to our doorstep for £0.00!

One of our new members Dejan works in a glass factory and although these panels are brand new, they were made to obsolete specifications. Dejan persuaded his boss to donate them. I believe Ephesians 3v20-21 comes into play here, whereby God has given us more than we could have even dreamed of! My, some of you have been praying! We still need the finances to «build in» the glass wall, though. The church is growing and there is a great enthusiasm. We have a sense of purpose and that God is guiding us and providing on the way. We are being touched and challenged by The Lord and we are counting the cost. Just this last Sunday Davor preached on personal revival. People were called forward to full commitment and as I had finished praying for one deacon (actually the preacher!) I looked round to see half the church had come forward! Pray specially for Igor and Nina, a young couple who have recently become Christians. I will start a «Christianity Explained» course with them. We will also train certain leaders in the course, so they can follow up such new conversions.

### Balkan Project: Oct 6-9 Conference - Vision Trip Oct 10-17

Operation "50 years in 5" kicked into gear as 11 Brazilian and 5 Ukrainian church leaders visited the "churchplanting zones" in Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia, together with ECM's Johan Lukasse and Stephanie Shackelford. We prayed for vision, joy & accepting the challenge as we sought to mobilize 12+ Brazilian and 6+ Ukrainian missionaries for 2012 to start the project. We prayed for travel safety as 2 minibuses and our car travelled over 2000 Balkan kilometres and for spiritual strategizing as all these leaders met and travelled with the 7 Balkan churchplanting project overseers. We had meetings in 6 churches and churchplants, as well as praying over 6 envisioned new churchplants.

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# ROADS FOR PRAYER

## 6th November

Airdale Grove  
Airdale Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street  
Lotus Court

## 20th November

Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square  
York Street

## 13th November

Nicholls Lane  
Old Road  
Old Road Close  
Oulton Cross  
Oulton Road

## 27th November

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton Way/View



## Balkan Project *(cont)*

Church leaders and Mission mobilizers descended on the Balkans during October. We started immediately with the Missions Conference, aligning our vision, hearing from God's word, praising God in many languages with a main focus on concentrated prayer, as we worshipped with congregations from the three churches. - Then it was into the vans and off to Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia as «the eye sees so the heart can feel».

- Please stand with us and and cover the project in 2012 with prayer.

*\* New missionaries*

*\* Many conversions*

*\* New churches*

*\* New hope!*

## What happened at the Conference?

6th - 8th Oct	Conference for 100 from Ukraine, Brazil, Balkans and elsewhere
9th Sun	After Lunch, depart for Zagreb
10th Mon	Depart Bosnia Early - 6 hours to Novi Travnik, Bosnia
11th Tue	Return from Bosnia Late
12th Wed	Prayer meeting - visit and prayer for Dugo Selo & Sesvete
13th Thurs	Service in Ivanec - Visiting Varaždin – street witnessing
14th Fri	Service in Novi Marof – pray for Ludbreg, Lepoglava & Varaždin Toplice
15th Sat	Kocevje, Slovenia Visiting a new zone, helping a growing church
16th Sun	Dubrava & Varaždin: Brazilian & Ukrainian flavour came to these churches
17th Monday	Depart to Ukraine & Brazil

# FROM THE REGISTERS

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## WEDDING

15th October James John Nuttall and Katrina Elizabeth Green

## BAPTISMS

4th Sept Daisy May Stubbs  
Carter Jay Bromfield-Goodwin  
Levi James Bromfield-Goodwin

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

### AM

6th Nov	D. Wilson	G. Holden
	D. Davies	J. Rowlands
13th Nov	C. Wilding	D. Davies
	A. West	K. Thompson
20th Nov	V. Ledward	T. MacFarlane
	D. Wilson	J. Abrahams
27th Nov	P. Hipkiss	G. Holden
	D. Pickles	J. Rowlands

**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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 Mrs L. Kelly, Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs E. Woodhead

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## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

**Climbers 3-7 years** Sandra Morray.....286093  
**Explorers 7-11 years** Estella Woodhead.....761659  
**Pathfinders 11-14 years** Enid Bell.....815775  
**Banner Group** Jeanette Rowlands.....816713  
**Church Missionary Boxes** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Flower Guild** Marylyn Hillman.....815936  
**Men's Fellowship** Mike Thompson.....813712  
**Missions Secretary** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Prayer Requests** 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

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## Wake up and smell the Coffee!

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New brands of Fairtrade coffee are being introduced after morning services

*Andy Reports on the coffee-tasting*

Well, it was a close run thing...

We were provided with six coffees. One a few of us tried at the Story Telling and the consensus was that it was about a 6/10, so that was not tried today – likewise, the De-caff was not put out (we need the caffeine).

The Four coffees today were: -

CLASSIC COLOMBIAN

MELLOW RICO

BRAZILIAN GOLD

COSTA RICA ORGANIC

The average scores were close, so I had to look the actual scoring, using several statistical models to come up with a final pair of coffees, since a single low score (2) amongst 7,8 & 9's pulled one score down, but there was a clear winner,

COSTA RICA ORGANIC

100% Fairtrade Organic Costa Rica SHB Arabica

Medium/Dark Filter Roast

Great sweetness and a really clean finish with notes of toasted caramel and roasted hazelnuts balanced by a slight fruity acidity. Mild body with a short, sharp finish.

Perfect as a morning coffee

With (once the 2 was discounted)

BRAZILIAN GOLD a clear second.

100% Fairtrade Brazil Santos Fine Cup Arabica

Medium Filter Roast

Smooth and malty with peanut and walnut like flavours, balanced by a subtle earthiness and creamy body.

Perfect as an all day drinking or after dinner coffee

The intention is to buy one box of each, so both are available – one is medium, the other is a darker roast, so that should count for most tastes (apart from the treacle-like espresso lovers!)

To see more about this Christian Fairtrade Company, look at

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