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Fri	1		
Sat	2	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	3	9:15am 3:00pm	Communion- Queen's Jubilee Big Lunch Revelation 4:-11 "Our Sovereign" Service followed by refreshments then lunch to celebrate Jubilee Diamond Jubilee Songs of Praise- Aston Marina
Mon	4		
Tue	5	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am
Wed	6		
Thu	7		
Fri	8	7:30pm	Wolverhampton Bible Convention. Living usefully (Jonah)
Sat	9	2:30pm 5:00pm	Wolverhampton Bible Convention. Living wisely (Job 28) Wolverhampton Bible Convention. Living thankfully (Psalm 118)
Sun	10	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm	Morning Prayer Revelation 5:1-14 "The Lion-like Lamb" Families at Four - Service for the whole family Communion at Oulton John 14:1-13 "The way, the truth and the life" Wolverhampton Bible Convention. Living faithfully (Habakkuk)
Mon	11	6:30pm	Breathe (yrs 5-8)
Tue	12	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	13		
Thu	14	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly

Fri	15		
Sat	16		
Sun	17	9:15am 2:30pm 6:00pm	Communion- Father's Day Revelation 6:1-16 "The Lamb as Judge" Autumn House service Evening Prayer at Oulton John 16:1-16 "Suffering and the Spirit's help"
Mon	18	6:30pm	Breathe (yrs 5-8)
Tue	19	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am Seekers Club Stone ministers' Fraternal Lighthouse (yrs 2-4) Youth Club (yrs 9-13)
Wed	20		
Thu	21	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	22		
Sat	23	4:00pm	Ordination of Andy Cranston in Stoke Minster
Sun	24	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service Revelation 7:9-17 "The Lamb as purifier" Communion at Oulton John 19:1-16 "His death at Passover time"
Mon	25	6:30pm	Breathe (yrs 5-8)
Tue	26	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	27		
Thu	28	1:20pm 6:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Diocesan Synod
Fri	29		
Sat	30		

Our monarch

What a great opportunity in June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee! Her Majesty's reign has spanned six decades of change including the comings and goings of worldwide heads of state and national government. The Bible teaches that good leadership is a blessing to society, so that many people will want to give special thanks for the monarch's role in this country and abroad.

The official website of the British Monarchy outlines how Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne and some of the things that happened: *“On Wednesday, 6 February 1952, Princess Elizabeth received the news of her father's death and her own accession to the throne, while staying in a remote part of Kenya. The tour had to be abandoned, and the young Princess flew back to Britain as Queen. She was greeted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other officials at the airport. The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. It was a solemn ceremony conducted by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury. Representatives of the peers, the Commons and all the great public interests in Britain, the Prime Ministers and leading citizens of the other Commonwealth countries, and representatives of foreign states were present. Crowds of people viewed the procession all along the route, despite heavy rain. The ceremony was also broadcast on radio around the world and, at The Queen's request, on television for the first time. Television brought home to hundreds of thousands of people around the Commonwealth the splendour and significance of the Coronation in a way never before possible. The Coronation was followed by drives through every part of London, a review of the fleet at Spithead, and visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.”*

God has ordered society so that when we have good leaders in place it brings many blessings. We each have a responsibility to play our part. This includes the church which is to play a full part in society and not to withdraw from the world: “Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king” (I Peter 2v16-17).



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Our monarch *(cont)*

The Queen's personal Christian faith is a good example to us and one that has sustained her through both joy and sorrow. I hope that the community will come and join with the church celebrations of this historic moment.

Paul Kingman

Love, live and tell the good news!

This was the title of a short morning on Saturday 12th May with the speakers Rico Tice and Craig Dyer from *Christianity Explored Ministries*. They spoke with both wit and wisdom to encourage us all to share the good news of Jesus Christ, the bringer of life and source of our hope. Their simple encouragement give was to avoid being a reservoir and instead think of ourselves as a river – to be 'Bible sharers' who offer to share with those we know what we have come to understand and treasure about the Lord Jesus. Thanks Rico and Craig for leaving us with the thought: "I could do that!"

On the Sunday Craig Dyer preached in our Sunday morning series on The Book of Revelation where we are tackling Jesus' letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor (modern Turkey). Craig was addressing the letter written to Sardis. This church had a reputation for being alive (full of good activities), but in fact it was dead! So, Craig helped us hear the message: (i) wake up; (ii) get clued up; and (iii) sign up for the remedy! Craig's winsome approach helped us to think through whether we are putting the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ first and foremost in our lives. If so, we will live for Christ and not be ashamed of speaking to others about Him.

Paul

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

June 10 July 8

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information contact Andy Cranston on 818983 or

acranston.ccstone@gmail.com



Storing up treasure for the soul

The diocesan clergy conference that Paul and I recently attended was held in Swanwick at the Hayes Conference Centre. As a child I had attended some sort of conference there with my parents and as I walked around the site two distinct memories came flooding back. The first was of playing football with my brother and some ‘bigger’ boys and the second was of a sky-blue plastic card that had 5 or 6 verses from the bible stuck on it. The card was given to us at the 1st session we attended and we were encouraged to memorise a verse for each of the subsequent sessions. The card has since been lost but the 1st verse that appeared on it has been etched into my mind ever since. It was the first verse I ever learned from the Bible and read:

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.” Ps 119:105

As we celebrate 60 years of the reign of Her Majesty, it’s worth remembering that this verse was echoed in her Coronation Service when the Moderator of the Church of Scotland handed her a Bible with these words:

“This Book [is] the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God.”

The Bible is God’s word to us and its wisdom, far from being out of date, speaks right into the world and culture in which we find ourselves today. It guides, equips and gives us the true perspective on God, the world and ourselves. It really is a banquet for the soul to feast upon!

In the ‘*Love, live and share the gospel*’ seminar that Rico Tice and Craig Dyer did at Christ Church on 12 May, they testified to the way that God still uses the Bible to radically transform people’s lives today. “*We don’t need to be Bible teachers to be Bible sharers*”, was their message, “*we open the Bible, God opens eyes.*”

I for one will be eternally grateful to those who encouraged me to dig into the treasure that is the Bible and it’s a privilege to now be doing the same! One of the best things that I’ve witnessed since coming to Stone has been the joy on two girls’ faces as they recited a memory verse to me. Encouraging one another to be people who value the Bible above all things is something we can all do and learning verses shouldn’t be restricted to children – it may be more of a challenge as the hair turns grey but that’s no excuse! Happy learning!

Andy

Has death lost its sting?

In this month's Bishop's Letter, Bishop Mike asks how equipped our society is to face death.

Recently I attended the funeral service of a dear friend. As I sat in the crematorium, it brought back memories of my second curacy where the local crematorium was in the parish and I officiated at dozens of funerals per month.

Suddenly, my attention was arrested by something that shocked me for a moment. Someone had carved some initials on the rear of the pew in front of me.

Obviously, I have no idea whose initials they are. I don't know if the person concerned was recording their own initials or the initials of their loved one. Was the person bored during the service? Was it their bizarre way of coping with grief? I'll never know.

For many in our culture, a visit to the crematorium, coping with a death, even attending a church service, is very unfamiliar territory. As someone put it well, they are exposed to the "matter of religion without having the manner of religion". As life expectancy increases, many people don't have to face a death amongst friends or family until they have been around for years.

Maybe one of the few connections people make today with the world of religion is when someone dies. The Christian faith has something powerful to say about death and indeed on dying well. But how much of this message is heard today?

Dead men don't rise! In a world of often shoddy scientism, believing in the physical resurrection of Jesus is a big ask. Yet, through the centuries, Christian men and women have believed it with such a passion that, in some cases, they have faced death with confidence whilst others were martyred for their beliefs.

Easter has come and gone. Once again the Church proclaimed, "He is risen". What is less clear to me is the confidence with which we proclaim it. My experience is that most of us don't like to think or talk about death. You start to wonder in our time, to quote St Paul, whether "death has lost its sting".

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Has death lost its sting? *(cont)*

So I thought again about whoever carved those initials on the pew in the crematorium and I wondered what I would feel were I at a funeral involving someone I loved if I had no belief and no hope. I don't know what I would make of it all. I might even get my penknife out and do of a bit of carving (just so you know, I don't actually carry a penknife!).

Recently, we heard that Anthea, my wife, has cancer. Facing this contains a measure of struggle, but all the way through I have been grateful for my faith. Fortunately, the prognosis is good but it has struck me forcibly again how faith is such a help in times of darkness and struggle. To be truthful, I can't imagine what I would feel if I didn't have faith. The faith that assures me that whatever I have to face in this life, God gives me strength to carry on, for:

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

(Job 19:25-27)

Mike Lee (Bishop of Bristol)

INVITATION

Terry and Monica Darlington and
Transworld Publishers have pleasure in
inviting you to the launch party for their new book

NARROW DOG TO WIGAN PIER

At Aston Marina, on the A51 south of Stone,
anytime between 4.00pm and 7.00pm on

Saturday 23rd June 2012.

Buffet, bar, visit the Phyllis May 2, signed books, whippets.

RSVP to tmj@narrowdog.com or tell Monica at church so we know how many sausage rolls to order

Wine & Discipleship

In his report to the APCM, Paul reminded us of the 110 hours we're not asleep or attending church activities. These might be seen as opportunities for discipleship amongst neighbours, work colleagues, friends and family. The following morning I heard someone talking about the wedding at Cana when water was turned into wine. Now I guess we've all read that and have ideas about its meaning. A simple demonstration of his ability; a moment of compassion for friends in need or something more complex about new wine signalling a new era, a new testament. But how about this? The empty clay pots were representative of all those who have life but haven't become Christians. The servants are all those who follow Jesus and through their daily lives try to show changed lives under their obedience to God. Their efforts fill the 'clay jars' with water and prepares them for the intervention of Jesus who, through his Holy Spirit, brings them to the love of God - brings water to fruitful, sweet smelling wine. Helping in the work of showing Christ to people is a central theme of a Christian life and I thought this illustration just captured the idea. *Rob*

Christ Church Parent and Toddler Group

The group meets on Monday morning in the Centre 9.30 to 11.30am during term time. It's a great group of parents, grandparents and carers sharing experiences helping each other and making friends. There's lots to do, climbing, jigsaws, wheeled toys, books and craft activities and more! A special area is made for babies. Toddlers now costs £1-50p

Andy came in at the end of term to explain the Easter story, with a lot of help from the children and some dressing up, we all understood it beautifully!

We continue to support Zang Ya Ge through Cecilia. Also the youth programme, giving an extra donation for their Romania trip. We also contribute to the centre cleaning.

This year we have done something different and twinned a toilet! I thought the mums would really appreciate that.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the ladies who help each week. It would not work without their support and I appreciate their help and fellowship. Please pray for the children and their parents. *Sandra*

(Due to user error when forwarding the AGM report only part of the full report was printed there)

Forward to the Ancient Future

A short report on the inaugural pilgrimage on the Two Saints Way

It's quite a challenge to summarise such a momentous week, but I will do as best as I can! Before I outline a few highlights here are some things about the whole week...

First of all we were blessed with the most amazing weather. Wall to wall sunshine from March 25th to the 30th then two grey but mostly dry days before an absolute cracker of a day on April 1st. Secondly it was a great core group who completed the journey from Chester to Lichfield. I have led a lot of teams in my time, but this was a group that looked out for each other and was very welcoming to all those who joined us for days or half days. Finally we received the most wonderful hospitality all the way. Complete strangers were put up in people's homes in every place where we stopped and churches put on amazing lunches and refreshment stops. Certainly Christ Church pulled out the stops and we reckon the way the table was laid was especially outstanding! It can rightly be said that the Two Saints Way is a product of hospitality.

So to some of the week's highlights:-

- We began in a beautiful place – having a picnic in the cloister garden at Chester Cathedral beside the beautiful Water of Life statue by Stephen Broadbent. A moving commissioning service followed before the west doors were opened for us to take our first steps to Lichfield.
- When we arrived in Wybunbury, we were delighted to see the first Two Saints Way waymarks already in place beside the leaning tower of St Chad's. It was a big encouragement to see this kind of local initiative. Later in the week, we put up waymarks between Tittensor and Stone expressing our prayers for future pilgrims as we did so.
- On Wednesday March 28th the bells pealed out from St Bertoline's Barthomley as we began the day's walk, then they followed us all day ringing to celebrate the opening of the Two Saints Way at St James Audley, St Mary's Wolstanton and at Stoke Minster at the end of the day. That was a lovely gesture that encouraged us on our way!

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Forward to the Ancient Future *(cont)*

- Also on Wednesday Anna Francis gave us an excellent introduction to the fascinating Festival Gardens site and we also enjoyed a visit to view the Staffordshire Hoard.
- On Thursday 29th we revived the ancient practice of preaching at the two old crosses at Stoke Minster and St Mary's Trentham. Also we were joined by two Saxon pilgrims from the Poor Knights of St Chad re-enactment group. They fitted in brilliantly and answered everyone's questions about their get-up.
- Reviving pilgrimage practices was a major feature of the journey. On Friday 30th, we brought stones to Stone which used to be done to remember that the martyr princes Wulfad and Rufin were buried under a pile of stones. On the final day we walked in silence down Cross in Hand Lane carrying hand crosses made of olive wood from Bethlehem and then in the pedilavium at Lichfield Cathedral our feet were washed by Canon Pete Wilcox. All these were moving and meaningful occasions and amazing to think they had probably not been done for over 460 years!
- The final event began with us walking with the Bishop of Lichfield from the cathedral by Stowe Pool to St Chad's Well, waving palm leaves and singing "To be a pilgrim." A short dedication service followed during which the first interpretation panel was opened by the Bishop. It was a great occasion and many commented on the high quality of the panel.

My lasting impression is of profound gratitude for all the kindness and cooperation we have received and above all I am thankful to God, the source and inspiration for the Two Saints Way. *David Pott*

Fair Trade Goods Stall

Fair Trade Goods will be on sale on June 24th in the Church Centre, after the morning service

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 Friday after school in Costa and finishes around 5. In Cornerstone we have time to catch up and discuss what has gone on in the previous week, we then do a Bible study. This year we did a series about how to explore the Bible for ourselves. Currently we are doing a series called "Adventure 360" which is all about exploring what our purpose in life is. We have been encouraged this year to see two new faces join us on a regular basis.

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 meets in the Centre. We have had around 15-20 children on average 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 been studying the life of Jesus. Usually the kids in Lighthouse engage well with the talks, and this term the kids have especially enjoyed singing the song "Super Saviour". We have been encouraged by the growth of Lighthouse this year.

Youth Club

The youth club runs on a Tuesday from 7-9pm, it is aimed at all in the high school bracket. Last year many of the teenagers left the club as they are now too old. This year we have been trying to build it back up. However this term it has been a real blessing to pick up a lot more young people. The structure is very relaxed, it operates as a drop-in with pool, table tennis and a tuckshop. A few of our new young people prefer more structured games so we have been thinking of ways to add that to the mix. A couple of our newer members are really keen on singing and dance and we have been able to build up good relationships with them by giving them the opportunity to express themselves in that way. Each week there is a short Bible talk/ discussion which is aimed to cause the young people to stop and think about matters of faith. *(continued)*

Breathe

Each Monday we run a group in the Centre for 11-13 year olds. We either play pool, table tennis and the like, or we play various structured games. Each week there is also a Bible talk. This group has really engaged with the 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. We have been very encouraged by the growth of this group both numerically and spiritually.

Seekers

Seekers Club at the Academy has been very busy this year. At its peak we have had over 50 children in attendance. This term we have been looking at the promises of God in the Bible. The young people are very enthusiastic about this group and seem really to enjoy themselves. We have been particularly encouraged by the growth in the number of boys who attend.

Romania Mission

This Summer Tim Saxton and I will take three youngsters to Romania on mission. We will be doing this in partnership with the Exodus project in Northern Ireland. We will be involved in various projects in the communities and in the churches in Romania. We trust that this will be a true milestone in the faith of the young people.

Thanks

I would like to thank the many leaders who give up their time each week to help with the various youth and children's groups. I would also like to thank everyone who prays for us. *Kieran*

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle- a supporting network of prayer by members of the Pastoral Care Group and congregation. Since the last APCM we have been called upon to pray for 20 or so requests, and have joyfully been able to give thanks on a number of occasions. If you have a need for immediate prayer please contact Anne Butler (818160) or Jeanette Rowlands (816713) in confidence.

Jeanette

Dear Friends,

Senegal was hot, dusty, heartbreaking and inspiring!

Thank you for praying for us while we were there. God really met with us and confirmed in a special way that he is leading us to Senegal.

Talibes

We already felt called to work with Talibe children but seeing them everywhere really opened our eyes to the scale of the problem. Almost every time we went out we were approached by children begging, some no older than 4 or 5 years. They come, holding out a bowl, with empty eyes and bare feet. It's hard to describe what its like meeting these kids and not being able to do more for them than buy them food and give them a smile.

We were inspired and encouraged however by the projects we visited. We visited drop – in's where the Talibe's can come for a meal, to wash and to play. We saw homes for street children, including talibe's who have run away, where they receive love, an education and learn a new way of life.

We met those who have built relationships with the marabouts (teachers) and are trying to encourage a change in the way the Talibe's are treated. Talking with the workers helped us understand more about the situation and its complexity. It has increased our heart to be involved in advocacy and prayer that the Talibe system in Senegal might change.

What's next?

Now we are back in the UK until we head to France in September (still not sure which language school we are going to so keep praying!) We will be in England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland at various points. We need more people behind us, praying with us, so we will be sharing our vision to see the lives of hurting street children transformed!

In some ways this is a hard time for us, not having our own home and lots of travelling. It feels like we are in limbo, we have given lots up, our life in Glasgow, jobs, friends, but being in Senegal still seems faraway. But even as I write this I am reminded that God is with us and he is in this journey. We are trusting him, and the promises he has given us.

We spent the most time at the House of Hope, meeting the workers and the kids. They have two homes for ex-Talibe's, one for younger boys and one for older teenagers. *(continued on next page)*

There is a tailoring workshop for the older boys to teach them skills and discipline. With limited language we managed to play games with the boys, where they mostly beat us! The House of Hope also has a school for girls who are from poor communities or who would otherwise be begging with their mothers on the streets.

Important Dates for next month:

Northern Ireland: 1–3 June WEC Prayer Weekend

Scotland: 9th June: Mosaic church, (Living Room Gig) a chance to hear music from Adam and a ministry update

10th June: Mosaic, Adam and Sarah leading the service.

23rd June: Aberdeen Youth Event

24th June: Deeside Christian Fellowship sharing and outreach in the evening.

We hope to see lots of you over the summer – get in touch!

‘How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God!’ 1John 3:1

We would love you to join us in praying for vulnerable children around the world and especially the street children in Senegal. Each time we send a prayer letter we will give you some ideas of how to pray.

Father, move in the hearts of your people to reach out in love to children who have never known love. Show them the depths of your love for them.

*Adam and Sarah Baker
(working in Senegal with WEC)*

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8th April Zachary Walter Jeffries
 22nd April Jack Henry Blurton

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

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

FLOWER ROTA

3rd June	Mrs I. Gassor	10th June	Mrs L. Mason
17th June	Mrs S. Morray	24th June	Miss A. Butler

ROADS FOR PRAYER

3rd June

Alma Street
 Bromfield Court
 Dominic Court
 Granville Terrace
 King's Avenue

17th June

Northesk Street
 Radford Close
 Radford Street
 Station Road

10th June

Longton Road
 Margaret Street
 Newcastle Road
 Newcastle Street

24th June

The Avenue
 Trent Road
 Tunley Street
 Trinity Drive



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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 Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
3rd Stone Brownies (Mo 6:00-7:30pm, First School)	Janet Smith.....	815939

Young People's Activities take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

Climbers 3-7 years *Explorers* 7-11 years *Pathfinders* 11-14 years

The following activities take place every week week in the Centre during term time.

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am

THE MAGAZINE TEAM

Mission News& Prayer Diary Cecilia Wilding 817987

Please send material for the magazine to

Dave Bell, c/o Christ Church Parish Office, Christ Church Way,
 Staffs ST15 8ZB or by email to christchurch_mag@yahoo.co.uk

Cleaning-up in Stone

The pages of this magazine are not often host to an article on walls but mention must be made of Stone's walls. Sad to say, local teenagers decided to aerosol paint several poor unsuspecting walls in the town.

However, Kieran kindly banded together a group of local folk and church folk for a massive clean-up. The railway bridge and several other walls were cleaned, mostly by hand (hard work). Those folk lucky enough to clean the wall outside Walton Grange had the most delightful time with a piece of kit that resembled a toy fire engine. Everyone wanted to play! The water tank was filled by a kindly neighbour and cups of tea provided by a passer-by. What a lovely atmosphere!

Our thanks to all those who helped clean, cook and serve lunch, raise money and provide cleaning equipment, and especial thanks to Kieran our flossie-jacketed "steward". *Enid*

