

# Christ Church and People

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(see inside back page for details)

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# July 2013

Mon	1	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	2	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	3	1:10pm 7:30pm	Alleyne's assembly PCC meeting
Thu	4	1:10pm 1:20pm 7:30pm	Alleyne's assembly Christ Church Academy assembly Farewell service for Godfrey Stone, Stoke Minster
Fri	5	1:10pm	Alleyne's assembly
Sat	6	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	7	9:15am 4:00pm	Communion 1 Peter 3:1-7 "What makes a lovely couple?" Families at Four - service for the whole family
Mon	8	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	9	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	10		
Thu	11	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	12		
Sat	13	2:00pm	Open Day, Stone Light Railway
Sun	14	9:15am 4:00pm	Morning Prayer; 1 Peter 3:8-22 "Godly Conduct" Oulton Fete service
Mon	15	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8

Tue	16	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	17		
Thu	18	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	19	9:30am 11:00am	Christ Church First School leavers' service (at school) Christ Church Academy leavers' service (in church)
Sat	20		
Sun	21	9:15am 4:00pm	Communion 1 Peter 4:1-11 "Therefore twice" Families at Four - service for the whole family
Mon	22		
Tue	23	10:00am 10:30am	Coffee before midweek service Midweek service
Wed	24		
Thu	25		
Fri	26		
Sat	27		
Sun	28	9:15am	Family service 1 Peter 4:12-19 "Suffering for Jesus"
Mon	29		
Tue	30		
Wed	31	2:30pm	Oasis - A holiday Club for seniors

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on June 28th

## An Age Old problem?

We live at a time when the elderly can often feel undervalued and on the scrap heap of life. It begs the question as to whether ageing is to be avoided at all costs? Here's what one person said were his two reactions to entering retirement: gratitude and annoyance. "The first was gratitude! I had passed a major barrier and just might live a lot longer. I felt truly blessed! The second was annoyance that so many said the word 'old' as if it were something bad, something to be avoided, as if it were a problem."

The Bible has a very different perspective on ageing, as it holds out the potential of gaining wisdom. It's true to say that the challenges of old age may involve various losses in terms of speed, mobility and health. There may be many changes to face in terms of technology, occupation and friendships. But there are also positives to enjoy, most importantly that of gaining wisdom. Experience of years brings learning as shown by when we say: "if only I'd known or understood that before!"

The Holy Bible describes wisdom as calling out to passers by: *'choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her'* (8v10-11). Furthermore such wisdom brings blessings to others too: *'I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full'* (8v20-21). This is brought into focus when we recognize the eternal nature of wisdom: *'The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old. I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning before the world began'* (Pr 8v22-23).

The Bible says that the source of wisdom is God and is found in knowing Jesus Christ whose teaching in parables was itself evidence of his authenticity as the promised Messiah: *'So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world"'* (Mt 13v25 quoting Psalm 78v2).

As a local church we exist to encourage people to enter and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. We aim to make this accessible for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest of members. During the last week of July we have a special club called 'Oasis' which is for retired people to enjoy one another's company and be refreshed spiritually. More details can be found in the July magazine. *Paul Kingman*



## Yours is the Kingdom!

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Whether a boy or a girl, the change to the rule of royal succession means that William and Kate's baby will one day, barring a tragedy, hear these words moments before the crown of St Edward is removed from the altar and set upon his/her head:

O God the Crown of the faithful:  
 Bless we beseech thee this Crown,  
 and so sanctify thy servant  
 upon whose head this day thou dost place it  
 for a sign of royal majesty,  
 that (s)he may be filled by thine abundant grace  
 with all princely virtues:  
 through the King eternal Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Destined to be given domination and rule over the peoples of Great Britain and the Commonwealth it's no wonder that the arrival of this baby is so eagerly anticipated! No doubt we'll be treated to photos, magazine articles and documentaries over the course of the next few months and years and yet what a contrast to the 'King eternal' through whom this baby will be bestowed with his/her royal majesty.

Born in a barn in a backwater region of an occupied territory some 2000 years ago, Isaiah indicates that *'He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.'* (Isaiah 53:3) Unlike the eagerly anticipated heir to the throne, the Lord Jesus in his sovereignty was born into squalor and poverty; he *'made himself nothing...humbled himself and became obedient to death'* and because of that *'God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.'* (Philippians 2)

As we eagerly watch and wait for the arrival of the newborn prince or princess it's worth remembering the humble origins of the one who is now crowned 'King eternal' and who will one day bestow a crown of royal majesty on this much anticipated baby and to whom we will all bow. The conclusion to the Lord's Prayer routinely reminds us that however preoccupied we might become with Kings and Queens, rulers and dignitaries, ultimately the Kingdom, the power and the glory both now and forever belong to God and the Lord Jesus.

So as we await the new arrival let's not forget to bow before the 'eternal King' because he's the one with ultimate authority! *Andy*

## Families @4

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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've moved 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're seeing how all these stories point to Jesus! The last two dates for this term are:

**7 July**                   – *Daniel and the scary sleepover*  
**21 July**                   – *God's messenger*

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

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### *Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust*

#### **Sponsored Cycle Ride and Walk**

A day to visit many churches which are  
usually closed

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Saturday 14th September is not so far away - so make a note of the date now!

How about cycling or walking round our area visiting churches? Collect sponsorship for the number of churches you visit. There are churches involved all over the county. The sponsor money is equally divided between the Historic Churches Trust and our own church.

Will you walk or cycle or stay at Christ Church to welcome visitors to our church?

Nearer the time Sponsor forms will be available from Dorothy Wilson who also knows a walking route round Stafford taking in ten churches.

Go now and put the date on your calendar!

*Dorothy*

## Learning the Church of England!

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*The Ven Godfrey Stone will this month retire from his post as Archdeacon of Stoke. He has been part of the Diocese for 21 years and in this pastoral letter he looks back at how he has been ‘learning the Church of England’ and begin a new chapter, with his wife Dot, in a form of ‘missionary’ work*

I can remember laughing out loud when the idea of being ordained first lodged in my head! Dot and I were recently married, we were sitting on a park bench in Oxford – and our shared ambition was to serve together as missionary teachers somewhere in SEAsia! As a Geography graduate, it seemed only natural to have a global perspective on the Christian church. So when Douglas, Bishop of Peterborough later ordained me, he very astutely he observed: “Stone, learn the Church of England!” I have been trying to heed his words for the last 32 years!

But it is the Church of England that has also been doing some important learning in recent years. In the 1970s, English anglicans learned from leaders in the world church through the ‘Partners in Mission’ exchanges. In the 1980s, we began to speak of ‘churches–in–mission’, and this was reinforced by many of the excellent papers produced for the 1988 Lambeth Conference. The 1990s saw the Decade of Evangelism, when Lichfield Diocese first adopted ‘Primary Purposes’. The 2000s saw these Purposes refined into the current five ‘themes’ for Growth, extended, focussed and applied to each parish through Mission Action Planning. What has happened could be said to be a renewal of Anglican structures with a missionary intention.

- We have rediscovered that the PCC is rightly defined as ‘collaborating with the incumbent in *the whole mission of the church* pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;

- We now recognise that the Annual Report and Accounts are incomplete if they look back to the year past without prayers, plans and a budget (missional and financial) *for the year ahead*;

We understand that the Chancellor can allow changes to historic church fabric when they advance the priorities of ‘*worship and mission*’.

- With Christians of other traditions, we have seen the abiding value of a daily pattern of prayer (the church’s Daily Office) and mission focused in one local neighbourhood (the *abiding missionary value of the parish or benefice*).

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## Learning the Church of England *(cont)*

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For 21 years, it has been our privilege to serve with four bishops in North Staffordshire, and to be part of a Diocese in Lichfield that has tried to make key priorities of outward-facing mission, and the nurture of local ministry. It seems only natural now to offer our time voluntarily in 'retirement' to strengthen friendships that Lichfield has helped us make in the Province of SEAsia.

Based in Oxford, we are keen to fulfil our share of important family responsibilities. But also, the recent launch of Asia CMS (Church Mission Society) in Kuala Lumpur, a recent Holy Week visit to a seminary in central southern China, and a week supporting English Language Schools in Indo China could all be the first steps in what may occupy our time, God willing, in the spring and autumn of each year. We call it 'Theological English', and it incorporates something of the professional experience we have together developed. Please pray with us for God's grace in the outworking of this next phase of life – as we heartily thank God, and you, for all that has been given us in the past.

### The Archdeacon of Stoke, The Ven Godfrey Stone

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#### Oasis – a summer club for the retired

'Oasis' is a summer club that is for retired people. It will be on three afternoons from Wednesday 31st July to Friday 2nd August 2013. It will run from 2.30 to about 5.30 p.m. in Christ Church Centre, Stone.

We have a variety of activities including singing, games and quizzes, video of the Bible lands, a trip down memory lane, Bible reflection and an afternoon tea with waitress service! The cost is just £1 per day.

So, we hope that you will come and join the fun!

Paul & Sue Kingman, Shirley Hallam.



## What goes on in the Church Centre?

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The answer is, “Quite a lot”. If you come to Church on Sundays, you will know that tea and coffee are served in the Centre after morning services, and that Sunday evening services or Bible studies take place here as well. But there is a lot going on that perhaps you may not know about. Here is a list of most of the activities that take place- perhaps you could come more often and join in something during the week?

### Regular Church usage

Sunday School

Creche (<=3)

Climbers (3-7)

Explorers (7-11)

Pathfinders (11-14)

Families at Four

Evening services, Bible studies

Tea/coffee before/after services

Mums and Toddlers

Youth Groups

Lighthouse (school years 2-4)

Breathe (school years 5-8)

Rock (school years 9-13)

Prayer meetings

Other meetings (PCC, Standing committee, APCM etc.)

### Outside organisations

EWISS (Emotional Wellbeing in Stafford and Surrounds)

*-three times each week*

*These services are delivering the “Improved Access to Psychological Therapy” programme in Stafford and surrounding areas. This service is aimed at helping people with depression*

Lip-reading Class

Primary Learning *-twice a week*

Alzheimer Drop-in Club

Jo Jingles (*music for small children*)

Kiddy Cook (*“cooking” activities for toddlers*)

*(continued)*

# What goes on in the Church Centre? *(cont)*

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## Outside organisations *(cont)*

Paula Brown Dance class

U3A Harmony choir *(fortnightly)*

Stone Women's Institute *(monthly)*

Stone Trefoil Guild

*(a meeting for retired and present Guide leaders)*

Stone Outward Division Girl Guides

*(meetings and First Aid courses, and*

*training for Mombasa trip planned for October 2014)*

SCC Community Watchdog meetings

Also, the Centre is used for private events (Birthday parties etc., at which a Bouncy Castle and other toys are available)

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## **P.C.C. News**

The P.C.C. met on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 and the following matters were reported:

- Mr Mason advised:
  - Ø The problem with ingress of water into the Boiler House is still ongoing. The water was pumped out but there is still ingress of water. It would appear that the problem originates from water flowing back through a soak away which is higher than the boiler house floor. Investigations are underway to find a permanent solution to the problem, this may involve blocking up the pipe or installing a permanent pump. It would appear that the boiler House has not suffered any water damage and the brickwork is sound.
  - Ø Since the recent alterations to the heating system the heating in the church has been comfortable and we should consider the long term implications of any further alterations or enhancements to the heating in the church before deciding on any further changes.
- Help is required on busy days especially communion services to get the church ready before the service. It was suggested that a rota should be put in place to ensure equipment at the front is ready before the start of the service. *(continued)*

- Rev Kingman reported that he had received a letter from a parishioner expressing concern regarding a wine bottle on the communion table during the service and how this may be misinterpreted by people attending the service. A member of the P.C.C agreed that it did not look good to have the wine on display in a bottle. Rev Kingman explained that the reason for the wine remaining in the bottle and not being decanted into another vessel was to reduce the risk of contaminating the wine. It was agreed to look into other ways of displaying the wine. The wine bottle has been replaced by a cruet as a result of the letter.
- Rev Kingman reported that we are trying to develop our Growth/House Groups and we now have groups meeting on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings and one on Thursday morning.
- The Royal Foundlings had been in communication with Mr Reynolds regarding urgent financial support they needed to keep them mobile and he received a good response which helped the band with their recent transport problem. Mr Reynolds is waiting to hear from the band with more details of the sort of regular funding they may be looking for in the future.
- The Yew tree in the church yard is diseased and needs attention.

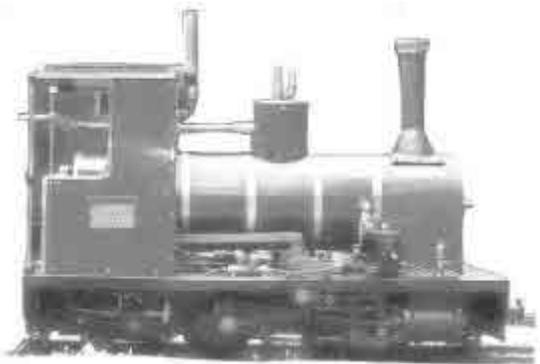
The next P.C.C meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm.

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### Stone Light Railway

We will have an Open Day on the Stone Light Railway raising steam and raising funds for JigSaw Kids on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Trains will run from 2 pm. As last year there will be cream teas which people can donate and then pay to eat! Plus drinks of a soft but wet nature.

Contact Pete (815854) for details.



*(Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea)*

You should have brought more Bibles,' was the cry from people at Ambaluwa and Kol, two remote villages at the foot of PNG's highest mountain Mount Wilhelm.

This was the first time Swiss pilot Michael Vogel and I had taken boxes of Bibles out with us when flying. The Bibles just went! We kept back one box for Ambaluwa, and Michael's for Kol. We opened them up and started selling them among the people.

In PNG culture, it isn't appropriate just to give things away - if you do, they are not valued. But we have a sliding scale so, if communities have some cash income, we won't drop the price as much as for communities that don't.

On that particular day, we came back to the MAF base at Mount Hagen, refilled our Bible boxes and then went out to Yambaitok in a completely different area. The reaction there was the same. People crowded around and the Bibles went almost as soon as we opened the box.

They were just so enthusiastic to get their own copy of the Bible. Then, more recently, we went out to Wanakipa and Hewa in Enga Province. They are probably a day's walk apart, but only a few minutes by plane. Again, I sold all mine at Wanakipa and Michael sold his at Hewa. In our Bible boxes, we carry about 14 or 16 'Tok Pisin' Bibles. I also usually carry about four English Bibles, the Good News version, and four or five audio Bibles in Tok Pisin.

People's enthusiasm to buy them is amazing, and their sheer delight in being able to afford a Bible of their own is palpable. Everywhere we go, we are told, 'Bring more, bring more! Next time you come, you must bring a whole box.'

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## **News from Christ Church in July 1889**

As far as can be seen from the magazines, there was no news from Christ Church in 1889, the only recorded events were baptisms, weddings and funerals. During the year, 57 burials were reported as follows:

18 Infants, 13 under 20 years, 11 between 20 and 60, 15 above 60 years old. It must have been very sad to bury more infants than old people. There was only one month in which nobody under 20 was buried.

## 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 July.

#### *Thoughts before the sermon*

*July 7th 1 Peter 3:1-7 "What makes a lovely couple?"*

1. Look back at 2:21-25 – what does Jesus do in these verses and what are we called to do?
2. 'In the same way' as who are wives to be submissive? What does this look like in practice?
3. What is Peter's purpose in giving this instruction to wives, v1 & 4?
4. What does it mean for husbands to be 'considerate'?
5. Why does Peter want husbands to behave in this way?

Why not spend some time this week praying for those you know who are married to unbelievers?

*July 14th 1 Peter 3:8-22 "Godly conduct"*

1. What 5 characteristics does Peter mention in v8? How would you explain them?
2. What do these characteristics lead to?
3. Why does Peter quote from Psalm 34 in v10-12?
4. What does Peter imply that our lives should be prompting in v15?
5. What is 'our hope' and how do we make it noticeable to others?
6. In what ways is Jesus a helpful example as we strive to do good?

Why not pray for an opportunity to share your hope with an unbeliever this week.

*July 21st 1 Peter 4:1-11 "'Therefore' twice"*

1. Being willing to suffer for Jesus is clear evidence of a Christian desire to be done with sin and instead be walking after Jesus (v1). What are some of the sins Peter mentions that we should be done with?
2. How do we discover the will of God for our lives (v2)?
3. What reassurance does Peter give in v6 for Christians who've already died?
4. What does Peter mean by 'the end of all things is near'? What does he want us to be doing as a result?
5. What gift(s) has God given you to share with his church?
6. Who benefits when we share our gifts?

In what ways can you share your gift(s) with others this week?

## Pause to reflect:

### Going deeper with Sunday sermon passages

#### *Thoughts before the sermon*

*July 28th 1 Peter 4:12-19 "Suffering for Jesus"*

1. What does Peter mean when he talks about suffering for being a Christian?
2. What is the difference between expecting suffering and courting suffering? How does Peter's example as a disciple help us in our approach to suffering?
3. Peter tells us that suffering is part of God's judgement: It either purifies us – helping to make us holy or it destroys us. How does this compare with your view of suffering?
4. What attitude does Peter encourage us to have towards suffering in v19?  
What will 'committing yourself to your Creator and continuing to do good' look like for you this week?

*For a while, Kevin has been sending in extracts from (other) Church magazines and bulletins. Here are some of them:*

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**

**Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.**

**Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.**

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### **7th July**

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square

### **21st July**

Bentley Close  
Rendel Grove  
Brindley Close  
Rudyard Close  
York Street

### **14th July**

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton Way/View

### **28th July**

Cressey Close  
Joules Drive  
Cauldon Way  
Harecastle Bank



## **Mum and daughter baptised in prison**

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*(Fray Bentos)*

A young woman imprisoned for drug trafficking and her two-year-old daughter found freedom in Jesus behind bars in a Uruguay prison last year. They have recently been released and are living and attending church north of Fray Bentos. This is thanks to the work of Latin mission partners the Rev Gonzalo and Leticia Soria and their team at La Trinidad Church, who do weekly visits to the local prison. "Baptism in a prison was a unique experience," Gonzalo said. "A dozen inmates accompanied Johana and her daughter and applauded as they were baptised."

Gonzalo continued: "Now released, Johana and her daughter remain in faith. For our part, we keep visiting, providing space for listening and prayer and allowing lives to be transformed by encounters with Jesus."

Gonzalo recently celebrated 10 years of ordained ministry in Fray Bentos.

*(Tanzania)*

A church's love for people with leprosy and blindness is drawing a community to Jesus in Tanzania. It all started when the pastor, Stephen Mbithi, attended a Vision Conference organised by CMS Africa. There he was challenged to take action to help his vulnerable neighbours.

"Disabled people in this society aren't welcomed," explained CMS Africa director Dennis Tongoi. "They are left to fend for themselves. The Arusha community has many people suffering from leprosy and sight difficulties and they are seriously disdained - people doubt they are fully human." Pastor Stephen has encouraged his church members to start seed projects - helping blind and leprous people with household chores, growing food and other tasks. "Many asked how they could give their lives to Christ"

The community has taken notice. Dennis shares a story of a local child who got sick and died. Local people were astounded when Pastor Stephen's church offered to cover the medical and burial expenses. "This gesture had a huge impact. Many asked how they could give their lives to Christ." It is hoped that as the church continues to support vulnerable people, the community mindset will change and they will no longer be excluded.

Vision Conferences are part of CMS Africa's Samaritan Strategy, which aims to equip and mobilise African churches to bring about transformation in their communities using resources they already have.

*(Articles seen in CMS Mission Update)*

## REGISTERS AND ROTAS

### WEDDING

11th May Daniel Moss and Rosie Kent

### BAPTISM

12th May Dylan James Lavelle

### SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

#### AM

7th July	J. Abrahams G. Holden	C. Wilding K. McKnight
14th July	C. Wilding D. Pickles	K. Thompson P. Tunstall
21st July	G. Lugg D. Wilson	K. McKnight V. Ledward
28th July	P. Hipkiss P. Roberts	D. Shemilt G. Holden



### FLOWER ROTA

7th July	Mrs J. Rowlands
14th July	Mrs M. Hillman
21st July	Mrs K. Thompson
28th July	Miss B. Breakley



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## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

<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
<b>Church Missionary Boxes</b>	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
<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> (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
<b>3rd Stone Brownies</b> (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!

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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).