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# July 2012

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| Sun | 1  | 9:15am<br>6:00pm                                 | Communion. Giving review day<br>Mark 12:28-44 "True worship"<br>Evening Prayer at Oulton<br>John 20:19-23 "Mission in the Power of the Spirit"                             |
| Mon | 2  | 6:30pm   | Breathe yrs 5-8  |
| Tue | 3  | 9:30am<br>10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>3:45pm<br>7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly<br>Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Lighthouse yrs 2-4<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13                        |
| Wed | 4  |  |  |
| Thu | 5  | 1:20pm   | Christ Church Academy assembly   |
| Fri | 6  | 7:30pm   | Adam Baker concert. Tickets £2   |
| Sat | 7  | 8:30am<br>2:00pm                                 | Prayer meeting followed by breakfast<br>Trains at Pete Mason's in aid of Jigsaw<br>(bring and share cakes)   |
| Sun | 8  | 9:15am<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm                       | Morning Prayer Acts 12:1-19a "Divine intervention"<br>Families at Four-service for the whole family<br>Communion at Oulton<br>John 20:30-21:14 "Confession and commitment" |
| Mon | 9  | 6:30pm   | Breathe yrs 5-8  |
| Tue | 10 | 9:30am<br>10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>3:45pm<br>7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly<br>Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Lighthouse yrs 2-4<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13                        |
| Wed | 11 | 7:30pm   | PCC meeting  |
| Thu | 12 | 1:20pm   | Christ Church Academy assembly   |
| Fri | 13 |  |  |
| Sat | 14 | 2:00pm   | Oulton Fete  |

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| Sun | 15 | 9:15am<br>2:30pm<br>4:00pm                       | Communion<br>Acts 12:19b-13:12 “Cyprian official believes”<br>Autumn House service<br>Oulton Fete service, Oulton Village Hall<br>John 21:15-19 “Repentance and reconciliation” |
| Mon | 16 | 6:30pm   | Breathe yrs 5-8   |
| Tue | 17 | 9:30am<br>10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>3:45pm<br>7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly<br>Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Lighthouse yrs 2-4<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13                             |
| Wed | 18 |  |   |
| Thu | 19 | 1:20pm   | Christ Church Academy assembly  |
| Fri | 20 | 11:00am  | Christ Church Academy Leavers service (in church)   |
| Sat | 21 |  |   |
| Sun | 22 | 9:15am<br>6:00pm                                 | Family service.<br>Acts 13:13-52 “Speaking to hard hearts”<br>Communion at Oulton<br>2 Sam 1:1-27 “Respect for the anointed”  |
| Mon | 23 |  |   |
| Tue | 24 | 10:00am  | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30   |
| Wed | 25 |  |   |
| Thu | 26 |  |   |
| Fri | 27 |  |   |
| Sat | 28 |  |   |
| Sun | 29 | 9:15am<br>6:00pm                                 | Family service<br>Acts 14:8-28 “The door of faith opens”<br>Evening Prayer at Oulton<br>2 Sam 6 “Aligning with God’s covenant”  |
| Mon | 30 |  |   |
| Tue | 31 | 10:00am  | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30   |

## Run, run, run!

The summer Olympics is officially called ‘*The Games of the XXX Olympiad.*’ As you read the Bible you realise that there were various ‘Games’ familiar to the New Testament writers who often use sporting illustrations to make their point.

The preparations for the Games have been truly inspirational: it has been a massive undertaking and it is hard to imagine where the project manager started! Vast resources have been drawn in to deliver the plans. The sheer number of venues and the infrastructure required has sucked in construction engineers and specialist builders from a large radius around London. Venues have ranged from being either historic sites which needed to be revamped or specialist facilities built for the occasion. Transport links have been improved so that athletes are able to make their journey in within 20 minutes (now that is amazing to the ears of a seasoned traveller in London like me!). The price tag was announced as an eye-watering £2bn (that now seems to be cheap compared to EU bailouts). Thousands of volunteers will augment the security operation provided by the Police and the armed forces.

Yet, for all the preparations made, the event will focus on the athletes who compete to achieve the goal of winning a medal. Those who have competed in the past provide inspiration for competitors today and set records for others to try and break!

Under the hand of the LORD God we recognise that a far bigger plan has been put together for our lives. The Lord Jesus’ great plan of salvation is to see his followers endure the challenges of daily life and to cross the finishing line. The difference is that he has already blazed a trail for us to follow: ‘*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith*’ (Heb 12v1-2). This encourages us to model our lives on Jesus – the one who endured the pain and shame of the cross before he returned to glory. Followers of Jesus are to persevere through hardships, knowing that when they finish the race they will join Jesus in glory. Jesus is not simply a hero of history or a name in gold leaf on a champion’s board. He is alive in active in heaven. *(continued on next page)*



## Run, run, run! (cont)

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He will be at the centre of the celebrations. People from every nation will gather to adore the Lord Jesus: all who have fixed their eyes on him and run with perseverance the race of life, will one day reign as champions with him.

Let's enjoy watching the 2012 Games and re-awaken our resolve to fix our eyes on Jesus as we run the race ahead of us.

*Paul Kingman*

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## Sunday sermons in July

*Mornings at Christ Church, Stone & Oulton*: we pick up the international flavour of the Olympics by looking at what happened after the starting gun was fired in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. The Apostles (the witnesses of the risen Christ who were commissioned by him to spread the good news and to set down the faith to be taught to the generations to come), began to spread the gospel to people of all nations. We will look at the *Christian mission to the Gentiles in Acts 12-17* which provides great encouragement of how the risen Jesus changes lives.

Mornings at Moddershall & Evenings: we conclude the series **Eternal life in John's Gospel** exploring how we can be part of God's Kingdom and how it changes our lives. We then switch to a new series in *II Samuel – David, a man after God's own heart?* Here we see the working out of the divinely appointed kingship over Israel – the best and worst features of which point us towards Jesus the perfect King and descendant of David.

## Congratulations to Andy Cranston

Andy Cranston was ordained as presbyter (abbrev. 'priest') at a service in Stoke Minster (*formerly known as St Peter's ad Vincular*, Stoke on Trent) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June by the Bishop of Stafford along with three other assistant curates. It marks another stage in his development in Christian ministry, but he remains with us as assistant curate for a while yet as the ongoing part of his training.

*Paul*

## A Letter to the Churches in Stone, Oulton and Moddershall

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*(For a greater appreciation of the style of this letter, see the letters of Revelation 2&3)*

To the congregations of Christ Church, St John's and All Saints and all who live in their parishes.

I am the one who was and is and is to come. The capstone that builders (or curates for that matter) reject at their peril.

It has now been a year since you graciously embraced your curate, 'the posh one from down south' as he's lovingly been referred to by some of you. I know your deeds; your trials and sufferings. Yet you endure! I am pleased with the way that you have embraced him – despite being a foreigner among you. (I must confess I was beginning to lose hope of placing him anywhere and I was delighted that you were so willing to engage with a fuller experience of the fruits of the Spirit!) You have borne well with his liberal interpretation of 10 minutes when it comes to preaching and have even gone the extra mile in encouraging him afterwards! It gives me great delight to see you walking like Christ in this way!

You have willingly shared not only your lives but also your cakes and biscuits with him and I encourage you to do so more and more! (I've been trying to fatten him up for years now!)

You have graciously tolerated his carefree approach to reining in his children during services – though just be grateful he wasn't with you when he was that age! And well done for not counting his time-keeping against him. (If you think you've had it hard, spare a thought for me – I've had 33 years of working with him!)

Your love and perseverance are a credit to you yet I do hold one thing against you. I know that you know that he's my chosen instrument to influence the diocese through his involvement in the cricket team. Yet I do wish that you'd stop filling his head with such grand ideas. His ego is quite big enough already! You are running a good race – don't let this be the thing that trips you up!

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## A Letter to the Churches *(cont)*

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Press on – you’ve had him a year already (hasn’t it gone quickly? – well maybe not but well done for making him think it has!) and you’ve endured well. Those who overcome will have the distinction of being more like Christ – with a deeper understanding and experience of love, patience, kindness and self-control and I will give them the right to eat cake with me at the eternal banquet.

Grace and peace be with you.

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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



**July 8**

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information contact

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### Farewell to the Principal of Christ Church Academy

This summer term marks the retirement of Chris Waghorn from being Principal of Christ Church Academy middle school. Chris has had a longstanding involvement with the middle school and the fascinating details of an interview with him can be read in the *Stone & Eccleshall Gazette*. The usual leaver’s service for the school on the last day of the term will of course be an unusual one as we congratulate Chris on his work and wish him well in his future retirement.

*(An article by Chris Waghorn is also to be found on the next page of this magazine)*

## My time at Christ Church Academy

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My time at Christ Church Academy, formerly Christ Church C E (A) Middle School is over. I retire after being The Principal/Headteacher after 49 terms, which means I am now in my seventeenth year at the school! However my association goes back much further as I attended the school buildings when it was known as Granville from 1964 to 1968. I think I must have been what they called a late developer and did not really begin to show any interest in study until I enrolled at Stafford College of Further Education. Looking back I enjoyed the days at Granville and forging a life long friendship with Tim Hodson. The freedom offered by Stafford CFE was a revelation to me and it was there that my studies were more successful and allowed me to go on to higher education. Stafford was also far more exciting than Stone and being the proud owner of a Lambretta I was able to attend dances and gigs at The Art College returning long after the last PMT bus had left for Stone.

My Mother impressed on me the need for qualifications and to have a career. I wanted to be a helicopter pilot, but my eyesight did not allow for this, so my next thoughts were to be an Estate Agent and I had a part time job with John Crossly an estate agent based on Stafford Street. I obtained a place on an Estate Management degree course at the Central Polytechnic in London. Unfortunately things did not quite work out and before I knew it my dear old Mum had enrolled me at Keele and Madeley studying Economics, History and Education, so a teacher I would be!

This area of study bought me back into contact with The Granville buildings again in 1972, but this time it was Christ Church Primary and Mr John Brewer was the Headteacher. I had a teaching practice placement at his school and I was very skilfully guided and supported by both Mr Brewer and Mr John Oulton the Deputy Headteacher. I remember having a class of forty-four 9 to 10 year olds some of whom I still see in Stone today! I must have made a good impression because when Christ Church Primary became Christchurch Middle School I was offered a job as a newly qualified teacher in September 1974. I left The Granville Buildings again in December 1975 as I moved to a promotion in a Stafford.

I did not set foot in the building again until the Jubilee Celebrations in 1994 that celebrated seventy years of education at the Old Road site when Mrs Lesley was the Headteacher. Little did I suspect that two years later in April 1996 I would be appointed as the Headteacher of Christ Church Middle. Unfortunately things were in a bad way and the reputation of the school had slipped, however with wonderful support from staff and the community we began to lift the school to the position it enjoys today. *(continued)*

## **My time at Christ Church Academy** *(cont)*

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I cannot say it has been an easy journey and at times I have dug my heels in to fight for what I thought was right for the youngsters and the school. The school has become very well thought of and it has always been at the forefront of my thinking that every youngster should feel safe and secure in their school. Towards this end we have worked so hard in developing an ethos of calmness within our school. The church family matters so much to the central ethos of Christ Church Academy and the relationship with the parish team is a strength. We have introduced before and after school activities in the form of The Early Risers Club and Homework Club plus other extra curricular activities so that now they can arrive early at school or leave late and they will feel wanted and that they belong.

The buildings too have changed over the years; the mobile classrooms that characterised Granville are long gone, as are the temporary classrooms that stood parallel to Old Road. In 2001 five new classrooms were built as well as refurbished science labs and Design Technology Rooms. In 2009 we added a Dance Drama Studio. The popularity and success of the school has also seen numbers on roll grow from 270 in 1996 to 520 at this present moment.

Achieving ‘Outstanding’ status was a tremendous accolade, but I actually think the school is better now as it has developed. Ofsted concentrate so much on data and attainment, it always amuses me that every child is expected to be at least average. How can this possibly be? Mathematically it is impossible! Surely what should matter is that everyone gets a fair opportunity and experiences a broad and balanced curriculum that offers the individual the chance to shine at something. I have always believed in the whole child and at middle school age there should be a wide range of experiences to help with decisions later on in their life.

The process of tendering my resignation with the intention of retiring has been tough. It certainly was not an easy day when my successor was appointed. Christ Church Middle School has been my baby, it is now growing up as an Academy where it has the opportunity to develop and grow to allow even more exciting opportunities for the children of Stone. My association is drawing to a close and I wish all concerned every best wish for a successful future. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked with me and supported me over the years for the benefit of the whole school and its children. The 20<sup>th</sup> July is not only my leaving day but also the day when 125 Y8s move on, for them and me it is the next rung on the ladder of life and there is much to look forward to.

Many, many thanks, to so many people. *Chris Waghorn*

## Pre-Olympic Anticipation

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The air is buzzing with pre – Olympic anticipation, with the media coverage cranking up notch by notch as the Olympic Torch weaves its way through ever more cities, towns and villages. But still a few discordant, off message, voices are to be heard questioning the justification for spending over £7 billion pounds on Olympic/Paralympic games lasting just a matter of weeks, at a time when the country is mired in an economic depression. Is this not a viewpoint that Christians should take very seriously? After all, Jesus is hardly someone you might expect to endorse such a hugely costly project.

I found such thoughts at the forefront of my mind when I recently visited the Olympic site. The scale of what has been achieved is mind boggling. Purpose built, high specification, residential complexes to house the thousands of athletes, situated in spacious, attractively landscaped surroundings. The iconic new stadium and other bespoke arena. A new park on a similar scale to Hyde Park. New road, rail and water links. A new building which, after the Games, will be an Academy for 1800 pupils. And there is much more .....

The economic justification for the Games is based on the amount of jobs created or supported in the UK as a result of nearly all the construction related contracts going to UK firms, the revenue generated by the tournaments themselves, and the long term economic benefit accruing through the regeneration of a part of London that was formerly run down and much of which was polluted by industrial waste.

But how about a Biblical justification? I'm not sure that there is a compelling one but I do come back to the story of the woman who poured the jar of very costly ointment over Jesus' head and earned his praise rather than a rebuke. Jesus recognised the higher purpose behind such extravagant expenditure, namely her whole hearted devotion, and it was this higher purpose that He said justified the money being spent in this exceptional way rather than on helping the poor. Throughout the centuries Christians have justified on similar grounds huge expenditure on iconic places of worship such as cathedrals. If they can be seen as love offerings to the Lord then they stand in a similar tradition to the woman's jar of ointment, not to mention Solomon's Temple.

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Although the economic justification for the Games may have some credence, I believe the cost can only be justified, at a time when the poorest and most vulnerable are being hit hardest by the recession, by the invocation of a much higher purpose. While struggling to find one, such as honouring God, that would neatly fit with Christian doctrine, I believe that the Games do fulfil a unique purpose that coheres well with Christian ideals and values.

For those few weeks, not only will it be athletes and spectators from the vast majority of countries on earth who will be drawn to Great Britain, it will be a global television audience bound together by the desire to celebrate a pinnacle of human achievement. At times during the Games we will be partisan, but there will be many occasions when we are simply delighted by the excellence of a given athlete. No single event has such a power to create a worldwide sense of community, transcending all the barriers of culture, race, religion and ideology that so powerfully divide us, most of the time. The Olympics is a kind of secular Pentecost, a time when, for a while, we can all communicate in the same language. In a dangerously fragmented world, can a price be put on such an opportunity for the nations to come together in peace and goodwill? And at the level of the individual, how many excellent virtues underlie the preparation of an Olympic, or perhaps particularly Paralympic, athlete? St Paul approvingly mentions the self-discipline of the athlete, but how about the tenacity, the determination, the courage .....? As we get to know the athletes better in these coming weeks, there will be no shortage of inspirational stories that may well encourage us to aim higher in our own lives and to pay more attention to the cultivation of Athenian virtues which are easily transferable to the challenge of Christian discipleship. Tuning in to the Games might just help to tune us up for what St Paul describes as ‘the race that is set before us’ and make athletes of us all.

*The Rt Revd Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton*

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## **Fair Trade Goods Stall**

Fair Trade Goods will be on sale on July 22nd in the Church Centre, after the morning service

## **Return of Adam Baker**

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Adam Baker, who was with us in November last year, will be coming back on Friday 6th July to give another concert. This will be for all ages. Tickets £2.00 in aid of the Romanian trip. *Kieran*

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### **Open Day and Art Exhibition**

Hosted by the Friends of Shallowford House on Saturday 28th July 2-4pm. Wander round house and garden, various stalls, enjoy a cream tea. Shallowford House is the Diocesan Retreat and Conference Centre near Norton Bridge.

From Stone, take the Eccleshall road to the railway bridge, turn left and on to the next railway bridge, turn left again. Shallowford House is about a quarter of a mile beyond Norton Bridge, on the right.

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### **Fairtrade Sales – April 2011 – March 2012**

Fairtrade sales last year at Christ Church and Oulton (with a few additional sales elsewhere) amounted to £3,918. Ruth has made a profit of £391 so she will send a donation of £400 to Traidcraft Exchange.

Traidcraft Exchange is the UK's only developmental charity specialising in making trade work for the poor. It is not funded by Traidcraft's trading activities, so it relies on donations and grants. It works to help poor producers in Asia and Africa grow their businesses, find markets and trade effectively.

An example of a project in Asia – Promoting Fairtrade in India (PROFIT). With a growing middle class this will offer a huge opportunity to poor producers. The project began with the launch of fairtrade certified cotton clothing. This has already benefited 5,300 cotton farmers and their families.

An example of a project in Africa – Livelihoods for Tea Farmers, Kenya 80% of tea farmers live in poverty, due to small farms and fluctuating tea prices. This project supports farmers to grow additional crops, such as sunflowers and passion fruit and also to start bee keeping. (This also provides valuable employment for women.)

This month's Fairtrade Sale is on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Thank you for your continued support. *Sheila*

## Christian Aid Week

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This year's street collection started with the usual doubts and apprehensions, from me anyway!! Although collectors were few in number, as the week progressed with it's usual ups and downs it soon became clear that, in the few streets that we (Christ Church) covered, many people had once again been very generous. The amount collected this year from only 25 streets was a marvellous £1280.25; of that £485 was gift aided.

With one church still to send in its figures, the current totals for the Stone area (including the street collection (new this year) of £97.54) are:

|              |                 |                                  |         |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Cash         | £6432.52        | Cheques                          | £873.50 |
| Vouchers     | £65.00          |                                  |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£7371.02</b> | (£3076.42 eligible for Gift Aid) |         |

Many thanks to all those who took the time to collect and of course thank you to all who gave so generously, particularly in the current economic climate.

*Phil Tunstall*

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## June 6th Meeting of Stone WI

The speaker at the meeting was Chief Inspector Amanda Davis, who gave a most interesting and informative talk about her career in the police force. The meeting coincided with the week of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To mark the occasion the proceedings began, not with 'Jerusalem', but with the National Anthem. There was also a table set out with memorabilia from the sixty year reign of Her Majesty, and as I knew about this I'd taken along a plastic carrier bag which commemorated the Silver Jubilee. How it's survived this long in our 'spare carrier bags' bag under the stairs I don't know! I also took along a tee-shirt designed by a child in a competition to mark this year's Jubilee (it came in the post, as a 'softener' from a charity appealing for money, it worked on me!!) Thank goodness I took it along, for as I entered the Westbridge room in the Centre I realised that everyone had gone to a lot of trouble and were dressed very elegantly in patriotic colours of red white and blue, whilst I.....was not!! Tee-shirt to the rescue! At least I felt that I was wearing something appropriate, if not elegant. Our meetings always end with tea and biscuits, but on this special occasion we were treated to a delicious sponge cake, iced and decorated to mark the Diamond Jubilee, very generously donated by Hammersleys the bakers.

*Diana Tunstall*

As we visited Ukraine in March 2012 we saw that our partners in the Balkan Project had been heavily at work preparing to send missionaries to the Balkans in key ministries. Here is a just glimpse of what we experienced...

### *Whisked of to Bizivka by our BEE friends*

Kent Anderson (ECM GB) and I were driven 200km by Viktor and immediately the next morning met with 15 of the key BEE directors for the area. These were “mobile bible school teachers”, themselves pastors, churchplanters indeed area overseers of many churches and they had committed the next 4 hours to listen to the vision plans and see how they could best join in and help.

Their ideas surpassed even our expectations! Not only had they found interested churchplanters to come to the Balkans—initially to Croatia—but they had also come up with a new dynamic to our vision plans! We had envisioned two approaches to encourage the Balkan churches and help them in their churchplanting efforts: Firstly to send missionaries in teams to start clusters of new churches around existing churches. Secondly to hold encouragement envisioning conferences with key speakers from Brazil and Ukraine alongside ECM’s Johan Lukasse. They now say that they are planning to send their Bible trainers for two months at a time holding numerous 3 day seminars with the goal to train Balkan LAY CHRISTIANS, mobilizing them to evangelism and discipleship! The hairs are rising on my arms as I write! They have a 4 year plan.

Pray for Ruslan. Ruslan, his wife and 13 year old son have served 5 years in Kazakstan, having successfully planted a church and are seriously contemplating serving in Croatia.

### *Kiev—Baptist Union leaders and Key training Pastor Nikolay*

We were welcomed by Igor, overseer for Baptist Missions and as we were discussing plans Pastor Nikolay suddenly astounded us all. He announced that he and his wife had decided to come to the Balkans as missionaries for the next 2 years! “Wow Factor” 10 out of 10! The day before we had visited his church in Kiev. It has grown from 80 to 250 in Nikolay’s 10 years, planting 4 new daughter churches and we visited one of 2 “granddaughter” churches in Fastov, where some 60 attended!

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## 15 **Ukraine— Sending missionaries to Croatia** *(cont)*

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Please join us around God's throne and bring the 22 millions of the former Yugoslavian republics before the Lord. Pray that God's people in these countries will be encouraged and rise up to the missionary challenge. Pray together with the Ukranian and Brazilian churches for an outpouring from God.

*Stephen Bell,*  
ECM Balkan Co-ordinator

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### **Mini Plant Sale**

A big thank you to everyone for all the support given to our mini plant sale. We had a really enjoyable morning and managed to raise £400! This will be split equally between the Youth Fund and the Romanian Project. Have a lovely summer and enjoy your gardens.

*Jack & Barbara Sutcliffe*

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### **ROADS FOR PRAYER**

#### **1st July**

Airdale Grove and Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street  
Lotus Court

#### **8th July**

Nicholl's Lane  
Old Road  
Old Road Close  
Oulton Cross

#### **15th July**

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square  
York Street

#### **22nd July**

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton Way/View

#### **29th July**

Bentley Close  
Rendel Grove  
Brindley Close  
Rudyard Close



#### **Christ Church on the Internet**

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## BAPTISMS

13th May Neill Kes Harvey-Smith  
 Beth Jane Harvey-Smith  
 James Milton Connor Harvey-Smith  
 Rose Lydia Harvey-Smith

## FUNERAL

11th May Sean Groves Age 42

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## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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| 1st July  | V. Ledward<br>G. Holden  | D. Pickles<br>D. Davies     |
| 8th July  | P. Roberts<br>D. Wilson  | J. Rowlands<br>C. Wilding   |
| 15th July | J. Abrahams<br>A. West   | V. Ledward<br>K. Thompson   |
| 22nd July | P. Hipkiss<br>D. Pickles | T. Woodward<br>K. Woodward  |
| 29th July | G. Holden<br>D. Davies   | J. Rowlands<br>G. Donaldson |

## FLOWER ROTA

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| 1st July  | Mrs J. Rowlands    |
| 8th July  | Mrs J. Butterworth |
| 15th July | Miss C. Wilding    |
| 22nd July | Mrs K. Thompson    |
| 29th July | Miss B. Freakley   |

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 Mrs S. Sanders

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**Treasurer** Kevin Reynolds 851595  
**Envelopes, Gift Aid** Richard Latos

## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

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| <b>Climbers 3-7 years</b>                                   | Sandra Morray.....     | 286093 |
| <b>Explorers 7-11 years</b>                                 | Estella Woodhead.....  | 761659 |
| <b>Pathfinders 11-14 years</b>                              | Enid Bell.....         | 815775 |
| <b>Banner Group</b>   | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
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| <b>Flower Guild</b>   | Marylyn Hillman.....   | 815936 |
| <b>Men's Fellowship</b>                                     | Mike Thompson.....     | 813712 |
| <b>Missions Secretary</b>                                   | Cecilia Wilding.....   | 817987 |
| <b>Prayer Group</b>   | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| <b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b><br>(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

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## Christ Church welcomes you!

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Whether you are new to the Stone area or have been living here for some time you are welcome to come to this church. The church is made up of adults and children who want to know more about the living God, who has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and continues to speak to us through His Spirit-inspired word, the Holy Bible (which can be read online at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and we recommend a modern translation e.g. the New International Version or English Standard Version).

We are a Christian church, because at the heart of what we believe is the fact that to know God personally we must put our trust in Jesus' death for our forgiveness so that we can be reconciled to God. We are part of the Anglican church, the basis of its Trinitarian belief is summarised in the Book of Common Prayer with its 39 articles, though we unite in Christ irrespective of denomination. We are an Evangelical church, as we see that the Bible is God's word for us and so is to inspire all that we do. This church was established with the help of the renowned Charles Simeon.

Our church meetings help us to grow in our understanding of what the Bible tells us about God, and this is something that we encourage others to investigate especially through our *Christianity Explored* course (see details on the national website [www.christianityexplored.org](http://www.christianityexplored.org)). If you would like details of when the next local course is starting then please contact the church office.

We have children's and youth activities running during the Sunday meetings and also during the week, such as our Tuesday evening youth club. Adults may be further involved through small groups which meet for Bible study and prayer, a midweek communion service and a monthly prayer meeting.

Our community involvement includes links with the local schools: Christ Church First, Oulton First, Christ Church Academy and Alleyne's High.

We also have links with the Church in India, The Philippines, Croatia, Botswana and Pakistan.

This magazine and the church website concern Christ Church in Stone, but we are linked with the churches in Oulton and Moddershall (see separate magazine and website).