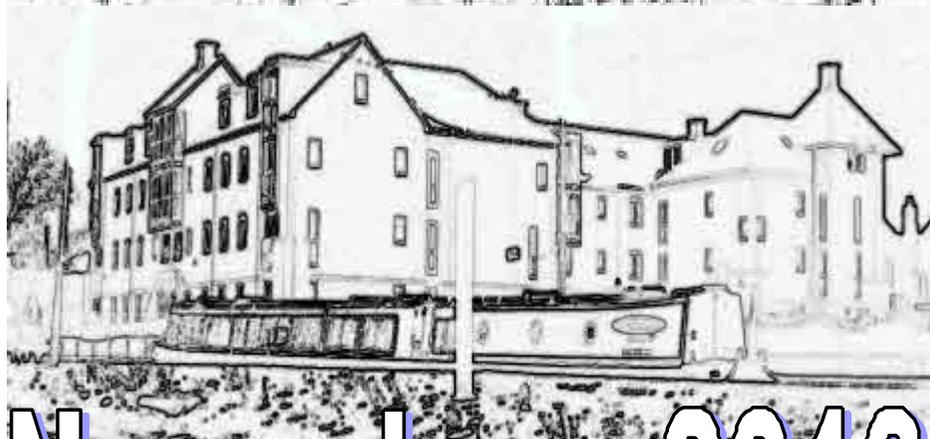


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(see back page for details)

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November 2013

Fri	1		
Sat	2	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	3	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion. Ruth 1 "Failure and faith" Families at Four - The King of all Kings Christianity Explored 5: "The Resurrection - Why did Jesus rise?"
Mon	4	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	5	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	6	6:00pm 7:30pm	KingZon yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	7		
Fri	8		
Sat	9	7:30pm	Stone Choral Society concert
Sun	10	9:15am 10:45am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. 1 Sam 2 "Hannah's song" Act of Remembrance in Granville Square Service for the bereaved Christianity Explored 6: "Grace - How can God accept us?"
Mon	11	10:50am 6:30pm	Act of Remembrance in town centre Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	12	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	13	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	14	6:00pm 7:30pm	Christmas Lights switch-on in town centre Deanery synod - Barlaston

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on November 24th

Fri	15		
Sat	16		
Sun	17	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion. 1 Sam 16 “The anointed one” Families at Four - Heaven breaks through Christianity Explored 7: “Discipleship - what does it mean to follow Jesus?”
Mon	18	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	19	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Christ Church Academy Trustees meeting Christ Church Academy Governors meeting Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	20	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	21		
Fri	22		
Sat	23		
Sun	24	9:15am 4:00pm	Family service. 2 Sam 7 “Grand designs” Confirmation service with Bishop Geoff
Mon	25	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	26	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	27	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	28		
Fri	29		
Sat	30		

The making of peace

On Remembrance Day our minds are turned to consider the past, review our present and chart the future. The harsh reality is that peace comes at a price.

For all the hardships and pain of war we tend to take our current experience of peace for granted, to our shame. It is hard for us to fully appreciate the cost of peace unless we were there. As we stand on each Remembrance Day we remember the dark cloud that hung over Europe. We contemplate the many lives laid down in order to secure peace and a future. We are moved emotionally and humbled by the self-sacrifice of others: they paid the price, but we experience the benefits. For those who were there and directly involved in war, the personal perspective is set alongside the overall cost, which was immense.

Public gatherings and the memorials in our town squares and church yards are fitting reminders of those who laid down their lives. It was of course Winston Churchill memorably said at the time of the Battle of Britain: *“Never in the field of conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few”* (20 August 1940). The costly nature of human lives laid down has brought innumerable benefits. The relief of victory is as dramatic as moving from darkness to light.

The Bible speaks about the joyful of future victory. Our spiritual state is described as being like being enveloped by darkness until we come to experience the freedom brought by Jesus Christ: *“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”* (Colossians 1v13-14). God gave himself up as a sacrifice in order to provide rescue from darkness and a transfer into his kingdom of light. The nature of God’s love is seen in Jesus’ death on a cross: it was self-sacrificial. His love provides the model on which to base our lives so as to excel in divine-like love. This involves considering the past sacrifice of Jesus, his life laid down so that we can be forgiven and enjoy peace with God. This means reviewing our present way of life and charting our future course to follow Christ.

Each Sunday we learn what difference this is to make to our lives. Do take the plunge and join us so as to explore what life in his Kingdom means!

Paul Kingman



Stone Advent Windows 2013

The beginning of November may still seem too early to mention the C word, but for the Stone Advent Windows Team 2013 the run up to Christmas (sorry I just said it!) has been on our minds since late June!

After the success of the last three years including a special commendation in the Social and Community section of the 2012 Market Towns Awards, Stone Advent Windows are set to return. This year we have a record number of 19 schools and organisations partnering up with shop and business windows in and around the town, many of whom are already busily at work on their displays.

The theme of the windows will once again be Christmas Carols and we are hoping to have a joyful rendition of the carol depicted at each opening. Windows will be unveiled at 11am each day with Costa Coffee Shop hosting the first in partnership with the Beaver Scouts on Sunday December 1st. The final window will be unveiled at Christ Church on December 24th after which warm drinks and mince pies will be served in Christ Church Centre. The full calendar is in the process of being finalised and will be available at www.alittlebitofstone.com as well as at participating shops, businesses and schools.

For more information contact Andy Cranston, the coordinator of Stone Advent Windows 2013 at acranston.ccstone@gmail.com or on 818983.

This year's list of windows includes:

Costa Coffee, Dunoon Mugs, All Season Fruit and Veg, The Deziign room, Lock Keepers Salon, Birchell and Watson, Donna Louise Hospice, The Library, The Mill, Shear Genius, Zeta, Mayfair's Dry Cleaners, Footsteps, Katharine House, The Swan, Follwells Estate Agents, John Burton Solicitors, Bailey's DIY shop, Home and Colour, The Blue Room, Stone Baked, The Royal Exchange, Crazy Daises, Christ Church.

Participating Schools and organisations:

The Beaver Scouts, Oulton Guides, Stone WI, Signposts, Trinity Skills, Oak Tree Farm, Christ Church 'Breathe' Youth Group, Alleyne's Academy, Christ Church Academy, Walton Priory, St Dominic's Priory, St Dominic's Primary, Pirehill First, Christ Church First, Oulton First, St Michael's First, Manor Hillbillies, Mumbles Nursery and Oulton Abbey Playgroup.

The Story so far

In September we started a 9 month sermon series that will take us right through the whole Bible. Our aim is to see how all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell the one big story of God's love for the people he's made. We're using a resource called *The Story* produced by Zondervan publishers (for more details see: www.experiencethestory.co.uk) and we hope that it will help people better understand how relevant the Bible is for us today. During October and November our weekly focus will be as follows:

Week beginning

Monday 28 th Oct	The Story chp 9: <i>The faith of a foreign woman (Ruth)</i>
Monday 4 th Nov	The Story chp 10: <i>Standing tall, falling hard (Saul)</i>
Monday 11 th Nov	The Story chp 11: <i>From Shepherd to King (David)</i>
Monday 18 th Nov	The Story chp 12: <i>The trials of a King (David)</i>
Monday 25 th Nov	The Story chp 13: <i>The king who had it all (Solomon)</i>

During December we will turn our attention to advent and the Christmas Story and so we will not be looking at Solomon on a Sunday until January.

We hope this serves to whet your appetite and that you'll join us as we discover God's love and commitment to people like you and me!

Please get in touch with Paul or Andy if you want more details.

A Service for the bereaved

On Sun 10th November at 4pm we will hold a service for the bereaved at Christ Church, Stone. We usually invite the families of those for whom we have conducted funerals in the last year, but the invitation is extended to anyone else who would like the opportunity to remember a loved one who has died. The service contains hymns, prayers, a reading and message, plus a simple act of remembrance. Those who have attended in the past have said how helpful it is to them, so do come if you would like to.

On 20th September the new St Chad's Church Centre in Bilston was opened by MP Pat McFadden, who strongly praised the churches for taking up the challenge of urban and rural poverty in the West Midlands.

Over the past 60 years Christians have become used to getting on with our core activities of building worship communities, making new disciples and preaching the gospel; during these years successive governments took on many of the traditional activities of the churches such as running youth clubs and addressing social needs through legislation. Social scientists and local politicians were optimistic that poverty was gradually being eliminated and that mass unemployment would never happen again.

Long before the Recession it was becoming clear that the battle against poverty was not over. And when the collapse of the banks and the capital markets overwhelmed us it was obvious that the churches had to rise to the new challenges of austerity Britain. This they have done and new charities and action groups such as "Beat the Cold" which addresses fuel poverty were being richly creative in meeting local needs.

A Good Childhood, (Layard and Dunn, Penguin 2009) was a survey by the Children's Society which demonstrated that British Children were in some ways worse off than any other children in Europe. *The Spirit Level: Why more equal societies do better*, (Wilkinson and Pickett, Penguin 2010) took up Jesus' parable of the rich man and the poor man to show that when inequality reaches a certain point it becomes a scandal. Certainly the appearance of food-banks in one of the largest and richest economies in the world fits this category.

In September, the College of Bishops met in Oxford and was given a presentation by the Children's Society of their most recent survey of children called *The Heart of the Kingdom*. In it children gave an account of what it feels like to be poor in today's Britain. It was heart-breaking to see film-clips which showed us first-hand what it meant to children growing up in extreme poverty in today's Britain.

Food banks, say the experts, are the safety net of safety nets. And child poverty, according to Jonathan Bradshaw, one of the contributors, demonstrates that childhood poverty impoverishes us all, economically as well as spiritually. *(continued on next page)*

⁸ A good testament to the church's keenness *(cont)*

Like many others I was shocked and angered to hear the stories of poverty and unmet basic needs at the Practising Generosity event in June which distributed funds from the 2013 Lent Appeal; you might like to watch the short video about it on our [diocesan website](#) or [Lichfield Diocese's YouTube channel](#).

It is good to hear that the economic picture may be brightening and the news of free school meals for younger children is encouraging, but the picture is still very bleak for a great many people. I am proud of the way that churches in this diocese have risen to the challenge so imaginatively. If we can convince tax payers that it is not good for them to allow child poverty to continue we have a greater chance of tackling it.

As Pat McFadden said, "By giving people help we really can make a difference and get them into work. It's a good testament to the church's keenness to get outside the doors of the church and into the community and say, "What are the needs of the community?"

The Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop of Lichfield

Friends of Jigsaw

During Tim's visits to churches many people have said "How can I help" and they don't just mean a one off but a wish to continue support in some form or other over a period of time. We believe that all Jigsaw supporters are friends of Jigsaw and the germ of *an* idea has grown over the past few months to enable groups of 'Friends of Jigsaw' in various parts of the UK to be set up.

The idea is that these "Friends" will meet with each other at a time to suit themselves to provide local prayer support and 'to discuss with Friends,' Jigsaw's work, its needs of funds and to work 'together' to set up a Funding Day event or maybe a school presentation or other advocacy for Jigsaw. The groups will agree amongst themselves who should be a Facilitator to pull together the various strands but also to keep in touch with Jigsaw UK for prayer requests, Newsletter items and know when Tim will be visiting their local churches.

John Price (Jigsaw Ministries Trustee)

‘Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’

1. Please pray for the Jigsaw board as they grow in unity and work for the governance of Jigsaw, for protection, guidance and wisdom.

2. Please pray for the Jigsaw family for Lendhel as he directs the work, the two managers, two coordinators, social worker, team leaders, teachers, kids workers, cooks, drivers and office staff, for protection, unity, wisdom and vision as Jigsaw seeks how to make even more inroads into the poverty of the children's lives and see even more change

3. Please pray for the children in each location for protection and for change in their lives - in Visayas avenue, in Batasan, in Area 4 and Angeles. For all the children and especially those with disabilities and for the children living on the streets.

Please specifically pray for:

I. Fe and Vanessa in Singapore and Dubai working as maids for friendship and kindness in their lives.

II. For a little boy Solomon who is on the street and new to Jigsaw for reconciliation with his father and for all the other street children - that God may intervene in their lives with love, justice and mercy.

III. That Jigsaw may be led to a building in the market area where the street children live to use for their street centre.

IV. For a group of street families who are being moved off their land, that God may use this move in power to bring them to a resting place where they are secure and safe and they can grow as families and as a community. That Jigsaw may be led in their role in this, that relationships may grow in trust and love.

V. Please pray for the pastor's wife in Indonesia that her kids club work maybe protected and grow - that the children may know Jesus.

VI. Please pray for our guidance in Batasan area that Jigsaw maybe lead to places where the children can meet which is not affected by weather, that we may be lead how to bring kids clubs to all the children in both locations of Batasan

VII. Please pray for Jigsaw over the next month for revelation and wisdom as we seek a vision for the next ten years of how to bring Jesus even more into the lives of all the children in Jigsaw so that transformational change through the 'love' of Jesus may grow.

VIII. Please pray for Jigsaw ten year celebrations that they will be a time of the 'Lords Favour' freedom, justice and love.

XI. Please praise God for his ongoing faithfulness for the provision of resources for Jigsaws work both in prayer and gifts.

Thank you - Take care - Tim and all at Jigsaw

¹⁰ Roger Vaughan writes about lessons Daisy taught him

The reading for Morning Prayer on August 23rd included this phrase from Proverbs 12: 10 “The righteous care for the needs of their animals”. It was very relevant because on that particular day, Sally and I had planned to see if we could find a new cat from the R.S.P.C.A. That afternoon we returned with a delightful little white cat who we called “Daisy”. For over three months she had been at the cattery. No one had adopted her because she was very timid. Back home, and let out of the cat basket she retreated to the far corner of a shelf, sitting on top of some files. If I approached very carefully she would accept a stroke or two, but was obviously very frightened. She did not eat very much, and when we were around never moved from her corner. So we removed the files and put a cat bed in the same place for her.

How we wanted Daisy to know that we loved her, and that with us she was safe and cared for! But how do you teach these vital truths to a damaged one year old cat? I had tried to stroke her whenever I was around, though she would often huddle as far back as possible in her corner. Then after a couple of days, she raised her head and softly purred! I have to confess I was near to tears. I wonder if my prayers, and worship, bible study and acts of kindness, are to God, a bit like Daisy’s purrs were to me? “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. *This is good, and pleases God our Saviour*, I Tim:2:1-3. (Italics mine)

Just as this breakthrough was being made I noticed that Daisy had a poorly eye. Treating her meant fetching her out of her basket twice a day to administer eye drops. This process ran the risk of destroying the trust that we were beginning to build up. On one occasion she lashed out at me and I still have two tiny scars on my wrists as a result. She did not understand that we were desperately trying to help her and she had reacted in fear. I looked at my bleeding hands and realised that this was a tiny cost of my love for her....and I was reminded of hands nailed to a cross because God loves us so much.

Little Daisy has now been living with us for just over a month. Confidence grows by the day, and if we walk round the house she often follows us. Jesus said “Follow me”. We will only do this, when we know him, trust him, love him and realise just how much he has done for us.

Three simple, but profound lessons have been learnt as Sally and I seek to enrich the life of this damaged creature.

Roger M. Vaughan

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 New Testament as we begin to see how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament whisperings!

The dates for this term are:

3 November – *The King of all kings*

17 November - *Heaven breaks through*

1 December – *Let's go!*

15 December – *A little girl and a poor frail lady*

We love welcoming newcomers so we do hope you can join us!

For more information contact Andy Cranston on 818983 or
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10 Years at Christ Church!

Dear friends,

We were most surprised and touched by the party organised to celebrate our 10 years here in Stone. We officially started on 12th September 2003 and a decade has flown past! Although we missed the October magazine deadline, here's a big thank you for the celebration which we enjoyed a lot. We're thankful to God for the fellowship we can enjoy serving the Lord together.

Paul & Sue Kingman.

Is your Loo Lonely?



Perhaps it would like to be twinned with one in a country where there are not enough toilets. Insanitary conditions are a health risk but for vulnerable people, having to leave the village in the dark because they have no toilet facilities, is also dangerous. Toilet twinning means that you pay for a new toilet to be built in an area where there is need. See page 14.

Message from David Brewer

Thank you very much for all the kind words, thoughts and prayers extended to me and my family over the last days. They have been of comfort and confirmed the extent of my dad's affection within the community of Christ Church.

Christ Church and its community have taken a significant and important part in the lives of my parents and now they are together once more, at peace, in the Memorial garden. This is something John longed for in truth ever since Pearl died.

I would prefer, however, to remember the humour and generosity displayed by my dad as so many of you have so kindly taken the time to recount to me. It is truly amazing the number of people that he knew.

May I say a special 'thank you' to Paul and to Irene for their help and support before thanking everyone once again and wishing you all the very best.

David Brewer

31 Rambleford Way, Parkside, Stafford ST16 1TW.

Meet Pastor Joseph

Pastor Joseph's early years of marriage were fraught. 'I used to drink and was careless,' he says. 'As a result our first child died of malnutrition.' Joseph and his wife Florence thank God for the ten healthy children they now have. Things changed in 1990.

Through repeated dreams, God called Joseph to turn back to Him and soon after to step up to church leadership. And so, in 2006, Joseph began pastoring Ogongora church which, he explains, 'had been burnt many times. People didn't see the value of the church, so they didn't want it to be here.'

After much hard work and support from Tearfund partner Pentecostal Assemblies of God (PAG), Joseph has seen the church and community begin to come together. Supported by Tearfund, the church is in the early stages of a 'Church and Community Mobilisation Process'.

The early impacts of this on people's material needs and spiritual outlook are exciting. A community plan is being developed –and the church has grown from 40 people in 2006, to 320 today. - See more at:

http://www.tearfund.org/en/give/see_for_yourself/africa

The P.C.C. met on 25th September 2013 and the following matters were reported:

- It was agreed that, subject to Diocesan approval, replacement of the church heating would proceed. The proposal is to replace the two, failing, boilers, fit additional radiators in church and replace the central floor pipes with finned pipes that will release more heat.
- The Royal Foundlings concert in September was a great success with plenty of positive feedback from the young people who attended. It was agreed that it was important to support the work the band are carrying out with young people.
- Rev Kingman expressed his thanks for the party and gift he received in celebration of the 10 years he and his family have been in the parish.
- The youngsters have settled back at the youth clubs. The young people are being asked to come up with some ideas for new equipment, which will be purchased in the New Year.
- It was reported that we have 24 organisations signed up for Advent windows and it is now a process of linking the windows to the organisations. The Advent windows team is very small and anyone wishing to help would be welcomed
- New teachers started at Christ Church Academy in September.

- Interviews will be carried out for a new Head Teacher for Christ Church First School in October

The next P.C.C meeting is on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm.



Toilet Twinning- Latest

At Toilet Twinning, we usually prefer long drops over name drops, but we wanted to say 'thanks' to a few loo-minaries, who are helping flush away poverty by supporting Toilet Twinning.

Bear Grylls

"Good sanitation, drinking water and keeping your hands clean are fundamental to communities. Yet consider this: 40% of the world's population can't take part in life's adventures because they don't have access to a toilet. Twinning your toilet is a fun and unique way of helping tackle this injustice. I'm in!"

Thomas Crapper

The legendary sanitaryware company Thomas Crapper has joined Cord and Tearfund's global Toilet Twinning movement, linking three of its traditional high quality loos with three latrines deep in the African bush. The famous Victorian's name won him a place in history, but he is wrongly credited with inventing the WC. In reality the Yorkshire-born plumber was Britain's superior sanitary engineer of his day, holding four royal warrants and supplying plumbing and fittings for the Sandringham estate as well as fittings at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. He also pioneered the idea of bathroom showrooms. Managing Director Simon Kirby said "I am proud to be the first loo manufacturer to become a Toilet Twinner!"

Bishop of Coventry

The Bishop of Coventry's toilet proudly sports a photo of its twin. 'It's a bog standard idea with a great message,' said Bishop Christopher. '40 per cent of the world's population- 2.6 billion people - don't have access to a toilet and it's hard to imagine what that must be like. Left lying around human waste is a killer and without proper sanitation and health training, Burundians can't hope to keep well, to work, go to school and begin to rebuild their country.'

Toilet Twinning Options

Twin your toilet with one in the 3rd world	£60
Pay for an entire school block	£240
Send a gift toilet roll	£8

You probably won't send the gift toilet roll to Burundi with the toilet, this is a novelty Christmas present with a real message that will be read every day.

Meet Elizabeth

A decade ago Elizabeth was widowed. ‘After my husband died people around looked at me and, because I had no children, expected me to leave this land for other families to inherit. Life became so hopeless.’

For a 50 year-old childless widow, life in this community in Uganda was difficult. But that is not all: Elizabeth has leprosy, a disease which makes life even harder.

In 2009 Elizabeth began attending the Tearfund sponsored church mobilisation training. ‘One of the things that changed my attitude was the Bible study about Jesus feeding 5,000,’ she explains. ‘Jesus found the resources – the five loaves and two fish – from around him. So I asked, “What are the resources around me and that can help me change my situation?”’

Elizabeth began cultivating more land, planting seven types of crops instead of her normal three. However, because Elizabeth lives with Leprosy she finds harvesting difficult. ‘My fingers are very fragile,’ she explains.

‘The church has become my family,’ she says, referencing the church volunteers who come and help her harvest her crops. ‘I live by faith in God and whether I have children or don’t, God is my protection and I have put my faith in the Lord.’

- See more at:

http://www.tearfund.org/en/give/see_for_yourself/africa

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Elizabeth

ROADS FOR PRAYER

3rd November

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square
York Street

17th November

Bentley Close
Rendel Grove
Brindley Close
Rudyard Close

10th November

Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge
Anderton Way/View

24th November

Cressey Close
Joules Way
Cauldon Way
Harecastle Bank



Lichfield Diocesan Funds

On Sunday November 17th, appeals were made in Christ Church on behalf of the Diocesan Funds, which resulted in a sum of £4 being sent up to the Secretary. £1 of the Morning Offertory was retained for Church Expenses.

Church of England Temperance Society

On Tuesday Evening, November 12th, a Miscellaneous Entertainment of Readings and Music was given by friends of the Society in the Christ Church Schools. There was a good attendance.

Christ Church Institute

A Lecture in connection with this Institute and on behalf of the Church Missionary Society was given in the Christ Church Schools on Tuesday Evening, November 19th, by the Rev. Malcolm Graham, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Burslem. The subject of the lecture was "Ants". A collection made at the door amounted to £1 5s. 0d, which was handed to the Lecturer for the CMS.

Church Pastoral Aid Society

The Annual Sermons were preached in Christ Church and at Meaford on Sunday, November 24th. At Christ Church in the morning, and at Meaford in the afternoon by the Rev. J. Henry, Association Secretary, and in the evening at Christ Church by the Vicar. The offerings during the day amounted to £11, of which Meaford contributed the sum of £3 4s. 2d.

Impending Changes

The Rev. E.J.C. Ince has been appointed senior Curate of Lowestoft, and will leave us about the middle of December. He will carry with him our good wishes and prayers that God may abundantly bless him in his new sphere. For three years he has laboured faithfully and loyally as Curate in our Parish, steadily and earnestly seeking to set forth the Master's glory and the good of souls around us.

Christ Church on the Internet

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REGISTERS AND ROTAS

BAPTISM

22nd September Benjamin Joshua Cranston

FUNERALS

2nd September	Sylvia Ann Bebbington	Age 72
3rd September	Albert Edward Adams	Age 82
9th September	Carol Gillian Seaton	Age 59
19th September	John Brewer	Age 89

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

3rd November	J. Rowlands	G. Holden
	C. Wilding	K. Woodward
10th November	D. Davies	D. Pickles
	G. Lugg	K. Thompson
17th November	D. Shemilt	D. Wilson
	V. Ledward	K. McKnight
24th November	P. Hipkiss	P. Roberts
	C. Wilding	J. Abrahams



FLOWER ROTA

3rd November	Mrs D. Davies
10th November	Remembrance
17th November	Mrs D Tunstall
24th November	Mrs E. Woodhead



Deanery Synod Reps Mrs S Hallam, Mr R. Brandon, Mr D. Rowlands
P.C.C. Members Mrs I. Gassor, Mr G. Donaldson
Mrs K. Latham, Mr P. Mason, Mrs D. Hazlehurst
Mrs A. Burton, Mrs M. Hillman,
Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs E. Woodhead
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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.

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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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