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March 2013

Fri	1	2:00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, St. Michael's Church
Sat	2	7:00pm	Arthur and Phil's Quiz night
Sun	3	9:15am 4:00pm 7:00pm	Communion; Luke 7:36-50 "Guess who's coming to dinner?" Families at Four - service for the whole family Lent course - Life on the front line
Mon	4	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 Standing Committee
Tue	5	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	6	7:30pm	Lent course - Life on the front line
Thu	7	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	8		
Sat	9		
Sun	10	9:15am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Family service; Mothering Sunday Luke 15:11-32 "Lost and found" Holiday Club planning meeting - Vicarage Lent course - Life on the front line
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	7:30pm	Lent course - Life on the front line
Thu	14	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	15		
Sat	16	9:30am	Diocesan Synod

Sun	17	9:15am 2:30pm 4:00pm 7:00pm	Communion; Lk 18:31-19:10 “Everybody is somebody to Jesus” Autumn House service Families at Four - service for the whole family Lent course - Life on the front line
Mon	18	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 PCC meeting
Tue	19	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	20	12:30pm 7:30pm	Clergy chapter meeting Lent course - Life on the front line
Thu	21	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	22	9:45am 7:30pm	Christ Church First School Easter service Pott’s Leaving party in Christ Church Centre
Sat	23	7:00pm	Stone Choral Society concert
Sun	24	9:15am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer; Lk 19:28-44 “Triumph and disaster” Lent course - Life on the front line
Mon	25	6:30pm	Breathe years 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 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse years 2-4 Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	27	7:30pm	Lent course - Life on the front line
Thu	28	10:45am 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy Easter service Maundy Thursday service - St. John’s Oulton Luke 22:39-62 “Strength and weakness”
Fri	29	10:00am 10:45am 7:30pm	Children’s craft before service Good Friday service Lk 23:32-56 “Game over?” Music and meditation
Sat	30		
Sun	31	9:15am 6:00pm	Easter Communion; Lk 24:36-39 “The Son also rises” Service at Moddershall Matthew 27:62-65:10 “The startling reality”

The Resurrection: high point, or hoax?

How can a new discovery change life so much? When the significance is huge and so changes everything.

Stories can hit the headlines and have an immediate impact: a person in public office being found guilty of deception; a food scandal that leads to a change in food supply and labelling; the publication of photographs which invade privacy and lead to a tightening in the law. But, despite a high profile in the short term, these are not history-making events. A far greater impact has come from the discovery of penicillin; the splitting of the atom; the decoding of DNA. Life is changed by such breakthroughs.

There is, however, one event that surpasses all others in history: the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter's message is either the supreme fact in history or it is a gigantic hoax. The reason is that the implications are far more significant than anything else recorded in our history books. Yet it is quite common for people to say to me that they "don't believe it happened," even though they admit to having little knowledge of the evidence. To such people I say, why not examine the evidence, as it is too important to dismiss out of hand? Even a booklet such as: 'The Evidence For The Resurrection' by Prof Sir Norman Anderson is vitally important.

But, so what? Isn't this a private religious view that I don't happen to buy into? Well...apart from enjoying a few pancakes and some chocolate eggs!

The resurrection establishes the moral order for all people. Jesus' resurrection is key to his identity: *'who, as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God, by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith'* (Rom 1v3-4). The resurrection shows that Jesus is Lord *i.e.* we all come under his rightful sovereignty and so we are all to obey him, rather than go our own way in life. He alone provides us with wisdom and freedom that come from knowing eternal life: a true fullness of life now and everlasting life in the future.

This Easter come and investigate Jesus with us. Come and rejoice. For he is risen!



Paul Kingman

Failure is not final with God

When a youngster fails an important school entrance exam it seems a huge setback. at the time. But although 11-year-old Lily Gaynor didn't pass her 11 plus to go to a Liverpool grammar school she still went on to become a highly trained nurse and midwife plus a Bible translator. She joined a Christian missionary society, WEC International, and felt called by God to go to Guinea-Bissau, one of the poorest countries in the world with an 80 per cent infant mortality rate.

She left Britain by boat in 1956, firstly to spend a year learning Portuguese in Lisbon, before going to West Africa to live with the Papel people, a tribe who had hardly seen a white person, who had never heard the Gospel and whose language had not even been written down. In the mornings Lily set up a clinic under the mango trees with just a table and chair and some basic Western medicines. In the afternoons she went to the villages where she came up against the feared witchdoctors and in the evenings she turned the language into a written form, eventually translating the New Testament for the first time into Papel. Her patients and their families could not believe how effective penicillin was compared to the witchdoctors' expensive potions and whatever their illness they said to Lily: "Give us God's needle."

Lily's clinic grew to more than 300 patients a day and today there is a modern clinic and Guinea Bissau has one of the biggest national churches in West Africa.

It is an incredible story of pioneering missionary outreach and frontline medical work delivering babies in a peanut field, treating young mothers in dark huts and looking after patients who would begin queuing outside Lily's bedroom window from 3am.

After 34 years on the mission field Lily returned to her home city of Liverpool where John Butterworth helped her write her story. Helen Roseveare, the former Congo missionary who is still an international speaker in her mid 80s, did the foreword to the book entitled *God's Needle*, which is being published by the Monarch division of Lion Hudson in Oxford this July.

She wrote: "When I was sent the manuscript, and asked if I would write a paragraph of recommendation, I hesitated – could I really take on another task?"

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Failure is not final with God *(cont)*

“But then I glanced at the first chapter – and I was hooked! I simply couldn’t put it down.

“Lily’s outpoured love and energy for the Papel people have left them with a church of believers, the basis of a medical service, and the written Word of God. To God be all the glory!”

Signed copies of God’s Needle by Lily Gaynor and John Butterworth at the special price of £7 can be ordered in advance by emailing John@jbutterworth.plus.com or phoning 01785 817465 or 07955 2626333.

John

.An Evening with Phil and Arthur

Saturday 2nd March at 7pm in the Centre

Something for Everyone

Sale of plants 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 light-hearted team quiz

Refreshments

Proceeds to the Church general fund

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

Life on the Frontline (Lent Course)

This creative and practical small group resource is a six-session DVD series for small groups seeking to help one another live fruitfully and faithfully for Christ in the daily places of life and work. Each session has a short film, discussion material, Bible reflections and stories illustrating how the principles have been worked out in real life.

7pm on Sundays, 7:30pm on Wednesdays

Eternal life – Reward or Relationship?

How do we obtain eternal life?

Let's face it; it's a very important question for all of us. The rich young man thought that the answer lay in obeying the commandments. Jesus challenged him to adopt a totally new way of life and "follow me". (Matthew 19:16-21)

Sadly the young man could not accept the proposition and the disciples begin to discuss the implications of his decision. Peter points out they have left everything to follow Jesus and asks a question which I expect we have all asked about mundane things like supermarket prices, to the pros and cons of changing our broadband account; "What's in it for us?" (Matthew 19:27b)

As he so often does, Jesus responds by telling a story. On first reading it seems very unfair. Men, who were employed at the eleventh hour, get paid first and get a full day's wages! Small wonder then, that those who have toiled all day are upset.

Well it is unfair if you see Eternal life - for that is what the parable is about - in terms of reward. Eternal life is not God's "pension plan" characterised by the rule that the more you pay in the more you get out. To see eternal life like this is nonsense. You can't have a quarter of eternal life, if you have only been a Christian for a quarter of your life.

Eternal life is about a relationship with God through the saving act of Jesus, and it can be lived out starting now in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In St. John's Gospel Jesus makes it very clear that eternal life starts here and now – "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me *has* eternal life, he will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24) (*Italics mine*).

Once we are in that personal relationship with Jesus and "following him" then we are experiencing eternal life at the present moment. Of course in this life, as St Paul reminds us, "we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face" (I Cor. 13:12)

So how do we answer that rather silly idea that we might as well put off making a relation with Jesus, and leave it till the last minute. The so called "death bed confession". Apart from the fact that we never know when that last minute will be, there is huge advantage in turning to Christ now.

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Those who can look back over many years of trying to follow Jesus faithfully will have experienced His presence, His guidance, and His love in many different ways. This experience of a living relationship with the Lord, gives us confidence for the life to come.

Roger M. Vaughan

Give it up for Comic Relief!

This month sees the 25th anniversary celebration of Comic Relief. On Red Nose Day, 15th March, we will hear amazing stories of projects that have changed lives and communities.

It all started because Richard Curtis, the founder, was shocked by the famine in Ethiopia and inspired by Band Aid's fundraising efforts. For those who saw the concert on TV, who could forget Bob Geldof shouting at viewers to: 'Put your hand in your pocket and give us your xxxxxx money!'

Since 1988, there has been 25 years of 'doing something funny for money' and of 'putting the fun back into fundraising'. In that time, over £800 million has been raised for thousands of projects covering 70 nations world- wide. The genius of the movement, for me, has been the way Comic Relief has encouraged participation. It's not just about giving money; it's about getting involved. So, students collect in streets dressed in pyjamas, children at school shave off the teacher's beard and staff dye their hair to go to work.

Some may say this is trivialising the serious challenges being faced today. People living in abject poverty, destitution or in fear is no laughing matter. But this is to miss the point. Comics take their work seriously. It is their livelihood and they are using the gifts they have been given to make a difference.

I can't help feeling that we have much to learn here as a Church. We, too, have a vision for a transformed world – indeed its God's vision of the Kingdom. We, too, want to see lives and communities changed for the better. Sometimes people are loath to become involved in a church project because they don't feel they are up to it or lack the expertise.

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Others will hesitate saying, ‘who am I to be involved? Don’t I need to be changed before I get started? Jesus, however, called his disciples to follow him before they understood everything; and he commissioned them for Kingdom work before they knew much more. He didn’t wait for them to be fully ready before sending them out. If he had done that, Jesus’s mission would never have got off the ground. The fascinating thing is that the disciples met God at work as they went out. They saw the mighty works of God as they offered their own seemingly insignificant talent and effort. They learnt on the hoof.

Of course, there is still plenty of work to be done in us and I am painfully aware that I am a work in progress. I want to say: ‘Change the world and start with me’ but I am tempted, like Gerard Hughes, to say: ‘Lord, I know you can change the world but you’ve met your match in me’. There is work to be done internally, I know. And taking time aside in this ‘Spring-time’ of Lent to contemplate God’s Kingdom Vision for his world will be an important step.

Comic Relief’s message is: ‘Don’t take yourself too seriously. Have a go and make a difference!’ I wonder what we can do and who else we can encourage? Bishop Jonathan’s Lent appeal to tackle poverty here in the poorest parts of Lichfield Diocese, and to encourage young leaders from our partner diocese of Matlosane in South Africa, might not have the razzamatazz of Comic Relief. But it will make a huge difference to many lives; and if we get involved, there is the promise of meeting God on the way. *Rt Revd Mark Rylands, Bishop of Shrewsbury*

Families @4

Since we started up Families@4 last year over 100 people have passed through the doors! In the autumn we started going through **the Jesus Storybook Bible** which shows how every story in the Bible beginning with Genesis whispers Jesus’ name!

There’s cake, craft, stories and songs and most of all lots of fun!

The dates for this month are as follows:

- 3 Mar** – *10 Ways to be perfect*
- 17 Mar** – *The warrior leader*

We do hope you can join us! For more information contact Andy Cranston on 818983 or acranston.ccstone@gmail.com

In November 2012, Mike Gidney was appointed CEO of the Fairtrade Foundation. (He was previously Chief Executive at Traidcraft – the company which supplies our fairtrade goods.) In the Spring edition of ‘Fair Comment’, he says ‘Fairtrade has made real gains in the last few years, bringing lasting benefits to 1.5 million producers in 60 developing countries but we need to bring the benefits to more people. My priority will be to increase the impact fairtrade is having on fighting poverty’.

What is Fairtrade?

It aims to transform the lives of poor producers in the developing world by enabling them to use their skills to trade their way out of poverty by:

- Creating opportunities for poor producers
- Ensuring trading practices are fair
- Ensuring children are not being exploited
- Ensuring there is no discrimination
- Ensuring safe working conditions

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. How the premium is spent is decided democratically by a committee of producers or workers on a plantation.

Two farmers explain how fair trade/fair trade premium has benefited their families and communities.

- 1 Henry Matenda lives in the Chikwawa district of S Malawi. He is a sugar cane farmer at the Kasinthula Cane Growers Association, which joined fairtrade in 2004. He says ‘With the fairtrade premium we have built a primary school in our village and distributed 6 computers to 3 secondary schools and a printer to each of those schools. We have also brought electrification to our village and drilled boreholes and taps. It makes me very proud’.
- 2 In November Nicholas Faisal left his banana farm in St Lucia for a two week tour of the UK talking to children and university students. He explained how the fairtrade premium has helped farmers to improve production, by diversifying their farms, getting better equipment and education. Also, local schools and sports groups have received resources and sponsorship. *(continued on next page)*

Fairtrade Fortnight begins on **25th March** and the Fairtrade Foundation will be launching a new campaign, ‘*Make Food Fair*’. This will run for three years and the first initiative will be to urge David Cameron to champion concrete action for small scale farmers when G8 leaders meet in Northern Ireland this summer.

Our fairtrade stalls this month will be - Parents and Toddlers - 4th March, Oulton Village Hall – 18th March (9.30 – 11.30), 24th March (after the Family Service). If you haven’t bought from the fairtrade stall give it a try; if you’re a regular try something new. The Spring catalogue is now out and there are new cards to choose from. Remember you can also you can buy Traidcraft goods from Wikijum.

Although sales of small organisations like Traidcraft have shown significant growth, the impact on producers is limited by their size. Supermarkets can access a far greater number of consumers and make it easy for them to buy fairtrade products. To have a real impact on world poverty, Traidcraft believes the big powerful companies must be involved; so look out for fairtrade products in the Co-op. and Morrisons.

A prayer for Fairtrade Fortnight

Loving and merciful God

Your love for each of us is the same

And your heart breaks for our neighbours across the world for whom life is a constant struggle.

Thank you for the transformational power of fairtrade in lifting people out of poverty for good.

Help us to continually strive for a world freed from poverty, where trade is just and people and communities can flourish.

In Jesus’ name

Amen

Women’s World Day of Prayer

Praying for France

Deaconess Ann Butler will speak at the service, to be held in St. Michael’s Church on Friday 1st March at 2:00pm.

Lovely, clean toilets

I want to talk to you about toilets!! How easy it is for us to take our lovely clean, private and safe toilets for granted.

When I was a young child I lived in London with my family, an older sister, a baby and mum and dad, in the first floor flat of a large Victorian terraced house in North Kensington. Although only a stone's throw from Portobello Road we were not in an upmarket area and anyway it was just after the war, so we overlooked a bombed site. Our flat was on two levels and we shared a communal staircase with the couple who lived above us, and worse still..... we shared a toilet. We all hated that, and kept our toilet rolls (Izal, I believe, nothing soft & 'quilted' in those days) in our rooms. In an emergency one could always use the rectangles of cut newspaper hanging in the toilet on a loop of string!!! But for all that, we had privacy when we were inside that little room and I am sure that it was always clean.

When I was a little older I used to stay for longish holidays with my Welsh grandfather, or Taid as we knew him, and his wife. The toilet situation there was even worse, being housed in a little shed round the back of the cottage. The toilet itself was a bucket dropped into a hole in a couple of wooden planks which sufficed as the seat. How I hated that toilet.....the smell and the flies...but again it was private and safe.

I'm sure that many of you could add your own toilet horror stories to those of mine. Suffice to say that when I was young I never dreamt that I would one day live in a house with not one, not two but three toilets ...all to ourselves! How blessed indeed are we. The purpose of this article is to ask you to give serious thought to twinning a toilet in your house with a yet to be built toilet in an impoverished and needy community which doesn't have decent sanitation at the moment. It's a very practical way of helping those in great need. I am of course aware that some of you may have already done so. It cost us £60 to twin one of ours and that was money well spent. If you do, you will receive a framed certificate with the grid reference of the toilet so you can look up its position on Google maps, you may have seen the one near the toilets off the Westbridge Room in the Church centre, kindly twinned by the Mums & Toddlers group. At the moment locations are in Burundi and Cambodia, but more locations are coming soon. If you are interested go to www.toilettwinning.org or do it through Tearfund. Diana Tunstall

Maybe you, like Diana, want to twin your own toilet. If you can't afford £60 but would like to contribute towards twinning another toilet at church, then I am happy to collect contributions. As soon as I have received £60 I will send it off to provide another third-world loo!

Dave Bell

Electoral Roll 2013

In the Church of England, the Electoral Roll is our membership list; the people we can count upon as committed members of Christ Church. Each church has an electoral roll officer. Your Electoral Roll Officer at Christ Church is Irene Gassor. The Electoral Roll is also the parish's register of those people who are eligible to vote at the annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council (The PCC), Church Office holders, and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Prospective members of the PCC and Church Office Holders must also be on the Electoral Roll to be eligible to stand. The Church Electoral Roll must be kept accurately. To achieve accuracy the roll is revised annually and the new Roll is reported at the APCM. The Roll is used to determine eligibility for attendance and participation at the annual parochial church meeting and for election to the parochial church council. It is also used to determine eligibility for election to the deanery, diocesan and general synods. In addition it is used for the calculation of the number of representatives who may be elected to each of these synods in the following year. Every sixth year, instead of a revision, a completely new Roll has to be prepared. It is now six years since the last full renewal, so all Churches must prepare a new Roll in 2013.

To be entitled to be included on the Roll a lay person must be:

a. Baptised

and

b. over 16 years of age on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting

and

c. either –

a member of the Church of England, or a Church in Communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish. (There is no requirement to go to church regularly).

or

a member of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in another parish, but habitually attending worship in the chosen parish for at least 6 months prior to enrolment (unless prevented from doing so by illness or other sufficient cause).

or

a member of a Church subscribing to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, such as Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, URC, etc (in other words, most mainstream Christian churches. If you are unsure, please speak to the Vicar, Paul Kingman) and prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, and having habitually attended worship in the chosen parish for at least 6 months prior to enrolment.

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d. A person must also have signed an application form for enrolment.

Why do we want you to complete a form?

1. Being a member of the electoral roll gives you the opportunity to have your say. This will include giving you a vote at the APCM. (You are not on the electoral roll unless you complete a form).
2. It allows us to maintain our records accurately and ensure we can keep in touch with you. The information is only used by Christ Church.
3. The number of people on the roll makes no difference to the amount we pay the Diocese.

The answers to frequently asked questions:

1. Who is the Electoral Roll for?

The Church Electoral Roll is for lay persons only. Retired clergy are still clergy and therefore not eligible for inclusion.

2. Can I be on more than one Electoral Roll?

A person can be on the Roll of several parishes if fulfilling the above criteria, but can only use one parish for the purposes of membership of the PCC, elections to synods, etc.

3. When can I add my name to the Roll?

Names can be added to or removed from the Roll during the course of the year, except between the completion of the Roll and the close of the APCM. All such changes must be reported to the next meeting of the PCC.

4. I live in the Parish; will I automatically be on the Roll?

Living in the parish will not automatically add you to the electoral roll.

5. I attend Christ Church regularly; will I automatically be on the Roll?

Coming to church regularly, giving regularly or completing a welcome slip will not automatically add you to the electoral roll.

6. How do I add my name to the Roll?

You can only be added to the electoral roll if you complete, sign and return your form to the electoral roll officer.

7. How can I remove my name from the Roll?

You can be removed from the electoral roll by writing to the electoral roll officer.

Timetable

The official notice will be displayed at Christ Church from **Sunday 24th February** when application forms will be available from either Irene or the Church Office (Blank forms are also on the website – these must be printed and signed – sorry email is not acceptable.)

These forms must be returned to Irene or the Church Office by **Sunday 14th April**. *(continued on page 16)*

The P.C.C. met on 23rd January 2013 and the following matters were reported:

- A report was presented on the investigations being carried out into ways of improving the heating in the church. Recommendations for further consideration and costing are:
 - Ø increasing the number of radiators in the church
 - Ø altering the pipes that run down the centre aisle to pipes with a larger surface area so more heat is released from them
 - Ø insulating the tower to reduce heat loss
- The importance of raising awareness of the Youth Ministry and the need for finance, to ensure continuance of vital work it carries out, was discussed. It was agreed that, in addition to regular donations, fund raising events like the Orient Express evening not only provide funds but also provide much needed publicity for the Youth Ministry.

One of the forthcoming events involving the young people from one the youth groups is a trip to a Christian Camp in Sheffield. Another is for a group of teenagers to go to Romania in the summer to, amongst other things, help run a Children's Club in a remote community and learn about what life is like for the people who live in the area.
- The church website has been updated and items for it are welcomed. The church is also now on Twitter.
- Work is to be carried out on the Blower House (housing the electronics for the Church organ) to ensure it is watertight and secure. Investigations are to be made into the source of the water in the bottom of the old boiler house.
- It was reported that additional regular help for Sunday School would be welcomed.

The next P.C.C meeting is on Monday 18th March 2013.

ROADS FOR PRAYER

3rd March

Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross

24th March

Bentley Close
Rendel Grove
Brindley Close
Rudyard Close
Anderton Way/View

10th March

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square

31st March

Cressey Close
Joules Drive
Cauldon Way
Harecastle Bank

17th March

Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge
York Street



Electoral Roll *(cont)*

Allowing two weeks to prepare the Electoral Roll before the APCM on **Sunday 28th April.**

*Any returned after this date can be added to the Electoral Roll **after** the Annual Meeting but the people concerned will not be eligible to either vote at the this year's APCM or be elected to any office or the Parochial Church Council until the following year.*

You are not on the electoral roll unless you complete, sign and return a form

Stone Choral Society Concert

here on Sat. 23rd March 7:30 pm

Rejoice,.....it's Spring
Rejoice in the Lamb Benjamin Britten
Missa Kenya Paul Basler
The Making of the Drum Bob Chilcott

Tickets: £10, (£8 concession), children free
available from Plants the Jewellers & Wikijum
or at the door

also from: 01785 817 754

or: tickets@stonechoral.org.uk

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

FUNERAL

10th January

Doris Walden

Age 88

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

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

FLOWER ROTA

3rd Mar	Lent	10th Mar	Lent
17th Mar	Lent	24th Mar	Lent
31st Mar	Easter (Flower Guild)		

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 17th March. Thanks,
Marylyn

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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.

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

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am

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