

# Christ Church and People

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Christ Church Stone

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# March 2012

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**Young people's activities** take place in the Centre at 9.15 am  
(see inside back page for details)

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## Christ Church



## and People

Please get your contributions for the April magazine to us by 15th March

Cover Story:-  
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and Anchor

### **An Evening with Phil and Arthur**

Saturday 3rd March at 7pm in the Centre

Something for Everyone

Sale of plant and pots of spring bulbs

Have a guess at some games - 50p a go  
with great prizes to be won

Be part of a team in a lighthearted quiz

Refreshments

Proceeds to the Church general fund

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

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# March 2012

Thu	1	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	2	2:00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat	3	8:30am 7:00pm	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Arthur and Phil's Evening
Sun	4	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Mark 10:46-52 "An anointed King" Don't Waste your Life - meal followed by course
Mon	5	6:00pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	6	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	7	7:30pm	Lent Course
Thu	8	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	9		
Sat	10		
Sun	11	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Mark 11:12-26 "A marked man" Families at Four - A service for the whole family Don't Waste Your Life - meal followed by course
Mon	12	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 PCC meeting
Tue	13	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	14	7:30pm	Lent Course
Thu	15	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly

Fri	16		
Sat	17		
Sun	18	9:15am 6:00pm	Mothering Sunday Communion. Mark 14:1-11 "Anointed for death" Don't Waste Your Life - meal followed by course
Mon	19	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	20	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	21	7:30pm	Lent Course
Thu	22	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	23		
Sat	24	7:00pm	Stone Choral Society concert
Sun	25	9:15am 10:30am 6:00pm	Family service. Mark 15:1-21 "Trial and Torture" Fair Trade stall Don't Waste Your Life - meal followed by course
Mon	26	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	27	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	28	7:30pm	Lent Course
Thu	29	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	30	2:00pm	Christ Church Academy Easter Service in church
Sat	31		

## The Jubilee has begun!

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The Queen's diamond jubilee year has a dazzling variety of events scheduled across the country. During this time she will visit many locations as she meets, greets and celebrates 60 years as monarch.

The term 'jubilee' means anniversary or season of rejoicing. It's an appropriate term to be used for the celebrations planned for 2012 including a pageant, parade at Windsor, concert at Buckingham Palace, service of national thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, big lunch and the burning of beacons. It is clearly the Queen's hope that it will serve to bring the nation together.

In the Bible 'Jubilee' is also significant as the nationwide release that was to take place every fiftieth year on the Day of Atonement. The word comes from the Hebrew word for "ram's horn" which signalled the Jubilee's beginning. It had three components. First, the land was to be fallow. The people were not to farm the land, but to grow what grew naturally. Second, all Hebrew slaves were to go free. Third, the land reverted to its original owner – which ensured that no citizen would remain poor or a slave forever. A person selling the land to another was really selling a certain number of crops, so the number of years before the Jubilee determined the sale price (Leviticus 25v10, 13). The law showed that the land belonged to God and that His people were to be free.

Jesus proclaimed that his ministry was a spiritual Jubilee: *'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of the sight for he blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'* (Luke 4v18-19). His reign as King brings great blessings and is something to rejoice over: the weight of sin is removed; his wisdom and way of life brings great freedom. His reign involved first the endurance of cruel suffering and his death on a cross, but was followed by his resurrection and ascension to reign forever.

The Queen has nailed her colours to the mast by speaking of her own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the one in whom true blessings are found. Let's follow her Majesty's lead on this!

*Paul Kingman*



## When did you last say Thank you?

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Rearing children is not an easy task! It takes endurance, patience and a lot of effort to try to instil within them the necessary attributes to help them on the way to becoming civilized members of society. Wheat-a-bix doesn't belong in the DVD player. Clothes are meant to be worn not strewn about the house. Library books are to be read, not drawn on. And it is courteous to say thank you when Mummy spends an hour preparing your food rather than pouring it on to the floor. The list could go on!

Minding my P's and Q's is certainly a lesson that I well remember from my younger days but it is also one of the lessons that most struck me during my time at Ridley theological college. One of my New Testament lecturers constantly drew our attention to the number of times that Paul gives thanks in his letters. 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 2 Timothy and Philemon all begin with a prayer of thanks to God for the work he is doing in people's lives. I wonder, are we as good as Paul at giving thanks for faith in others or ourselves? Paul seemed to be doing it constantly!

But not only does Paul give thanks himself, he encourages the recipients of his letters to do likewise:

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20)*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)*

My lecturer would say that one of the key reasons people start to drift from God is because they stop saying thank you. Thanksgiving should be at the heart of our relationship with God but it's so easy to let it slip. When things are going well, we become complacent, taking the gifts God gives us for granted. And when life is difficult we lose sight of his blessings behind the mountain of grief or pain that confronts us.

When did you last count your blessings? William Kethe's Hymn '*All people that on earth do dwell*' indicates why we should be so thankful. The end of verse 3 and beginning of verse 4 read:

*Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.  
For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;*

*(continued on ext page)*

God's goodness and mercy are constants in our every changing scenes of life and one day they will be fully and perfectly realised by those who trust him. Whatever our circumstances now, the best is yet to come and that is something for which to be thankful!

And praise God too for a mealtime when the vacuum cleaner wasn't needed afterwards!

*Andy*

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## Jigsaw Snippets 2

As we shared in our last newsletter Jigsaw has been able to get for the first time it's very own centre in Angeles (Manila) and it's wonderful! Before Christmas the Jigsaw staff went to clean the building and level the surrounding area for play. When they arrived streams of children turned up and impromptu games and singing broke out. Children and Mums were over the moon that Jigsaw was restarting as they had been waiting several months for Jigsaw to find a building. The Jigsaw staff told all the kids they would be back on Friday to finish cleaning and prepare the centre for the Christmas party. WELL when the staff arrived on Friday they could not believe their eyes. Something was waiting for them which was to blow their minds and hearts. As they drew up in the van there were children of all ages and a shy group of Mums. It is such a poor and needy place but someone had found a piece of cloth and had written "Welcome Back Jigsaw" and had hung it on the gates. The staff got out of the van and went up to the big group of shining faces. As they arrived the children came forward and gave each Jigsaw worker a beautiful cup cake. The children and their families had put all their coins together to buy cakes to welcome the Jigsaw staff back to Angeles. Jigsaw kids' workers said with tears in their eyes "We couldn't believe the love we received, the children are our strength." Jigsaw's belief that there's a need for all of us to give and receive love, shone brightly like a rainbow in the sky over Angeles city. Love shone through the gift of 20 tiny neon cup cakes. Oh how can we praise God for the growth of his Love in Jigsaw.

*Full version of "Jigsaw Snippets 2" is available on request, with more amazing stories from Manila.*



## **Children At Risk – ‘We Have a Part to Play’**

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I had the delightful experience of going to the cinema with my family recently to see ‘Arthur Christmas’, surely one of the great feel- good Christmas movies ever. If Father Christmas delivers the DVD to me next year I will certainly not be complaining! Amongst the hilarity and breathless action, there are some key themes which resonate closely with insights from the Christian faith. One of them would be the supreme importance of the individual child. Another would be the need to move out of our comfort zone, even to the point of risking personal hardship, to respond to the needs of another. Two pictures from Scripture underline these connections: Jesus taking children into his arms, blessing them and declaring ‘it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs’ and the shepherd searching for his lost sheep in the wilderness.

For anyone, and any religion, which prizes above all the welfare of children, there is a state of affairs in this country which is profoundly shocking, namely that 100,000 children run away from home or care every year. Of these, more than 25% have been the victim of a harmful or dangerous experience. The Children’s Society has been taking the lead in highlighting this issue through the launch of its ‘Make Runaways Safe’ campaign, which advocates a national safety net for children on the run. Encouragingly, it seems as if the Government understands the seriousness of the issue as it has just published a new, national strategy on Missing Children and Adults and a specific action plan to protect vulnerable children, including those that run away from home, from being exploited sexually. On their own, however, national plans and strategies won’t be enough to change the reality for children at risk on the streets. Policy needs to be implemented at local level – to make sure that in every area of the country, every council, every police force, every church, every individual who works with children, really does everything they can to make vulnerable children safe.

Church communities, and church sponsored youth projects, are often places to which vulnerable children are drawn. Sometimes, as we all know only too well, that trust has been abused, occasionally criminally so. But far more typically, churches have offered welcome, care, support and encouragement, and young people have grown in self - esteem as a result. As a Diocese we have , for a number of years, been helping to support parishes with grants to help fund their youth and children’s work and the work done in Church schools to support vulnerable children is unquantifiable.

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## **‘We Have a Part to Play’** *(cont)*

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However, the Gospel message, reinforced by ‘Arthur Christmas’, is that laurels cannot be rested upon while there is even a single lost sheep or needy child within our compass of responsibility. 100,000 Runaways certainly focuses the need for us, individually and as Christian communities, to make more strenuous efforts to attend to the welfare of children within our society. A good place to start for some of us may be to sign up to the ‘Make Runaways Safe’ campaign on the Children’s Society website, Facebook or via twitter. But for Churches that want to make this a major aspect of their transforming mission, there will be much more that can be done as the campaign becomes more locally focused this year.

*Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton*

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### **Easter Flowers**

The Flower Guild would be most grateful for donations towards the purchase of flowers for Easter. Donations can be left at the Parish Office. On the two Sundays before Easter collection plates will be placed at the church entrances.

If you wish to have a name entered into the Book of Remembrance, please let me know before Sunday 25th March. Thanks, *Marylyn*

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### **Women’s World Day of Prayer**

Friday March 2nd in Christ Church Centre

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### **Families 44**

Christ Church's new monthly service for all the family!

With Cake, craft, songs and Bible stories.

Starting @4pm done by 5pm

Come and join the fun on

Mar 11

April 8

April 29

May 13

June 10

July 8

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information contact Andy Cranston on 818983 or  
[acranston.cestone@gmail.com](mailto:acranston.cestone@gmail.com)

## The Carbon Fast *(by Tear Fund)*

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The Carbon Fast provides daily actions and prayers for Lent to help you and your church protect poor people from the changing climate and care for God's good creation. Why take part?

Our day-to-day lives may not be impacted severely by the changing climate – yet. But what about people who struggle to feed their families or find a home that won't get washed away, or who can't work because the fields have been destroyed by droughts and storms?

And here in the UK, as many people struggle with heating bills we can see how even predictable weather can push us to the edge. It's our job to bring hope. Join us in the Carbon Fast to respond to this challenge, remembering how God has called us to respect and look after his good creation and to protect poor people who we know are suffering the most.

How to use this guide

- Action of the week: if you only do one thing, do this.
- More adventurous actions are for carbon-cutting experts who want something harder, or those who are keen to try something different.
- If you don't own a house or car, or feel you're unable to do an action, please don't give up! Adapt another action and keep praying for action on climate change.

### **Week 1: Enjoy (creation)**

In the beginning God created the world... Majestic and wonderful, it reflected God's greatness. He created us to enjoy it – to marvel at its beauty and enjoy the creatures that dwell on it. He created it so we could glorify him. This week's actions help us to enjoy creation and glorify him through it.

Wednesday 22 February Remove one light bulb in your home and live without it during Lent as a reminder for what you're doing.

Thursday 23 February – \*action of the week\* Compost. Put nutrients from your food waste back into the soil, not into methane-emitting landfill. If you don't have a garden, investigate other options like wormeries.

Friday 24 February Pass it on. Tell a neighbour or friend about the Carbon Fast and suggest one action they could do.

Saturday 25 February Find ways to garden in or with your church or community. Resurrect a forgotten wasteland or help weed a neighbour's garden. Grow things you can all eat and enjoy.

Sunday 26 February Pray for a global response to climate change, giving thanks for individuals and churches in the UK and across the world who are helping by reducing their emissions through the Carbon Fast.

Monday 27 February Cut air miles. Don't buy any food that you know has been imported by plane (apart from Fairtrade products). If labelling is unclear, ask!

## **Carbon Fast** *(cont)*

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Tuesday 28 February Order or download Dried Up, Drowned Out, Tearfund's climate film. Show it in your church and ask people to take the action at the end of the film. [www.tearfund.org/driedup](http://www.tearfund.org/driedup)

Wednesday 29 February Choose one carbon action and stick to it for four years – till the next leap year!

Thursday 1 March Make do and mend. Refashion and mend old clothes and fabrics so they last longer.

Friday 2 March Borrow or buy an energy monitor. Watch your energy use for the next month and see where you can decrease consumption.

Saturday 3 March Adventurous action: challenge yourself not to fly anywhere for the next year – or for longer if you already operate a no-fly home.

### **Week 2: Care (for the earth)**

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15) As you attempt each action this week, use it as an opportunity to reflect on and pray about what it means to care for the earth as God commanded.

Sunday 4 March Warm Sweater Sunday! Turn your home or church heating down and wear warm jumpers instead. Why not make this into a fun day at church to raise awareness about the issues? More info and ideas at [www.tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://www.tearfund.org/carbonfast)

Monday 5 March Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need.

Tuesday 6 March Take a short shower instead of a bath: you'll heat less water.

Wednesday 7 March Dreaming of summer? Book a no-fly holiday or short break and make the most of the UK countryside!

Thursday 8 March Are you recycling everything you can? Investigate what your local council has on offer: eg plastic packaging and carton recycling can be available in superstore car parks.

Friday 9 March - \*action of the week\* Walk or cycle to work – or wherever you're going – today and this weekend.

Saturday 10 March Adventurous action: convert your car to run on chip fat/waste cooking oil or investigate electric cars. For tips and inspiration visit [www.vegoilmotoring.com](http://www.vegoilmotoring.com) and [info.cat.org.uk](http://info.cat.org.uk)

### **Week 3: Love (neighbours)**

We're commanded as Christians to love God and to love others – and there is no limit to the meaning of 'others'. Battling with climate change means thinking about the impacts it will have not just on us but also on our neighbours across the world, particularly the poorest and most vulnerable. Pray for them this week.

Sunday 11 March Many poor farmers in developing countries have to change their farming practices because of changes in weather related to climate change. Pray for Tearfund's work as we help farmers by providing understanding of the changes and what they can do to adapt.

Monday 12 March Register to stop junk mail which wastes paper and energy via the Mail Preference Service ([www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)) or Royal Mail ([www2.royalmail.com/youhome/controlling-your-mail](http://www2.royalmail.com/youhome/controlling-your-mail)).

## **Carbon Fast** *(cont)*

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Tuesday 13 March Talk to your church leader about the Climate Justice Fund to suggest they support it, or talk to Tearfund about another way your church could help to fight climate change and support poor people who are already suffering. [www.climatejusticefund.org](http://www.climatejusticefund.org)

Wednesday 14 March Check tyre pressure. If it's low you'll be consuming more fuel. If you don't have a car, remind a family member, a friend or your bus driver!

Thursday 15 March Lend or borrow items like ladders, lawnmowers or even cars, instead of buying them new. The first time you do this, give money you save to Tearfund – [www.tearfund.org/giving](http://www.tearfund.org/giving)

Friday 16 March - \*action of the week\* Buy nothing today – or this coming weekend.

Saturday 17 March Adventurous action: form a group in your church or wider community to act and pray in response to climate change. Visit [www.tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://www.tearfund.org/carbonfast) for ideas.

### **Week 4: Act (justly)**

What does justice look like for poor communities hit hardest by climate change but least responsible? As we start this week, please pray for justice for these poor communities, and as you act during the week please keep praying for your actions to be multiplied so that good change will come about globally.

Sunday 18 March Pray for bold outcomes that protect people and planet at the upcoming sustainable development talks in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Monday 19 March Fix some foil behind radiators in your house to reflect the heat.

Tuesday 20 March - \*action for the week\* Speak up for justice by adding your voice to Tearfund's climate campaign action - [www.tearfund.org/campaign](http://www.tearfund.org/campaign)

Wednesday 21 March Choose products with little or no packaging, and ask a supermarket near you to reduce packaging on food and offer more locally-produced products.

Thursday 22 March Visit [www.climatejusticefund.org](http://www.climatejusticefund.org) to find out how you and your church could help communities in Africa respond to climate change.

Friday 23 March Walk in your local area. Pick up any litter, recycle it if you can.

Saturday 24 March Adventurous action: arrange to meet your MP (they'll usually be happy to). Ask them what they're doing in parliament and their constituency to tackle climate change.

### **Week 5: Walk (humbly)**

‘And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.’ (Micah 6:8). This week's theme and actions are all about how we can walk more in step with God so that we can be a blessing to our global neighbours and the rest of creation.

Sunday 25 March Give thanks for churches across the world seeking to respond humbly to climate change because of their love for the God who created the earth. Pray for your church's response.

*(The last section of the Carbon Fast can be found on the back cover)*

## Introducing Adam and Sarah Baker

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'Some of you may remember Adam visiting us in the Autumn and assisting with a week's mission in our schools and children and young people's clubs. At the 1st February 2012 PCC meeting it was agreed that we adopt Adam & Sarah as new mission partners.' They write - .....

Hello,

We are Adam and Sarah Baker and God has brought us on an exciting journey that has led us to joining WEC (Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ) International. We really feel like God has given us a heart for vulnerable children and in particular street children. We hope to work in Senegal with street children, before we go we will be learning French in France. Adam also hopes to use music through WEC's Resonance ministry.

In Dakar WEC are involved with a ministry to street children called the House of Hope. They have two homes for street boys and in the last year have started a ministry for girls on the street. Many of the street boys in Senegal have previously been Talibe's (disciples) of Islam. These talibe's are boys who have been given away by their parents to religious schools (Daara's) under the authority of teachers known as Marabout's. Some of these boys are sent away as young as 4 years old. This is an Islamic tradition in Senegal that is affected by poverty and corruption. Many Marabout's send children on to the streets to beg for money and food and if they do not bring back enough they are severely beaten. Their basic needs are neglected, many of them suffer from malnutrition, poor hygiene, skin diseases and other untreated illnesses. They lack the love and nurture that children need to develop. The issue is huge with numbers estimated around 100,000 child beggars in Senegal (Unicef, 2004). Many children run away from these schools to survive on the streets alone where they are at risk of further abuse, exploitation, and drug use.

The House of Hope is a place where these children can find hope and healing and where their physical, emotional and spiritual needs can be met.

*Adam and Sarah Baker*

**Christ Church Stone invites you to**

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# **ON YOUR MARKS..**

a Holiday Club for children in Reception - Year 6

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

**Christ Church Centre, Stone**

**10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**1.30 - 3.30 pm**

*Holiday Club Service: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 9.15 am*

For booking forms contact the Church Office on

**01785 811990**

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## **On Your Marks holiday club 10th - 13th April**

Preparations are under way. The theme has a topical Olympic sound (ring?). Following the international theme could anyone lend a world wall map (post colonial please)? We need several, also flags of different nations, any size, and bunting for decorating in the centre and church.

If you have any of the very thin plastic carrier bags in stripes and colours we have ideas to recycle them in the craft sessions. contact Dorothy 01785 812078

## Fair Trade

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The winter edition of 'Fair Comment', the newsletter of the Fairtrade-Foundation, highlighted the following:

- 1 In spite of the recession, Fairtrade sales in the UK increased by 40% in 2010.
- 2 The Foundation made it into the Guinness Book of Records for the longest line of cotton bunting ever at 3,427.94 metres (achieved on World Trade Day in May). This was to publicise the ongoing campaign for a fair deal for the 15 million African cotton farmers, denied by US and EU subsidies to their own producers.
- 3 Fairmined certified gold was launched.

### **What is Fairtrade?**

It is better prices, decent working conditions, fair terms of trade for workers and farmers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall below the market price), fair trade addresses the injustices of conventional trade which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

### **What is the Fairtrade Premium?**

This is money paid on top of the minimum price that is invested in social, environmental and economic developmental projects, decided democratically by a committee of producers or workers on a plantation.

In 2010 3,000 new farmers and miners became fairtrade certified in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Kenya and China. The farmers can look forward to the experience of Arturo, a Costa Rican banana grower. 'Before I was someone who took a box and loaded it onto a train. Now I am an international businessman.'

Here are two examples of how fair trade/fair trade premium benefits farmers and producers.

- 1 Filipe Miza Castro has a small coffee farm of 1.2 acres with 3,000 trees – he is a member of a farming co-operative in SW Guatemala. The fairtrade price for his coffee beans is double that of the local trader. With the premium, the co-operative have been able to buy an additional plot of land where they hope to build a coffee mill so they can process their own beans which will double their value and provide local employment.

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## **Fair Trade** *(cont)*

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2 100 million people worldwide work in the artisan mining industry. At Soltrani gold mine in Peru, there is now fair pay for men and women. Working conditions have improved with mandatory protective gear and safer use of chemicals. Mineral sorter Gina Davila says ‘I think fair trade is going to help us sell our gold at the right price and we will be better paid. It will also help the environment.’

How can you help? **Fairtrade Fortnight** is from **27<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March**; the theme this year is ‘Take a step in 2012’. The aim is for 1.5 million steps, representing the number of farmers/worker the Foundation expects to work with this year. (Register at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)) The step can be any action which supports fairtrade. If you haven’t bought from the Fairtrade stall, give it a try; if you’re a regular buyer try something different! Look out for the Real Easter Egg – the only Easter egg to mention the Easter story.

Fairtrade stalls this month – Parents & Toddlers March 6<sup>th</sup>, Oulton Village Hall March 19<sup>th</sup> (9.30 – 11.30), March 25<sup>th</sup> (after Family Service)

Thank you for supporting fair trade.

*Sheila*

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## **Heartfelt Thanks!!**

A huge thank you to the people of Christ Church, for the love, support and prayers given during the time that Jack was in hospital. His recovery has once again been remarkable and he is now home and taking up life again!!

The prayer support has been greatly appreciated and very much “felt” by both of us, enabling us to get through the difficult time. God has been very gracious!!

Thank you everyone,

*Barbara and (father) Jack Sutcliffe*

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*Seen on a church notice board:-*

CARPENTER NEEDS JOINERS

*Outside a cemetery:-*

DRIVE CAREFULLY - WE CAN WAIT FOR YOU!

# Sidespersons Rota

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## AM

4th Mar	D. Wilson C. Wilding	J. Rowlands T. MacFarlane
11th Mar	A. West V. Ledward	J. Abrahams K. Thompson
18th Mar	D. Davies G. Holden	D. Pickles J. Rowlands
25th Mar	J. Hipkiss C. Wilding	D. Wilson T. MacFarlane

## Flower Rota

4th Mar	Lent	11th Mar	Lent
18th Mar	Mothering Sunday	25th Mr	Lent

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## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### 4th March

Airdale Grove  
Airdale Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street

### 11th March

Nicholls Lane  
Old Road  
Old Road Close  
Oulton Cross



### 18th March

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square  
York Street

### 25th March

Lotus Court  
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<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
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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

## THE MAGAZINE TEAM

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

**Please send material for the magazine to**

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## Carbon Fast *(cont)*

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Monday 26 March - \*action for the week\* Meat-free Monday. Don't eat meat (or dairy if you're a vegetarian) today. You could even be more adventurous and commit to not eat meat every Monday, or for a whole month. Visit [www.tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://www.tearfund.org/carbonfast) to see Tearfund's paper on this issue and some thoughts about different kinds of meat.

Tuesday 27 March How sustainable is your furniture? Investigate more climate-friendly options – from Freecycle or eBay – or try recycled. Remember to look for FSC-approved Wood.

Wednesday 28 March Lids and ladles. Bulk-cook and use energy-saving cooking methods and save gas or electricity.

Thursday 29 March Work from home, or find another way to decrease energy use during the day.

Friday 30 March It could be you – find out if you live somewhere windy or sunny enough to generate your own power.

Saturday 31 March Adventurous action: ask and help your church or another organisation to create and implement a climate-friendly policy (decrease energy use from buildings, reduce car use and flights, green energy). Find out more at [www.shrinkingthefootprint.org](http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.org)

### **Week 6: Live (contentedly)**

'I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...' (Philippians 4:12) In this last week, think about how the actions and steps you've taken this Lent can be part of your life in Christ, and how you can live more contentedly.

Sunday 1 April For grace to live differently from the culture around us and to know that a life filled up with possessions is empty.

Monday 2 April - \*action of the week\* It's the Carbon Fast's 'big switch Monday'. Make the switch to a green energy supplier. Find out more at [www.tearfund.org/ecotricity](http://www.tearfund.org/ecotricity)

Tuesday 3 April Enjoyed meat-free Monday last week? Go for a dairy-free Tuesday!

Wednesday 4 April Look for ways to eco-fit your home or church, like double or triple glazing, insulation or installing an efficient hot water boiler, then investigate help your local council might be able to provide to make it happen!

Thursday 5 April Avoid using the tumble dryer. Use extra spin on your washing machine to make clothes dry faster.

Friday 6 April Buy reusable products such as refillable water bottles or reusable sandwich wraps and coffee mugs to cut down your waste and save money.

Saturday 7 April Adventurous action: no power day – that means no electricity, gas, hot water! If you're not quite ready, try an 'embrace the silence day' – no TV, no radio, no phone... and remember to replace that light bulb (with an energy-saving one if you haven't already)!

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Now you've reached the end, spend some time reflecting on and praying about your Carbon Fast experience, giving thanks for all those all over the world who have taken part.