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June 2013

Sat	1	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	2	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion + Giving Review Day Luke 8:1-15 "Enabling Gospel work" Families at Four - service for the whole family Re:Acts; The Jesus Movement; Acts 6 "The making of a martyr"
Mon	3	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	4	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 yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	5		
Thu	6	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	7		
Sat	8	10:00am	Wednesbury - Tim Vasby-Burnie - 321 How to show the Gospel
Sun	9	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Romans 12:1-8; "Engaging in Gospel service" Re:Acts; The Jesus Movement Acts 8 "The making of an evangelist"
Mon	10	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	11	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 yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	12	7:30pm	Standing Committee
Thu	13	1:20pm 6:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Christ Church First School governors meeting
Fri	14		
Sat	15		

Sun	16	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion Philippians 4:10-23 “Living a Gospel lifestyle” Families at Four - service for the whole family Re:Acts; The Jesus Movement Acts 9 “The appointment of an evangelist”
Mon	17	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	18	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 yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	19		
Thu	20	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	21		
Sat	22		
Sun	23	9:15am	Family service Acts 4:32-37 “Life as a Gospel community”
Mon	24	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	25	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 yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	26	7:30pm	Diocesan meeting
Thu	27	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	28		
Sat	29	10:00am	Rising Brook Baptist church - Poverty Day
Sun	30	9:15am	Morning Prayer 1 Tim 5:1-20 “Practical Gospel welfare”

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on June 23rd

Coronation Street

The 60th anniversary of The Queen's Coronation in June 2013 will be marked with a service of celebration at Westminster Abbey at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4th June. Her Majesty's Coronation originally took place at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953, nearly eighteen months after succeeding Her father, King George VI.

The coronation oaths that her Majesty made were worded carefully as they carried great meaning. The oaths concerned intention to exercise a good governance of the people under Her Majesty's jurisdiction across the world; to uphold law and justice with mercy in Her judgments; to use Her powers to uphold the Christian Gospel, the Protestant Reformed Religion; to maintain Church of England and its ministers.

The service is best quoted directly for what happened next:

'Then the Queen arising out of her Chair, supported as before, the Sword of State being carried before her, shall go to the Altar, and make her solemn Oath in the sight of all the people to observe the premisses: laying her right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the great Bible (which was before carried in the procession and is now brought from the Altar by the Archbishop, and tendered to her as she kneels upon the steps), and saying these words: ***"The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God."*** Then the Queen shall kiss the Book and sign the Oath. The Queen having thus taken her Oath shall return again to her Chair, and the Bible shall be delivered to the Dean of Westminster.'

It is in this single sentence that the combination of human responsibility and divine enabling come together. They provide a model of service and empowering for those in authority whose powers are to be used for the blessing of others. In this we have a glimpse of the Lord God's use of power for the benefit of all.

Let's give thanks for Her Majesty and pray for the Royal Family as we celebrate this remarkable anniversary together. Let's also reflect on the ultimate Sovereign, Jesus Christ, under whose reign we live and to whom we are to give our loyalty and devotion.

Paul Kingman



Deliver us!

Chippenham maternity hospital is no doubt typical of maternity units up and down the country. The staff were friendly, the rooms were light, muffled cries could be heard down the corridor and exhausted dads could be seen dozing in the rest room. However, my over-riding memory of our orientation tour was the level of security. All the cots were fitted with pressure sensors, the corridors had CCTV, doors on to the ward had 5 digit pass codes and the public entrance and exit was opposite the nurses' station. The only way babies left that unit was in their parents arms! It was a sobering insight into the lengths that we will go to protect what's precious. And God is no different.

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus actively encourages us to ask God for his protection: ***Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*** Jesus knows that just as children need parental protection so we need God's help to protect us from the world, the flesh and the devil – Satan.

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been out to destroy people and his tactics haven't much changed. He questions God's goodness, he appeals to our appetites and he minimises the consequences. "Just one won't hurt" we convince ourselves. Whether it be one drink on the way home with the secretary or one more gadget we can't really afford, one instance of fiddling the books or one snide comment about so and so. Temptations are a problem because they're so appealing and usually give the initial façade of being harmless. But one innocent drink soon leads to another and all too soon the devastating consequences of adultery are there for all to see. One snide comment leads to another until the best part of the day is taken up feasting on gossip and slander.

God knows that we are weak and vulnerable. We need his daily help to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. We need his protection. Too many people have bought the lie that God is a spoil sport. It's not true. He wants us to thrive, to experience life in all its fullness and to protect us from harm. In John 10 Jesus talks about being the Good Shepherd who has come that his sheep might have life to the full. But just like Adam and Eve, we're free to choose. He won't force us – we need to actively ask...and then take time to listen and willingly heed his promptings and advice!

The question is: Will we? Or will we be tempted to do otherwise?!

Andy

⁶**REACTS: the early church's impulse for mission**

There will be an opportunity to be part of an 8-session course of study on the book of *Acts* on **Sunday evenings at 6 pm in Christ Church, Stone**. The aim is to look at how the early church functioned and what we can learn for today: giving us a framework for the everyday church. This is a ministry project for the course of study on 'Missional Leadership' that I have been undertaking during the last year. The project has to be presented to my fellow students in June. In one of the most exciting books of the Bible Luke tells how the gospel spread from Jerusalem (the capital of the Jewish world) to Rome (the centre of the Gentile world). He shows how Followers of The Way' emerged from the framework of the Jewish nation to become a global movement. The Followers of the Way soon became known as 'Christians.' The movement resulted from the continued activity of the risen and ascended Jesus by his Spirit.

The course will run till the **16th June**. We will start with a bring and share tea at 6 pm, followed by a study of the *The Acts of the Apostles*. Please let me know if you would like to come. It is a course in the making and your taking part will help to clarify the sessions for me!

Paul

Families @4

For over a year now we've been getting together on Sunday afternoons in Christ Church Centre for cake, craft, stories and songs and most of all lots of fun! Starting at 4pm and finishing by 5pm, we are currently working our way through **the Jesus Storybook Bible** which shows how every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name! This term we're moving into the second half of the Old Testament – we'll have lions, giants a very big fish and a few sheep scattered along the way! And most of all we'll see how all these stories point to Jesus! The dates for this term are:

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| 2 June | – <i>A little servant girl and the proud general</i> |
| 16 June | – <i>Operation 'No More Tears!'</i> |
| 7 July | – <i>Daniel and the scary sleepover</i> |
| 21 July | – <i>God's messenger</i> |

We love welcoming newcomers so we do hope you can join us!
Andy Cranston (818983 or acranston.ccstone@gmail.com)

Give us this day...

We all have to eat every day so the way that food is brought from the farm to our table is of special interest. Sometimes it seems like a battle to deceive the poor consumer. And now that the links between high cholesterol, diabetes and diet are better known we'd expect more clarity about what we can eat; but in fact what we can safely eat is as confused as ever.

Growing up in the 1950's I was often frustrated when sent to our grocer's for supplies, because working out which packet of biscuits represented the best value was so obscure. Each packet was a different size with a different number of biscuits. Finally, the government stepped in and insisted that the price per pound or kilo was given on the packet and at last you could see which packet was the best value.

And best value is something we each need to consider not just when buying biscuits, but in our offerings to each other in the church. Are our fellow-believers and neighbours getting the best value from us as we serve them? That is exactly the question every parish is being asked to think about this summer as the 'Reaching New Generations' booklet, launched by the archdeacons last month is considered by PCCs all around the diocese. 'Reaching New Generations' asks each parish to look at what it is doing well, and consider one thing to improve and one innovation it could consider, alone or alongside neighbouring churches in the future. Each parish is thankfully different and not to be compared with any other. If parish A is not a custard cream it cannot say it doesn't belong in the biscuit tin of Lichfield Diocese. Biscuits come in different styles, flavours and packet sizes, and are all the more enjoyable for that!

Much more information is now given on packets. Calories and ingredients must be displayed, salt and sugar proportions carefully displayed. But it still sometimes feels like a battle between the hapless consumer and the canny manufacturer. It has been said that a yoghurt manufacturer claims to source all its milk locally—but omits to say that its fruit comes from China. The print that says my yoghurt is low fat is prominent; but the print that adds that it is very high in sugar is so small that you can't see it until you get home.

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When I became a bishop my doctor warned me not to eat most of what is served at church functions: sausage rolls, quiche, pastries. Is the Church called to model not only trade justice and food for the hungry, but also clear instructions about calories and ingredients, showing more clearly what is more healthy and less healthy food for our daily diet?

In this we will be prepared to be part of the IF campaign which this month aims at encouraging the G8 governments to ensure that there is **Enough Food For Everyone IF** we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families feed themselves.

The Bishop of Lichfield, The Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill

Bishop's voice in the Queen's speech debate

Having been present for the State Opening of Parliament at which the Queen announced the government's plans for legislation in the coming year, Bishop Jonathan took part in the debate on the Queen's Speech in the House of Lords concentrated on caring for the disadvantaged.

"There is much in this programme to welcome" he said, "but one must emphasise the priority that needs to be given to the most disadvantaged within our borders. He quoted from President Kennedy's famous inaugural speech:

" 'If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich' ”.

"The Government have focused in particular on their proposals on immigration. There are real complexities involved in removing a small number of people who are considered very dangerous to us, but these hard cases should not detract attention from the human impacts of the immigration system. I will not forget the experience of joining the wrong queue for immigration at Heathrow, having to wait ages to be seen, and watching the distress of the families and elderly being poorly treated by overworked staff. "

The rehabilitation of offenders is a topic that he has taken great interest in, valuing particularly the work of professional and volunteer chaplains, both lay and ordained, in the prisons around the diocese.

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Bishop's voice in the Queen's speech debate

Plans to extend supervision for ex-prisoners who serve sentences of less than twelve months were welcomed by Bishop Jonathan and although he has reservations about outsourcing probation services, he took the opportunity to fly the flag in the House of Lords for the highly successful RESTART programme in Stoke, initiated by the diocese and now developed by the charity Saltbox saying:

"On reform of the way in which offenders are rehabilitated in England and Wales, I warmly welcome the plans to extend post-sentence supervision to those serving sentences of less than 12 months. It is certainly true that the reoffending rate of more than 70% among young men in particular is shocking. However, there are organisations such as the church's scheme in the Potteries that have succeeded, even in the most difficult cases, in bringing that figure down to 10%. I am sure that the Government will want to listen more carefully to such organisations." He concluded his speech recalling St Paul's words, passing on in his letter to the Galatian churches the instructions given him by James, Peter and John "about building successful multinational communities."

'All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor'.

"The citizens of this country rightly have an interest in maintaining an orderly and just society. Immigration, anti-social behaviour, gambling, alcohol control and all the aspects of ordering our society covered by the Government's proposals present legitimate points of concern for us all. In addressing them, at a time of financial stringency, we must ensure that the solutions that we adopt do not tear us apart by bearing down disproportionately on those least able to make choices for themselves. We should continue to remember the poor."

Giving Review: Sunday 2nd June

Thank you for all who have been generous in the past. There will be our annual opportunity to review our financial stewardship and how to support the ongoing ministry of our local churches. Information will be available giving an up to date view of our current situation and budget needs. A response during the month of June would be most helpful.

Thank-You

Barbara and Tom Ewart wish to express their thanks to everyone at Christ Church who sent Get Well cards and prayed for Tom during his time in hospital. In answer to your prayers Tom has received good news from the hospital and he has been discharged.

Thanking everyone, Barbara and Tom

Thank you so much for all the lovely support given to Jack's "Mini Plant Sale" and coffee morning! We had a great time and raised £146 for the Rock Youth Ministry Fund.

We hope you enjoy your plants! Jack and Barbara Sutcliffe

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone at Christ Church, Stone, who have given such kindness and help to my late dear husband Errol and me over the last few years. It is appreciated.

Yours sincerely, Janet Webb.

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Royal Foundlings' Van Fund! Their van recently experienced serious problems and is no more. However, they put together their credit cards and borrowed £4000 to buy another van. £500 was raised in a collection after church and has been sent to them.

Royal Foundlings

In April we were joined by Christian rockers, the Royal Foundlings for a 2 week school mission. This involved the band teaching the children of Christ Church First, Christ Church Academy and Oulton First 8 songs throughout a week. At the end of the week the children of these schools were able to record a CD with the band. On the second week each of the schools had a performance where the children were able to be rock stars for the evening. This was a great success. The children and the parents loved it!

Here is what some parents have said on the Royal Foundlings Facebook site:

"Thank you all for a fantastic night with Christ Church Academy. My daughter felt like a minority being a Christian until this week. Thank you and thank God for sending you xx"

"Royal Foundlings made my daughter's day. Great people.. Great evening"

"Usually my girl hugs a teddy to sleep with... Apparently tonight it's a guitar...!!!!!"

"My son has had great fun being a Royal Rockstar - Thank you so much :)"

As well as the schools work the band also had a performance on the Saturday night. Over 100 people attended and had a fantastic evening. Everyone heard the good news of Jesus through song and through Dave's (lead singer) talk.

I would like to thank everyone for your help, support, meals and prayers.

Kieran

Lives Transformed - Maranatha Missions

About 5 years ago a young lady (Marinela) accepted Christ as her Saviour and after a while she asked to be baptized. At her baptism event nobody from her family was there except her sister-in-law who already was a Christian. She was in tears either because of her event emotions or because nobody was on her side from her family. Her husband was violent (not physically) but verbally he was terrible. He gave her a really hard time after she became a Christian. Those 5 long years she prayed, and cried for her husband and she got an answer. Last October her husband (Florin) called for baptism and he was baptized. Since then his pride was challenged many times. His parents (both) have serious alcohol addiction problems and they are not happy because he followed Marinela.

A few weeks ago both of his parents were under alcohol influence and they started arguing about some unimportant things and from there they started to fight each other. Of course Florin's father was stronger and he beat Florin's mother. Because of the situation Florin got involved in between and he tried to calm them down but no way. Florin's father got even more angry and screaming "REPENTENT, REPENTENT" he took a stick and this time he beat Florin till the stick got broken. I tell you that Florin did not react as he would do a year ago. A week ago I visited this dear family and they told me the story. I asked Florin "What would have happened in this situation 5 years ago". The answer shocked me. He said: "Five years ago I would have reacted and fought back. Maybe killed him but if not for sure put him in hospital because of injuries and I would be in prison". I asked him: "What happened with you then so you didn't react like that?" He said: "Something in my life is not like it used to be. The Father from heaven changed me."

Praise GOD. Florin was one of the men from Simpetru Almasului who planned 10 years ago to beat me up and to destroy my car because I went there to preach the Gospel.

Much Love in Christ, *Mircea*

Fairtrade sales last year at Christ Church and Oulton (with a few additional sales elsewhere) amounted to £3,466. Ruth donates 10% of our sales to Traidcraft's own charity – Traidcraft Exchange. With the additional donations, she has been able to send £450 this year.

Traidcraft Exchange implements trade-related development projects in S Asia and E Africa. It is not funded by Traidcraft's trading activities, so relies on donations and grants.

Many projects are environmental, helping producers to cope better with climate change or make their production processes more eco-friendly. The aim is not only to increase people's incomes but also for individuals and communities to flourish.

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 23rd June. Thank you for your continued support.

Sheila

13 Gospel Partnership: mornings at Christ Church & Oulton

Once a year we deliberately tackle some Bible teaching on stewardship. Yes, we try to talk about money and yes we aim to do so in a helpful way. This year we are taking a different approach as we consider gospel partnership – how we can be partners in God’s work that has lasting effect as it changes lives today and brings people into God’s eternal Kingdom.

Thoughts before the sermon

June 2nd Luke 8:1-15 Enabling Gospel work

1. How does the Pharisees attitude to Jesus compare with the woman in Lk 7:36-50?
2. What was Jesus’ response to the criticism in 7:39? Why does he tell the short parable in 7:41-42?
3. What made the woman do what she did? How can you give expression to respond to Jesus?
4. In 8:1ff who accompanied Jesus on his public tour of ministry? What part did they play in his ministry?
5. In the parable (8:4-15) what does the ‘seed’ represent? Who is sowing it?
6. What do the four soils represent? What does this tell us about the results of evangelism?

June 9th Romans 12:1-8 Engaging in Gospel service

1. What is the ‘therefore’ there for (v1)? What is true of God and what should be true of us?
2. How should our view of the world be different as a result of knowing God’s mercy? What changes as a consequence (v2)?
3. What is ‘grace’ and how can we explain this to others? What is the impact of grace on daily conduct?
4. How do we come to have the spiritual gifts listed here? What is good about the diversity of gifts?
5. What is the true purpose of all the spiritual gifts?

June 16th Philippians 4:10-23 Living a Gospel lifestyle

1. What does the start of this letter tell us about the relationship between Paul and this church (1:3-8)?
2. How has their financial giving affected this bond of fellowship?
3. What does it mean to be content in all circumstances? How is it made possible?
4. What is God’s view of our giving? Refer to Lev 1:9 and Eph 5:2.
5. What consequences follow their generosity?

Pause to reflect:

Going deeper with Sunday sermon passages

The following questions are given as suggestions for individual or group study with the hope that they will take you deeper into the passages we're thinking about on Sunday Mornings in June.

Thoughts before the sermon

June 23rd Acts 4:32-37 Life as a Gospel community

1. What has just happened (v23-31)?
2. What are the key activities of the church in these verses?
3. What was the central message they spread?
4. Why did some people sell their houses or land?
5. What do we learn about the life of these believers and how does it compare with the church you attend?
6. What resulted from their activities?

June 30th 1 Tim 5:1-20 Practical Gospel Welfare

1. What does the opening description (v1-2) tell us about the nature of relationships in the church?
2. Which group of people is Paul concerned about (v3-16)? What special provisions are to be made for them?
3. What do we learn about the way we treat other Christians in the church?
4. What are the responsibilities of believers towards:
 - (a) Their relatives? (b) Other believers?
5. What principles apply to supporting the work of elders (v17-20)?

ROADS FOR PRAYER

2nd June

Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Street
Newcastle Street

23rd June

Airdale Grove
Airdale Road
Airdale Spinney
Cross Street
Lotus Court

9th June

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road

30th June

Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross

16th June

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive



Christ Church in June 1889

Stonefield Youth's Bible Class

The Annual Trip of the members of this class took place on Whit Tuesday, June 11th when a party numbering 20 in all went to Sandon Park. After a ramble in the Park, we settled down to Cricket about 3-30 p.m., which went on until 6 p.m., when stumps were drawn and we all adjourned for tea to the local hostel, here a most sumptuous repast had been prepared and ample justice was done to it by every one. After the usual toasts had been proposed in the " Cup which cheers but not inebriates " we made our way to the station and in a few minutes were whirled back to Stone.

We take this opportunity of thanking those friends who so generously provided us with the sum of £1 5s. 6d., which went a considerable way towards the expenses of the trip.

Mothers' Annual Trip

The members of the "Mothers' Meetings" had their annual trip on Monday June 24th. Taking advantage of a special excursion to Llandudno that day, a party of about 35 met at the station at 7:30am, where two special carriages had been provided to convey the party to their destination. At 7:40am the train took its temporary leave of Stone and at 12:30pm the party found themselves landed at Llandudno Station, being an hour behind time. After a short and pleasant time by the sea, the party met for tea at 4pm, and the return journey was made at 4:50pm. The home station was reached at 10 o'clock. If the time spent in the train was long, it did not take anything away from the day's enjoyment, for there is always something of interest to be seen on any line of railway.

The Choir

The boys of our Church Choir had a trip on Monday, June 24th. As there was an excursion going to Llandudno that day, and others of our congregation were going, it was thought a good opportunity, if possible, to take our choir boys there too. Accordingly, a few donations were solicited, and the result was that the boys, under the care of the Rev E.J.C. Ince, joined the party, which left Stone at 7:40am. The time by the sea-side was not long, but it was well filled up. For after dinner two boats were engaged, and the boys were formally introduced to the great sea-god, who graciously let them pass over his domain without the usual payment. Taking leave of the sea, a visit was paid to the hill overlooking the "Happy Valley", and after a little time spent there, a return was made at 4 o'clock. All reached Stone at ten o'clock after a pleasant day, at the same time feeling that they had had enough pleasure for one day.

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

WEDDING

27th April Timothy Barcroft and Amie Wheawell

FUNERALS

3rd April Clive Irving Age 76

5th April Graceilla Vivienne Jeffries Age 77

17th April Errol Webb Age 91

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

2nd June K. Thompson D. Davies
D. Shemilt K. Woodward

9th June C. Wilding G. Holden
D. Pickles J. Abrahams

16th June P. Tunstall K. McKnight
D. Wilson V. Ledward

23rd June P. Hipkiss G. Lugg
P. Roberts J. Rowlands

30th June D. Davies K. Woodward
D. Shemilt K. Thompson



FLOWER ROTA

2nd June Mrs I. Gassor

9th June Mrs L. Mason

16th June Mrs S. Morray

23rd June Miss A. Butler

30th June Mrs V. Ledward



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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

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Christ Church welcomes you!

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 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). 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).